

## Upcoming Events in the Area

### **SHUFFLEBOARD beginning mid April**

Ingersoll District Shuffleboard will be starting back up mid April at the Ingersoll Arena, all equipment supplied. We are looking for new players who would like to learn the game of floor shuffleboard and we will provide lessons for anyone interested.

We will be playing Mon & Wed, 1pm. For information contact Ruth Stewart at [rdstewart17@gmail.com](mailto:rdstewart17@gmail.com).

### **Catch The Ace PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE every Tuesday**

presented by the THAMESFORD Lions Club

Draw at Brunny's sports Bar & Grill every Tuesday at 8:00pm (Winner does NOT need to be in attendance) \$5.00 per ticket.

A Winner every week, The Pot Grows every week, Limited number of tickets sold

Tickets & information at:

DEWY's Auto 105 Milton St

JC Graphics 140 Dundas St

Village Deli & Catering 117 Dundas St

Mcfarlan Rowlands Insurance 162 Dundas St

Be a Winner - Support Your Community and the THAMESFORD Lions Club

Ontario Problem Gaming Hotline: 1-888-230-3505

Age of Majority required Lottery Licence # M766731

### **INGERSOLL & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Apr 17**

Remember our local gas stations: Ashton's, Bain's, Borland's, Finucan's, Gino's, Goldie's, Little's, Marriott's and Tom & Gord's? How about the dealerships: Fleischer & Jewett, Glassford, Keeler, Lloyd Hall and MacNab? Bring us your memories, pictures & artifacts.

Join us as we reminisce about the automotive stories of 40-60 years ago.

See you upstairs at the Legion Tues, April 17, 7pm. For info: 519-485-1939.

### **DORCHESTER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – Apr 17**

Our April 17 meeting is at Heeman's for a tour of their new facilities & a breath of spring.

### **OXFORD WSA - Apr 17**

Oxford WSA is a women for support of agriculture group in & surroundings of Oxford county.

Tues, Apr 17 OMAFRA building Woodstock 8pm. "Jesse's Journey" John Davidson will share his story about to find the right road for you a road that will help you reach your goals! As he did when began his goal the 3,300 km journey pushing his son Jesse in his wheelchair . The adventure that became to known as "Jesse's Journey". For more information contact our chair Gerda Schryver or look at our website [www.womenforthesupportofagriculture.org](http://www.womenforthesupportofagriculture.org).

### **THAMESFORD MEDITATION GROUP – Apr 18**

The Thamesford Meditation Group meets every 1st & 3rd Wed at the Thamesford Public Library, Lion's Den Room 7-8pm (Apr 4 & 18). No experience necessary, no sign up required. Each session costs \$5. Contact [stephaniemalo@hotmail.com](mailto:stephaniemalo@hotmail.com) for more details. Find us on Facebook @Thamesford Meditation Group for the most up to date info.

### **BIG BAND ORCHESTRA – Apr 19**

Dorchester Terrace invites the surrounding community to join us for Spring Fling, a dance featuring the "Sophisticated Swing" Big Band Orchestra Thur, April 19, 7pm. Dust off your dancing shoes & join us to dance to your favorite Big Band favorites. Bring out Mom & Dad. If they are alone, make it a dad &

daughter night, or a mom & son night. Let them remember the dancing hall of the past. Cash bar available with refreshments. Free entrance, RSVP to Dorchester Terrace, 143 Byron Ave, Dorchester, 519-268-1818 [info@dorchesterterrace.sifton.com](mailto:info@dorchesterterrace.sifton.com).

### **THE DONNELLYS - Apr 19, and 22, May 16, June 2**

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Join us to watch The Strange Story of the Donnellys.

**Donnelly Pub Trivia Night Wed, May 16**, 7pm. Join us at the Mill Pond Tap & Grill, Dorchester for a fun night of Donnelly-themed trivia. Bring teammates & prepare to show off your Donnelly knowledge.

**Donnelly Theatre Night Sat, June 2**, 7pm. Join us for Jeff Culbert's latest Donnelly show, The Wildest Town in Canada: Donnelly Songs & Stories.

Explore the ever-evolving Donnelly story through music that's been written about the legendary family. Tickets \$10. Visit the Dorchester or Thorndale Libraries for more information.

