

Upcoming Thamesford and area events

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Thamesford BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Thamesford Benches & Planters FOR SALE Bench with Plaque \$500 Planter \$300C all Linda 519-285-3249.

These cheerful, public items make a Unique Gift Idea, a lovely Immemorial or a special way to Commemorate an Event

THAMESFORD FARM FRESH MARKET - The Thamesford Business Association would like to thank everyone for supporting our local food producers over the past 4 summers at the Thamesford Farm Fresh Market. The TBA has decided to move on with other projects & will not be hosting the market in 2017. If anyone in the community is interested in organizing a farm market this year, the TBA is open to providing assistance where possible. Please contact Linda at JC Graphics for more information 519-285-3249.

Thamesford Calithumpian Weekend

Visit the [Calithumpian Face book](#) for information about this weekend.

The weekend festivities would not happen without all of the local volunteers.

If you are not all ready volunteering during the weekend and would like too be involved, please contact any Calithumpian member.

ST JOHN'S EUCHRE – every Wednesday night

Come out for an evening of fun & laughter Wednesday nights 7pm at St John's Church, Thamesford. Cost: \$4.

Everyone welcome for a great game of cards & social time. Hope to see you there.

TOURISM OXFORD Spring into April!

There are several music concerts to be enjoyed... Allison Lupton Trio, Blazing Fiddles to name two. Attend an Expo, Open House and/or the Theatre. And of course the 2nd Annual Dairy Capital Cheese Festival on April 22.

Check out these events and more at www.tourismoxford.ca/events.

Recipe Club – April 20

Trip to Gunn's Hill Cheese Company: Thursday, April 20th @ 2pm

What better way to celebrate Canada's 150 than by touring one of the best local cheese companies!

We will be meeting at the Centre at 2pm and then carpooling to Gunn's Hill.

Fee is \$6.50/members and \$7.50/non-members.

Please register by Thursday, April 13th. [Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre](#)

FUTURE OXFORD EXPO – April 20

The Oxford Coalition for Social Justice is proud to be associated with the many innovative displays of sustainable projects & energy at the April 20 Future Oxford Expo. In fact, while last year saw the Coalition's booth beside a maker of bee houses, this year it will be among many groups & firms in the environmental pillar of Future Oxford. The displays by the economic & community pillars will mean 3 whole aspects the Community Sustainability Plan & exciting new ideas from Oxford. That's not to mention the world-class speakers slated for the day too!

- Chih C. Chao of Cantech Environmental, Doug Yates of GM, and Milfred Hammerbacher of

s2e Technologies! Bryan Smith will be there, but if you are looking for opportunities to exhibit, sponsor and just to attend, see www.futureoxford.ca/Expo.aspx.

THAMESFORD LIONS - Social Gaming Event & Elimination Draw on Fri, Apr 21

Social Gaming Event & Elimination Draw at the Thamesford Community Centre FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 Doors Open 8pm - 1am

PRIZES FOOD GAMES \$10.00 Per Ticket. Unsold Tickets Will Be Set Aside

Ladies & Gentlemen Welcome! This could be your LUCKY DAY!!

1st Ticket \$50.00 Every 25th Ticket \$25.00 Last Ticket \$1,000.00

Tickets available from any Lion or Lion Jim Y. 519 868-3409.

Licensed by LCBO & AGCO. Lic # 8674. Age of Majority Required.

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.

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 calendar for these events. Look for our Family Day advertisement in this Village Voice. If you would like to come out for a free dinner & see what Lions are all about, Mon, Mar 6 is Introduction Night, ask any Lion or call Lion Jim R, 519-285-3952. Lions - We Serve.

ITOPA – April 21

Production of "Over The River & Through the Woods" Apr 21, and "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Reflect Up" June 16.

Tickets are now available from the box office by calling 519-485-3070 or visit, www.itopa.ca where you can purchase online, choose your seats & print your tickets at home after completing the purchase information.

New this season we have installed a "Hearing Assist System" for those patrons that may need it. All evening shows start at 7:30pm & Sun matinees at 2pm.