### **HAM & OYSTER SUPPER – Apr 20**

Celebrate spring Fri, April 20, 6pm as Dorchester United Church, 4100 Catherine St, hosts its Ham & Oyster Supper. Enjoy a hearty meal of scalloped potatoes, ham, dinner rolls, baked beans & dessert. On the menu for the seafood lovers - delicious homemade oyster soup. Tickets \$20 adult, \$10 children 6-12, kids 5 & under free. RSVP 519-461-1679.

### **ITOPA - JITTERS by David French – Apr 20-29**

This sophisticated comedy opens on the night of a preview of a new play, "The Care & Treatment of Roses". Within minutes the audience is plunged into the world of the theatre, a melange of instant loves & hates, easily bruised egos, and contradictory interpretations of role & script, complicated by crises involving faulty props, lost lines & bad reviews, all magnified by opening night "Jitters."

Directed by Michelle Murphy, Apr 20-22, 26-29.

Get your tickets today at [itopa.ca](http://itopa.ca), 519-4853070.

A stair lift & hearing assist system are available to our patrons.

### **THAMESFORD THAMES RIVER CLEAN UP – Apr 21**

Join us at Grace Patterson Park on Sat, April 21, 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.

### **EZAS 4th ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER – Apr 21**

Embros & Zorra Agriculture Society is proud to have Canada's only 4 time Guinness World Record holder Illusionist Lucas Wilson returning to their stage April 21. He has appeared on shows like Dragons Den & Canada's Got Talent and recently received a letter from the Government of Canada recognizing him for his hard work & dedication in the art of illusion. In 2016 Lucas thrilled the Embros audience with his amazing magic & illusions and the EZAS is proud to have him return to entertain the local crowds. The evening begins with 2 sittings (5:30 & 7pm) of All You Can Eat Spaghetti. Tickets are available by emailing [info@embrofair.com](mailto:info@embrofair.com) or contacting Marian 519-872-1707.

### **ANNUAL YARD SALE – Apr 21**

Saturday, April 21 8am-12 noon 250 Ingersoll St. S., Ingersoll, 519-485-3869

Lots of Treasures for Everyone! **Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre** 519-285-3333

### **INGERSOLL NATURE CLUB – Apr 21 and 28**

Earth Day Clean Up Sat, **Apr 21 at Lawson Reserve** 9am. Please join us & help with maintenance of trails, buildings & signage. We will also be pulling garlic mustard & cutting phragmites (invasive plants). If you use the Reserve to enjoy nature please come & help us maintain it in good condition for all. Snacks & refreshments provided. Located on McBeath Rd, south of Ingersoll.

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For more info. contact Sheila 519-485 2645.

### **DEATH CAFE – Apr 22**

At Westminster United Church, Thamesford, April 22, 1pm. 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'.

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 & cake. [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com), Catherine 519-619-8108.

### **BLESSINGS FOR THE EARTH - Apr 22**

Thorndale Area Churches present Blessings for the Earth at 2pm Sun, Apr 22 at St George's Anglican Church in Thorndale. There will be special music featuring the Thames Centre Community Choir & monetary offerings for the Canadian Food Grains local Good Neighbour Project will be gratefully accepted. Light refreshments follow the service. Everyone is welcome to this annual event.

### **Re-dedication – Apr 22**

First World War hero Major Edward C. Norsworthy in the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

On Sun, April 22, you are invited to take part in the commemoration to mark the 100th anniversary of this event. Under the auspices of the Ingersoll Museum, and with the assistance of the Ingersoll Pipe Band & the 2 Masonic lodges in Ingersoll, the re-dedication will commence at 2pm.

For info, call the museum 519485-5510, & be sure to check out the travelling exhibits on display now.

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### **INGERSOLL HORTICULTURE SOCIETY – Apr 24 and May 23**

Our **meeting** is Tues, Apr 24. We'll meet in the parking lot of St. James Church, Ingersoll at 6pm to car pool to Heeman's Garden Centre, 20422 Nissouri Rd, Thorndale. There will be a workshop on planting annuals & perennials at 6:30pm & we can browse the centre until 8pm.

**Annual Plant Sale Unifor Hall Wed, May 23**, 6-7pm. Non-auctioned sale of geraniums, tomatoes & annuals. The bake sale opens at 6pm. At 7pm the auction of perennials, bushes, etc. begins. Donations of potted plants will be welcomed throughout the day beginning at 7am. For details visit our new website [ingersollanddistricthorticultural.ca](http://ingersollanddistricthorticultural.ca).

**PIECEMAKERS QUILT SHOW – Apr 26-28**

Thur, Apr 26, 10-5pm, Fri, Apr 27, 10-7pm, Sat, Apr 28, 10-4pm at the Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James St S, **St Marys**. Admission \$8. Presented by Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilters Guilds. Featuring: new quilts, Merchants Mall, Boutique, small quilted articles, tea / luncheon room, antique bed turning. [www.huronperthquiltersquilt.com](http://www.huronperthquiltersquilt.com).

**THAMESFORD PA DAY CAMP - Apr 27**

PA Day Camp at Westminster United Church, Thamesford. From 9-3:30pm, kids will enjoy games, songs, crafts, sports & tons of fun with staff from Camp Connect! Children need to bring their own lunch & appropriate clothing for the weather. Snack will be provided. Registration online at [makingconnexions.com](http://makingconnexions.com) or contact Elizabeth at [campconnexions@gmail.com](mailto:campconnexions@gmail.com) for more info.

**BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE – Apr 27-28**

Come have fun & make an impact on a child's life! Our 34th Annual Bowl for Kids Sake sponsored by Tim Hortons is coming up Apr 27-28 in Tillsonburg & May 35 in Ingersoll. Bowl for Kids Sake is a premier fun-raising event where people like you get together with friends, family, & co-workers and have a fun time bowling in support of Big Brother Big Sister of Ingersoll, Tillsonburg & Area mentoring programs. Our theme this year is Rock N' Bowl so come dressed as your favorite rocker for a chance to win best dressed. This is guaranteed to be a fun day with lots of prizes to be won! Visit [sharethefun.org](http://sharethefun.org) or call 519 485 1801 for more information.

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY SPAGHETTI DINNER – Apr 28**

The Embro & Zorra Agricultural Society invite you to their Spaghetti Dinner & Family Entertainment on Sat, Apr 28 at the Embro & Zorra Community Centre. Returning this year: Illusionist Lucas Wilson with new & some old magic. Check our website for details [embrofair.com](http://embrofair.com).

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**SPRING SCRAP-A-THON – Apr 28**

Join us for a relaxing Spring Scrap-A-Thon Sat, Apr 28, 9am-9pm at Unifor Hall, Beale St, Woodstock. Includes lunch, dinner, snacks & drinks all day! Plus unlimited use of Creative Memories tools & Cricuts. RSVP to Kathy by Apr 22, [kwinlaw13@hotmail.com](mailto:kwinlaw13@hotmail.com) or 519-537-3023.

**CHORALAIRES' SPRING CONCERT – Apr 28**

On Sat, April 28, you are invited to join The Woodstock Choralaires as they celebrate "The Golden Age of the Silver Screen." Performances at 2pm & 7:30pm, Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, 735 Frontenac Cres, Woodstock.

Tickets available from Choralaire members, Merrifield's Book Shop, [woodstockchoralaires.ca](http://woodstockchoralaires.ca) or call 519-536-7630.

**SALUTE TO JOHNNY CASH, THE MAN IN BLACK – Apr 28**

"The Man In Black" show features the amazing James Yorfido, the only Johnny Cash tribute artist to be featured in "The Sun Records Story", the official, international touring show exclusively endorsed by Johnny's original, legendary record label from Memphis, Tennessee.

Jim takes centre stage at St. James' Church Sat, April 28. Fans of Johnny Cash won't want to miss this amazing tribute artist when he sings Johnny Cash's greatest hits.

Tickets \$40 including buffet dinner by "Eat Your Heart Out". Cocktails 6pm, dinner 6:30pm, show 7:45pm. Call 519-4850385 for tickets. Another fantastic evening awaits you, your friends & family members this spring at St. James' at 184 Oxford St, Ingersoll.

### **LIONS RECYCLE DAY - APRIL 28**

Thamesford Lions 4th annual Recycle Day is Sat, April 28. Get rid of your "end of life cycle metals, electronics & batteries". Once again we will setup large scale bins in the Thamesford Arena parking lot & Lions members will filling those bins with your Items. A satellite outlet will be positioned in Embro similar to last year. In the initial 3 years of this combined initiative (Thamesford / Embro) we have diverted some 136,000 lbs from landfills to recyclers & generated some \$16,000 for community projects. For further info call Jim Gillespie 519-285-3349.