ITOPA Theatre of Performing Arts, 88 Thames St, S, 519-485-3070.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MUTUAL POLICYHOLDERS – April 21

NOTICE is hereby given that an Annual Meeting of Mutual Policyholders of **Heartland Farm Mutual Inc.** will be held on Friday April 21, 2017 at 1:00p.m. at Thamesford Library – Beaty Room 165 Dundas Street, Thamesford, Ontario for the purpose of:

- (a) Receiving the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 together with the auditor's and actuary's reports there on;
- (b) Electing directors;
- (c) Appointing auditor;
- (d) Transacting such other business as may properly be brought before the Meeting. By Order of the Board Carlos A. Rodrigues President and Chief Executive Officer

STONECROFT FOLK HOUSE CONCERTS – April 21

Allison Lupton Trio Fri, April 21. Local gal, Allison Lupton returns with her signature beautiful vocals, accompanied by the superb guitar of Craig Werth, and the blazing fiddle of Shane Cook. www.stonecroftfolk.ca, 519-423-6797.

TAOIST TAI CHI BEGINNER WEEKEND – April 21-23

Taoist Tai Chi®arts special beginner weekend. Begin learning the Taoist art which helps calm the mind, cultivate the heart & transform you into a healthier & more harmonious person. After participating in this beginner weekend, you can join any of the continuing Taoist Tai Chi®arts classes at any of our locations. It begins Fri, Apr 21, 7-10pm and continues Sat, Apr 22, 1-5pm & Sun, Apr 23, 1-5pm. Find out more at our Open Houses: Mon, Apr 17, 7pm & Wed, Apr 19, 1pm & 7pm.

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.

APRIL AT ITOPA! April 21-23 and 27-30

Over the River & Through the Woods April 21-23 & 27-30. Sunday matinee performances start at 2pm. All other performances start at 7:30pm. What happens when a young man's beloved but annoying grandparents try to interfere in his professional life? And his love life? Shenanigans, that's what! Come & enjoy this delightful comedy directed by Scott Rooney, stage managed by Matt Thompson & produced by Samantha Johnston. Starring: Ian Culley, Andrew Gregoire, Tony Harding, Julia Owen, Rae Plowright & Kim Serafino. Get your tickets today! Call 519-485-3070, or at www.itopa.ca. The Ingersoll Theatre of Performing Arts is now proud to offer a Hearing Assist system to patrons.

THAMESFORD THAMES RIVER CLEAN UP – April 22

Join us at Grace Patterson Park on Sat, April 22, 9:30am, rain or shine for the annual Thames River Clean Up. For more info, call Kevin Rye 519-285-5756. It is a great way for students to get in some of their community volunteer hours.

ADAM'S EUCHRE CLUB – April 22

THAMESFORD Join us 22 for euchre at 7pm sharp, Westminster United Church, Thamesford. For info, contact Jim 647-999-6768.

THE BRITISH INVASION COMES TO INGERSOLL – April 22

Sat, Apr 22 is our next Tribute Show & Dinner. We will feature one of our favourite performing groups from Cambridge. This time they will be portraying the British rock & roll legends of the

swinging 60's. Be drawn back into the Mersey Beat and the British hits of the past. You will be entertained by: the fabulous Dusty Springfield; "To Sir With Love" sensation, Lulu; the "Downtown" girl, Petula Clarke; the Liverpool 4 - The Beatles; Mick Jagger; and other surprise guests!

The evening will begin at 6pm with cocktails, followed by dinner & the show. Spread the word to your families, friends, neighbours & coworkers.

Tickets for dinner (catered by "Eat Your Heart Out") & show will be \$37.50 and may be purchased starting Mar 13. Call the church office at 519-485-0385 to reserve your tickets.

Another fantastic evening of entertainment awaits you at St. James' Parish Hall, 184 Oxford St, Ingersoll.

Thamesford Lions RECYCLE DAY – April 22

8am-3pm THAMESFORD ARENA

material collected: desktop & portable computers, computer peripherals (Keyboards, mice, hard drives, optical drives - CD, Blu-ray, DVD, HD-DVD), monitors, TV's desktop printers & multi-function devices. Photocopiers, scanners, typewriters, telephones & answering machines, cellular phones, pagers, PDA's A/V players & recorders (eg. MP3, cassette, digital), cameras, equalizers, amplifiers, radios, receivers, speakers, turntables, video players/projectors, digital frames, video recorders, personal hand held computers. Metal Waste White Goods

Batteries Waste Electronics BBQ's (not propane tanks) Metal bath tubs & sinks Bicycles (no tires) De-humidifiers Dismantled swing sets Metal fences Furnaces Metal furniture Hot water tanks (empty) Microwaves Pool heaters Metal shower enclosures Metal water softeners (empty) Dishwashers Dryers Stoves Washers "No Refrigerators or Freezers" Car Batteries Truck Batteries Tractor Batteries Household Batteries
100% of the Proceeds to Support Community Projects.