### **REUSEAPALOOZAHA RIDES AGAIN! - Apr 28**

Embro will be the site of yet another ReuseapalooZaha on Apr 28. There will be lots of free goods to take home to use, and of course, your donations of good, slightly used treasures will be welcomed.

Zorra Township Council endorsed this event at their December meeting, knowing that the partnership among OPAL, the Oxford Coalition for Social Justice, The Nature Club & others was benefiting the environment by removing goods from garbage, that the **Thamesford Lions** would once again collect metals & electronics to recycle into projects & support for the community, and that 4H would again bring great baking as morning treats for all (& ask for a donation).

How do we describe "yuck"? Inevitably, something which could have used a hosing down before bringing turns up. We hope to avoid that this year. On the other hand, ragged & torn cloth is still valuable for reprocessing, so even if clothes or bedding are beyond wearing, they are welcome if clean. ReuseapalooZaha is a great social event where you & neighbours can trade quips & goods.

It is astonishing that at the past few events we've seen many brand-new items still in their packaging, but those treasures are up for the taking too.

For more information, check out [www.reuseapaloozaha.ca](http://www.reuseapaloozaha.ca). Bryan Smith will be there on April 28 from 8am to 2pm. Drop by to shop, chat, deposit & learn.

### **GIANT FREE STORE TO GO BANKRUPT! - Apr 28**

This is not another story about Toys 'r' USA or Sears. April 28, at Embro Community Hall, the ReuseapalooZaha store will be giving away goods – clothing, books, entertainment, wooden furniture, tools, toys, décor, garden supplies - free from 8am until 2pm. At 1pm, the 2 for 1 sale will begin. Then, at closing, Bryan Smith will declare bankruptcy for the event. Be sure to buy a treat from 4H while there and to greet the Thamesford Lions, supporting our community.

### **GRIEF WORKSHOP REFRESHER COURSE – Apr28, May 5 & 12**

At Westminster Church, Thamesford. For all those people who have taken the Edu-Therapy course, whether at the church or in private, a 3 week refresher course is offered Apr 28, May 5 & May 12, 9am. Enrol with Catherine 519-619-8108 or Gerard 266-781-2498. 3 sessions \$15.

### **LINE DANCE SOCIAL – Apr 29 and May 27**

With DJ Pete Howard. Free line dance lessons, please welcome to the floor

Sun, Apr 29 Kathy Meyer 2-2:30pm & Wendy McLean 3:30-4pm

Sun, May 27 Margaret Mouton 2-2:30pm & Rose Squire 3:30pm-4pm Country, Latin, Pop, 2 Step Waltzes, Couples.

Join us at the Dutch Canadian Club, 1738 Gore Rd at Clarke from 2-6pm. Couples & singles are welcome. \$10. Contact dancingdebbie1951@yahoo.ca.

### **ANNUAL STRAWBERRY SUPPER – May 2**

Wed, May 2, at Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrington. \$15 (5 & under free, 6-12 1/2 price).

Continuous sittings from 4:30-6:30pm. Takeout available. Call Sharon 519475-6069,

sharons@execulink.com or Helen 519-271-8638. Proceeds from the dinner support: Change Her

World, Simple Dreams Ministries Ontario, Wellspring, Stratford, Sleeping Children Around the World,

Canadian Bible Society, Evangel Hall Mission, CBM Canada, CJCS / Kiwanis Christmas Basket Fund,

Salvation Army Family Services, House of Blessing, Stratford.

### **RTO/ERO WELLNESS DAY – May 2**

The Retired Teachers of Ontario, Oxford District 37, is hosting its 5th Annual Wellness Day, Wed May 2 with the focus on living well in age friendly communities. A variety of workshops, a keynote speaker, hot lunch, refreshments & door prizes.

Workshop topics include: • Inside the world of social media • Arthritis & pain management • Tapping therapy energy medicine technique • Caring for the caregiver • Learning the Suzuki tone chimes

Visit <https://district37.rto-ero.org>, <https://www.facebook.com/RTOEROOxford/> or contact Heather hwb@rogers.com, 519-485-1542.

### **BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE May 3-5**

Our 34th Annual Bowl for Kids Sale sponsored by Tim Hortons is coming up Apr 27-28 in Tillsonburg & May 3-5 in Ingersoll. Bowl for Kids Sake is a fun-raising event where people get together with friends, family, & co-workers and have a fun time bowling in support of Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programs.