Bins & hauling donated by:

Pickup may be available, call 519-285-3349 DON'T PUT IT IN THE DUMP!

ATTENTION BLUE RODEO FANS! - April 22

Club Harrington presents "Diamond Mine" a Blue Rodeo tribute band, Sat, April 22, at 8pm at Harrington Hall, 539 Victoria St, Harrington.

Cash bar, snacks, 50/50 draw, door prizes. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.eztix.com/DM or by calling 519-475-4834.

Proceeds to community projects of the Harrington Community Association.

TRASHAPALOOZAHA / ReusapalooZaha – April 22 at Embro

TrashapalooZaha roams around Oxford County, inviting people to bring in useful goods for reuse. It has found partners & hosts in Sweaburg, Foldens, Ingersoll, Embro & Woodstock, often more than once in each location. Some people objected to the name, TrashapalooZaha and the implications that the clothing, tools, toys, books, housewares, garden equipment, art, decorations, electronics & what have you are actually trash.

If it is good enough to reuse, they reasoned, it shouldn't be trashed. It should be reused. So don't be confused if you hear about events called **ReusapalooZaha** like the one announced for Embro Community Centre on April 22. Earth Day will be a great day to bring in some reusable goods you don't plan to use yourself, to glance around for some treasure someone else has contributed & to haul off a load of goods for yourself or family or friends. Any reusable goods left at the end go to good causes too – charities get the goods & good work in our communities with the money they make through resale of them. Look for more

announcements of spring & fall ReusapalooZAHAs around the county, but be assured by the capital Z in ReusapalooZaha that you will find Bryan Smith and other volunteers happily watching goods go to good homes at the Zorra event in Embro on April 22.

INGERSOLL DISTRICT NATURE CLUB April 22, 27 and 29

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.

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.

DEATH CAFE – April 23

On Sun, April 23 at 1pm Westminster United Church, Thamesford will be holding a 'Death Cafe'. Some of us believe that our culture has far too much fear of the topic of death & that if it became a more comfortable topic, we would be an emotionally healthier society. The object of the Death Cafe is 'to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives'.

A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session.

Death Cafes are always offered: - On a not for profit basis - In an accessible, respectful & confidential space - With no intention of leading people to any conclusion, product or course of action - Alongside refreshing drinks & nourishing food – and cake -

See more at: www.deathcafe.com or call Catherine 519-619-8108 or Gerard 226-781-2498.

We'd love to see you there!

THAMESFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB – April 26

Thamesford Friendship Club is inviting everyone 55 years and up, to join us on Wed, April 26 at 12:30pm for a pot-luck lunch & a fun game of bingo. Bring a toonie, food to share and a small gift for bingo prizes. We meet at the Thamesford Library in the Beaty Room.

Painting Workshop – April 26

Wednesday, April 26th @ 1pm. Bobbi Cosby is back with another great painting workshop where she will be showing us how to paint with acrylics! If you enjoy paint nights, you will love this – beginners to experienced painters welcome! \$15/member \$20/non-member (plus \$35 materials fee paid to instructor).

Register by April 19th. [Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre](#)

Interactive workshop – (Jan Ferguson Tomlinson) – April 27

Thamesford Public School, in partnership with the School Council, invites members of our community to join us next Thursday April 27th for an interactive workshop **about internet safety and the impacts social media has on mental health.**

Free dinner (5:30 to 6:15) for the whole family and then a Mad Science workshop for the kids while adults get learn more about keeping our kids safe in this ever changing world of technology (6:15 to 7:30). Register at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScS_1Tx6IXkXQ0WHSgAikgDgRSW7CQM6oHaBu-q5NYAyg_AVA/viewform?c=0&w=1 OR send an email to parentcounciltps@gmail.com

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EASTER EGG HUNT April 28

INGERSOLL 28th Annual Ingersoll Rotary Easter Egg Hunt at Victoria Park in Ingersoll for ages 2-10 on Sat, Apr 15 at 10am. This is a free event.

Line Dancing Night – April 28

Friday, April 28th @ 6:30pm. Enjoy a “Girls Night Out” with 150 minutes of line dancing and a whole lot of fun (guys are welcome too)! There will be refreshments and a cash bar on site! Tickets are only \$20 so make sure to get them now before they are gone!