Our theme this year is Rock N' Bowl so come dressed as your favourite rocker for a chance to win best dressed. Visit [sharethefun.org](http://sharethefun.org) or call 519-485-1801.

### **SPRING LADIES NIGHT OUT – May 5**

On Fri, May 25, 7-9pm at First Baptist Church, 235 Thames St S, Ingersoll. Dessert, coffee, tea & door prizes. Special National Speaker & Author Lorie Hartshorn. Join us for an awesome evening of fellowship & girl time. Tickets \$7, will be available in mid April, details to follow.

### **Oxford Studio Tours - May 5 and 6.**

[tourismoxford.ca](http://tourismoxford.ca), 519-539-9800 ext 3355.

### **GARDEN PARTY FOR A CAUSE – May 6**

May 6, 2-4pm at Embro Zorra Community Centre. Tickets \$20. Proceeds to support the Children's Hospital London Health Sciences Centre. Live music, 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 from Linda Hammond 519842-5661, [ivalinhammond@gmail.com](mailto:ivalinhammond@gmail.com).

### **Zorra Township LARGE ARTICLE COLLECTION – May 7**

Free pickup of large items! Have items to the curb by 7am on Monday May 7, 2018

### **HOOKED ON MUSIC CONCERTS – May 7 and Sept 23**

St. Paul's United Church, 88 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg continues their 'Hooked on Music' series concerts at 2:30pm on the following dates:

May 27 The Uptown Dixieland Jazz Band

Sept 23 Andrew Martin performs "70's Revolution"

For tickets contact Helen 519-688-0011

### **HARRINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOC PRESENTS – May 12**

Yeager, Laughton & Mahar in concert, with special guest Eric Brown "Roots, Rock, Reggae, with Soul" Sat, May 12, Harrington Hall, 539 Victoria St. Doors open 7:30pm, concert 8pm. Cash bar. Refreshments available. Advance tickets, \$20 519-475-4834, or EZtix.com/yeager.

### **WE BAKE, WE COOK, YOU ENJOY! - May 12**

Sat, May 12, 9am-12 noon. St James' Church Parish Hall, 184 Oxford St, Ingersoll is the place to come for the ACM's **Spring Bake Sale** with proceeds aiding our mission & charity work at home & abroad. We suggest that if you are gardening, going to the cottage, shopping all day, or just don't want to cook - pop one of our delicious entrees into the oven or warm up one of our soups and away you go! Or take them to the cottage. Baking will include homemade breads, cakes, cookies, fruit crisps, loaves & pies. Cooking will include frozen entrees, mac n' cheese, meat pies & soups. Gluten wise & vegetarian selections available. Looking forward to seeing you May 12 at St James'.

### **PROSTRATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – May 14 and June 11**

Open to men & their partners, facilitated by trained volunteers & cancer survivors. Open & supportive discussions and occasional guest speakers. Providing emotional support for prostate cancer survivors at various stages of recovery. We endeavour to relieve some of the stress & isolation that men may experience. The group is not a source of medical advice.

We meet the 2nd Mon of the month 7-8:30pm: May 14, June 11. Meeting at Byron Legion Branch 533, 1276 Commissioners Rd. W. For info, contact: John 519-365-1599 or Jeff 519-639-0210.

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## **Calithumpian weekend Friday May 18 through Monday May 21**

### **THAMESFORD LIBRARY COMMITTEE – May 19 and 21**

We have a local writing group at the library and we invite them & anyone else interested to send a write up to our yearly 'Write In Thamesford' booklet.

The booklet will be available for sale at our yearly book sale on the Calithumpian weekend in May: Sat, May 19, 9-2pm & Mon, May 21, 12-3pm.

Donated books for the sale will be accepted at the library anytime after May 1.  
Thanks for your support of your local library.