Must have beginner line dancing experience.

Call or drop into the [Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre](#) to purchase a ticket (519-485-3869).

WOODSTOCK CHORALAIRES - April 29

“Here’s to Song”: Come to our spring concert on Sat, Apr 29, as we “join in the chorus from sea unto sea” in celebration of Canada’s 150th birthday. Our concert will feature a variety of Canadian songs, everything from French & English folk songs, Newfoundland sea-shanties, and Inuit folk poetry set to music to contemporary songs by well-known composers such as Gordon Lightfoot, Neil Young & Stompin’ Tom Connors. Performances at 2pm & 7:30pm.

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Cres, Woodstock.

Tickets: \$20 from Choralaires members, Merrifield Book Shop (Woodstock), Ticketscene.ca or by calling 519-536-7630.

ARTISANS LONDON SHOW & SALE – April 29

This one day event will be held on Sat, April 29 from 11-4pm at the East Lions Artisans Centre, 1731 Churchill Ave, London. Groups displaying & selling their handmade creations include Artisans London Decorative Painters, London District Weavers & Spinners, London Modern Quilt Guild, London Rughookers, London Miniaturists, Scrapbooking with Diane and Wildflower Wool (knitting). Get in touch with your inner creative spirit & be inspired. Our painted wall murals were done by our own painting group (Artisans London Decorative Painters) & shows a wide variety of skills. Most groups have classes & are more than happy to answer any questions. For more info contact Marie 519-485-1454.

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PANCAKE BRUNCH, LAKESIDE – April 30

Christ Church, Lakeside will be hosting their Pancake Brunch on Sun, Apr 30, from 10:30am-1:30pm. Adults \$10, children 6 - 12 \$5, children 5 & under free. We will have quiches for sale.

Tales for Tots starts May 3

The Spring Session of Tales for Tots starts at the **Thamesford Library** on Wednesday May 3rd at 10:30 am and will run for 6 weeks (last session will be June 7th).

The program includes a half hour of literacy fun with songs, rhymes, and stories followed by free play and social time for parents and tots! For ages 0-5.

Please register by contacting Katie at thamesfordlibrary@ocl.net, 519 285-3219, or by visiting the library.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SUPPER – May 3

Strawberry Supper at Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrington on Wed, May 3, \$15 per person (5 & under, free, 6-12, 1/2 price). Continuous seating 4:30-6:30pm. Takeout available. To reserve call Reta 519-4754948, Sharon 519-475-6069 or Helen 519-271-8638.

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE SEMINAR - Thorndale May 4

Free "Living a Healthy Life" workshop at the Thorndale Public Library starting May 4, 2pm-4:30pm. Learn to live a healthy life, even with a chronic condition! Topics include healthy eating, working with your healthcare team, managing pain & fatigue, weight management and much more!

The workshop is free, but registration is required. Please call 519-421-5691 to register! You can do it. We can help!

GARDEN PARTY FOR A CAUSE – May 7

May 7, 2-4pm, at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. Tickets \$20. Proceeds to support Children's Hospital LHSC. Live music by WCI students, silent & live auctions, children's area,

refreshments, children 12 & under no charge.

Hosted by the Oxford District Women's Institute. Tickets from any WI Member or Linda 519-842-5661, ivalinhammond@gmail.com.

Zorra Township Spring Cleanup begins May 8

Spring Cleanup is coming - May 8-12 for Zorra Township. Before you set things out at the road to go to the dump, consider some other options for getting rid of your unwanted items. April 22nd is Lions Recycle Day (Thamesford) and ReuseapalooZaha (Embro).

PIECES OF MAGIC QUILT SHOW – May 11-12

Presented by Oxford Quilter's Guild Thur, May 11 & 12, 10-8pm & Sat, May 13, 10-4pm at Ingersoll District Memorial Centre (arena). Over 200 quilts by Guild members, Merchant Mall, raffle quilt, Boutique, Tea / Lunch Room. Admission \$7.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – May 12

Join us Fri, May 12, 7pm at First Baptist Church, 235 Thames St, S. Ingersoll for an exciting & uplifting evening to hear our wonderful guest speaker, Melinda Estabrooks. She was named one of Canada's Top 100 Christian Women Leaders in 2014.

Melinda's hope & joy in life is to share her personal story of faith, grace & redemption. Her desire is that women will be empowered to courageously overcome any hardship or difficulty that they may face.