### **THAMESFORD LIONS CLUB TROUT BRUNCH – May 20**

Sunday, May 20, 2018 11am until 1:00pm Thamesford Community Centre

Limited tickets available

CHILDREN: \$6 (12 and under) • ADULTS: \$15

For more info or to get tickets please contact: Call Burton 285-5485 or Jack 285-2729

### **THISTLE THEATRE - Auditions will be held June 10, 11 & 13**

The lift is done! Yes, this time we can actually say it's done. We received approval from TSSA on Mar 8, and then were handed our keys. So, tell your friends: anyone & everyone can now come to our shows. Brigadoon - Our fall production is Brigadoon. The story involves 2 American tourists who stumble upon Brigadoon, a mysterious Scottish village that appears for only one day every 100 years. Tommy, one of the tourists, falls in love with Fiona, a young woman from Brigadoon. Terry Todd will be directing the show, and Landon Hoare will be Musical Director. **Auditions will be held June 10, 11 & 13** at the Town Hall at 7pm. We require a large cast, so please come out. For info & an audition time, contact Ed 519-475-4722 or [iamedwardwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:iamedwardwilliams@gmail.com) Dramarama applications are being accepted as of March 3.

There are 2 **camps, running July 2-13 & 16-27**. Jill Baker will again be the Artistic Director for this fun theatre camp for youth 7-14 years. Most spots are filled by now, but if you are still interested please contact Phoebe at 519-475-6033 or [fibs2013@yahoo.ca](mailto:fibs2013@yahoo.ca).

Anyone who would like to see the productions, that the youth create, are welcome to come & see the shows on the last Friday of each session; **July 13 and 27**, 11am or 1pm.

**Annual General Meeting - We elected 4 new members to the board: Travis Brekelmans, who has been in several dinner theatre shows, Anne Knops, who was organist for Knox United Church in Embro, and a practice pianist for Wizard of Oz. Lynda Pillon, who is new to the area. She is treasurer for the Embro Fairboard. Lynda was stage manager for the last dinner theatre. Colleen Zehr, is new to the stage, performing in last spring's show, "Strangers Among Us" and as ASM for "Queen Milli of Galt".** **INGERSOLL HORTICULTURE SOCIETY – May 23**

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For details visit our new website [ingersollanddistricthorticultural.ca](http://ingersollanddistricthorticultural.ca).

### **SWEABURG LIONS ANNUAL FISH FRY – May 26**

The Sweaburg Lions Annual Fish Fry will be held Sat, May 26 at the Sweaburg & Community Lions Park from 4:30-7pm. Adults \$15, children 6-11 \$8 and under 6 free.

For tickets, call 519-456-5035 or contact any Lions Club member. Get tickets early!

This event is usually sold out. We are aiming to make this a zero waste event.

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### **Thamesford Lawn Bowling Club – This summer**

TLB is providing a summer league for children & youth with special needs. We need dedicated volunteers who are willing to work both one on one & in groups helping children participate.

Our goals are for the youth to learn new skills, develop friendships & have fun.

Our league will play Wed evening June 13 - Aug 8, 6:30-8:30pm, at the Thamesford Lawn Bowling Club, 225 Dundas St.

Volunteers do not need to commit to assisting every Wednesday evening during the summer.

Contact Cindy, [cindymale@rogers.com](mailto:cindymale@rogers.com).

### **SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH LAWN BOWLING**

The Thamesford Lawn Bowling Club is providing a league for youth ages 7-21 with special needs.

Siblings & friends are welcome! We meet each Wed, June 13 - Aug 8, 6:30-8pm. Cost \$50.

Registration: Sat, May 12, 10am-12 noon at Thamesford Lawn Bowling Club, 225 Dundas St.

Questions? email [cindymale@rogers.com](mailto:cindymale@rogers.com).

### **ZORRA SUMMER DAY CAMP July -Aug 31**

The wonderfully successful Zorra Summer Day Camp is back! If you missed your chance to be a part of some great programming for youth in Zorra this summer, be sure to sign up this year!

Located in Thamesford and now open to kids 4-10 years old.

Campers will experience many games, activities & crafts each day.

Available camp weeks are:

July 2-6.....Passport to Summer

July 9-13.....Game On!

July 16-20.....Super Powers, Super You! FULL!

July 23-27.....Create It!

July 30-Aug 5.....Ship to Shore

Aug 7-10.....Camp Wild!

Aug 13-17.....Camp Survivor!

Aug 20-24.....Experiment Extravaganza

Aug 27-31.....Spectacular Summer Send Off!

Before & after care is also available. Consider adding on swimming lessons to the end of your campers day too! Registration has begun. We can't wait to see you at Zorra Summer Day Camp!