Tickets are \$5 each, available starting Mar 13 at the church office weekdays 9am-12pm or by calling or texting Ellie at 519-533-3694. There will be refreshments & door prizes.

INGERSOLL LIBRARY – May 12

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.

150 YEARS OF PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ – May 13

Sat, May 13, Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society presents 150 Years of Puttin' On The Ritz, fashion, music & dance! 2 shows: matinee 1:30pm & evening 7pm at the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. Call Mary Ellen for tickets 519-475-4437.

INGERSOLL HISTORICAL SOCIETY – May 16

Please join us upstairs at the Legion at 7:30pm.

At our May 16 meeting, Brenda Seaton will present the "Canadiana Challenge" to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday.

At our Sept 19 meeting we will have Brian Smith speaking on the Vimy Ridge Memorial & the area in France as it is today.

George Emery will be our speaker on Oct 17. He will tell us the history of Ingersoll's mill ponds & the industries tied to them.

At our annual dinner meeting on Nov 21, we will be entertained once again by Prof Jonathan Vance & the subject of World War I & the effects on Oxford County. Please mark your calendar & join us for these enjoyable talks on our local history.

We meet the 3rd Tues of the month, (Apr, May, Sept, Oct & Nov) at 7:30pm at the Ingersoll Legion. Coffee, tea and cookies are served.

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MEN'S FASTBALL TOURNAMENT – May 19-22

Sweaburg Parks & Rec is once again hosting the Annual Victoria Weekend Men's Fastball Tournament in Innerkip, May 19-22. This is a 20 team tournament, mark your calendars.

Thamesford Calithumpian Weekend – May 19-22

visit the [Calithumpian Face book](#) for information on this weekend. The weekend festivities would not happen without all of the local volunteers. If you are not all ready volunteering during the weekend and would like to, please contact any Calithumpian member.

The Practically Hip – presented by the Thamesford Calithumpian committee

As per the announcement in 2016 of the Tragically Hip retirement, the band received overwhelming responses and support. And as fans we are not done celebrating their legacy and the impression they left on us, therefore your Calithumpian Committee is pleased to announce that we will be having The Practically Hip performing this 2017 Calithumpian weekend.

Established in Southern Ontario in 1997, The Practically Hip wows their audiences with their passionate recreation of the Hip's unique sound.

They are the most sought after "Tragically Hip" tribute / clone act in Ontario and the U.S. The members of Practically Hip have seen over 75 Hip concerts! This devotion is one of the reasons why they deliver the highest level of accuracy, energy and enthusiasm.

The Calithumpian committee will be bringing this outstanding band to you this summer!

Stay tuned for further details about date, time, and cost!

Calithumpian Craft and Vendor Show - May 20

Welcome to the Calithumpian Weekend Craft and Vendor Show!

10am to 2pm at the Thamesford Recreation Centre.

We are excited to offer a place for local artisans to display and sell their work, and for our neighbours to be able to support local and learn more about the amazing makers that are in their own backyards!

We are looking forward to a successful show that will hopefully kick off an annual tradition for Calithumpian.

Victoria Day – May 21

Thamesford Lions Trout Brunch - May 21

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 11am to 1:30pm at the Thamesford Community (arena) Centre.

SUMMER KIDS' DAY CAMP IN THAMESFORD – All summer – check the dates

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
August 8-11* JK-Grade3 Barnyard Palooza
August 14-18 Grade 1-5 Around the World
August 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!

Thamesford Business Association Golf Tournament Community Fundraiser – June 4

All proceeds go directly to our village! Appetizers & Pig Roast \$95

SAVE THE DATE SUN. JUNE 4th Support Your Community !

Let's see what we can do in 2017!

Registrations can be picked up at Collins/Unger Insurance Thamesford or by contacting pat_ball@rogers.com, 519-285-3538

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SPRINT INTO SUMMER – June 11

The 2017 Run Ingersoll: Sprint into Summer race will be held on Sun, June 11 starting at 9am at Victoria Park, Ingersoll. Grab your family & join in this fun, community running event that is family-focused, while still attracting competitive runners from all over Southwestern Ontario. The Ingersoll Pharmasave 1K Family Fun Run is FREE to all participants & offers a medal for first 100 participants.

Cost: 5K- Before May 19: \$25, May 20-June 9: \$30. 10K before May 19: \$35, May 20-June 9:

\$40. Additional \$5 on race day. Participants 15 & under receive a \$5 discount.
Cash prizes for top male & female finishers in 5K & 10K races.
Register online at www.runingersoll.com or call 519-485-4386 for more information. All proceeds to the Ingersoll Fusion Youth Activity & Technology Centre. 519-636-1493

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.

Wienerfest Home County Festival – June 24

for more information or to volunteer contact Linda at 519-285-5123 or info@wienerfest.ca

Canada Day - July 1st

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 519-475-6163, katherinegrieve@gmail.com for more information, or with your offers.

JULY 1ST ~ EMBRO HIGHLAND GAMES

Celebrate Canada Day at the 80th Embro Highland Games "Family Fun with a Scottish Flair". Pipebands, highland dancing, tug-of-war, heavy events, runners' race (2, 5, 10 km), sheep herding, children's indoor & outdoor Scottish games, clans, vendors & live Celtic music by Allison Lupton, Ian Bell & Dan MacDonald.

July 1, 8am-5pm at the Embro Zorra Community Centre. Admission \$15, youth 13-18 \$10, children free. Licenced event, free parking.

For more information and a full schedule visit www.EmbroHighlandGames.ca.

EMBRO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 24-28.

The theme is "Hero Central!" Everyone is welcome. Children must have completed Junior Kindergarten. Come & have fun learning about heroes from the Bible. This year we are at

Knox United Church.

FRIDGE DOOR THEATRE CAMP – July 31 – Aug 4

Fridge Door Live Summer Theatre Camp returns to 1st Baptist Church, Ingersoll, July 31-Aug 4 (9-3pm, M-F). \$145 (before June 1). Grade 4-9 youth (as of Sept 2017).
A final performance Friday at 6:30pm. Info & registration: 519-495-7305, FridgeDoorLive.com.

HARRINGTON 150 HERITAGE FESTIVAL – August 12-13

On Sat, Aug 12, the Harrington & Area Community Association is hosting a celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday! Our goal is to recreate what our beautiful village might have looked like 100-150 years ago. If you have any old photos, artifacts, skills or knowledge that you are willing to share - we would love to hear from you by Apr 30! Email:

ourharringtonhome@live.ca or 519-475-4097.

The Harrington 150 Heritage Festival is made possible, in part, by an Ontario 150 Celebration Grant from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport".

HARRINGTON 150 CHURCH SERVICE - Aug 13

Interdenominational Church Service, on Sunday morning, Aug 13, in the village of Harrington. Please mark your calendars. Everyone is welcome to attend this special outdoor tent service of singing gospel music & giving thanks, as a part of the Harrington 150 Heritage Festival being presented Aug 12-13 by the Harrington and Area Community Association.

Further details on the weekend events will follow as they are finalized.

For more information contact John at 519475-4347.

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CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & ARTISANS! Aug 19-20

The Ingersoll Harvest Festival Committee is looking for you! Join us the weekend of Aug 19-20, in Centennial Park for Ingersoll's annual Harvest Festival event.

Vendor registration is available for a single day (\$22.50 taxes included) or for the weekend (\$39.55 taxes included).

For more information about the festival, please visit www.ingersoll.ca or email tourism@ingersoll.ca.

Solar Eclipse – Aug 21

Visit the NASA [website](#) or the Space [website](#).

A total solar eclipse last darkened soil on the U.S. mainland on Feb. 26, 1979.

August 2017 will mark the first time in 99 years this event is "readily available to people from coast to coast,"

Thanksgiving Day – Oct 9

Adult Colouring Party Nov 13

The Thamesford Library Advisory Committee - Adult Colouring Party in the Lions Den Sunday, Nov 13, 1-3pm. Join us! We will have supplies for everyone. Admission will a Toonie (\$2).

We will have a combination of colouring pages & Easter cards available for everyone.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR YOUNG RESIDENTS – Nov 26

The Thamesford Library Advisory Committee - CHRISTMAS CRAFT FOR YOUNG RESIDENTS Nov 26, 10-11:30am. Admission will a Toonie (\$2). Register at the library so we purchase enough kits and supplies.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION - Dec 16

The Thamesford Library Advisory Committee - CHRISTMAS FLORAL DEMONSTRATION Dec 16.

An incredible program for geared for decorating for Christmas. Admission will a Toonie (\$2). The arrangements will be given to people in the audience based on a draw.

Christmas break – Dec 25 – Jan 5/18