Check us out on [www.zorra.on.ca](http://www.zorra.on.ca) for more information! \

### **THAMESFORD DAY CAMP – July and Aug**

Camp Connect has a field trip every week, swimming, special guests, pizza every Friday, sports, games, art, crafts & so much more fun to fill your entire summer.

July 2-Aug 31, 9am-3:30pm with before / after care available. Located at 115 George St. Thamesford

July 2-6.....VBS/Half Day Program.....\$80

July 9-13.....Inside Out.....\$160

July 16-20.....Lego Land.....\$160

July 23-27.....Water Week.....\$160

July 30-Aug 3.....Sirens & Badges.....\$160

August 7-10.....A Bug's Life.....\$128

Aug 13-17.....Sports Week.....\$160

Aug 20-24.....Master Chef.....\$160

Aug 27-31.....Camp Connect's Got Talent.....\$160

Register online at [makingconnexions.com](http://makingconnexions.com) or contact [campconnexions@gmail.com](mailto:campconnexions@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Limited space is available each week so don't delay!

### **KNOX CHURCH, HARRINGTON ~ VBS Week of July 9-13**

8:45-11:45am Vacation Bible school at Knox Presbyterian Church Harrington. Theme: The Great Treasure Hunt. Children must have completed Junior Kindergarten, up to grade 6.

Come & discover the real meaning of treasure.

For more info and to register, please contact Sharon at [sharons@execulink.com](mailto:sharons@execulink.com) or 519-475-6069.

### **CALEDONIAN SCOTTISH OPEN – June 2**

June 2 - Invite your friends and family to join you at the Stonehaven Golf Course, 415935 41st Line for a 3pm start. Cost is \$ 50 per person (taxes in) which includes 9 holes of golf, power cart, followed by a catered meal (steak or chicken) at 5:30pm & awesome prizes!

Golfers of all "abilities" encouraged to attend! Best ball & shot gun start. New for 2018 there is a "dinner only" option at \$25.

Contact Stonehaven at 519-475-4321 to register as a single or as a group.

Cut-off date to participate is May 26.

### **THE DONNELLYS - June 2**

A program that encourages the community to read the same book or books within a theme during a specified period. This year we are reading anything related to Lucan's infamous family - the Donnellys! Donnelly **Theatre Night Sat, June 2**, 7pm. Join us for Jeff Culbert's latest Donnelly show, The Wildest Town in Canada: Donnelly Songs & Stories.

Explore the ever-evolving Donnelly story through music that's been written about the legendary family. Tickets \$10. Visit the Dorchester or Thorndale Libraries for more information.

### **AJ Baker Fun Fair – June 7**

Mark your calendar for the Annual AJ Baker Fun Fair - June 7th 5-8pm. Fun for the whole family!

Consider donating an item to the silent/live auction. Email [bphouston@sympatico.ca](mailto:bphouston@sympatico.ca) or [elizabeth.potter81@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.potter81@gmail.com) for info

### **Thamesford TROJANS ANNUAL FISH FRY – June 15**

Tickets still available call Todd 519-872-0930 Bob 519-285-3107 Tony at 285 3618

### **THISTLE THEATRE – Auditions June 10-13**

The renovation to the Town Hall had a well attended grand opening. Thanks again to Ontario 150, the Township of Zorra & the generous donations of our community. Our fall show is "Brigadoon" a great musical. The auditions are June 10, 11, 13 in the Town Hall at 7pm.

We need a large cast so please come out. For further info contact Ed or Liz Williams at 519-475-4722 or our director Terry Todd at 519-284-1218.

Dramarama 2018 dates are July 2-13 and July 16-27. We welcome back our Artistic Director, Jill Baker and are preparing for another fun theatre camp for youth 7-14 years. The Registration Form will be available on line Sat, Mar 3 at [www.thistle-theatre.com](http://www.thistle-theatre.com).

### **PROSTRATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP – June 11**

Open to men & their partners, facilitated by trained volunteers & cancer survivors. Open & supportive discussions and occasional guest speakers. Providing emotional support for prostate cancer survivors at

various stages of recovery. We endeavour to relieve some of the stress & isolation that men may experience. The group is not a source of medical advice.

We meet the 2nd Mon of the month 7-8:30pm: June 11. Meeting at Byron Legion Branch 533, 1276 Commissioners Rd. W. For info, contact: John 519-365-1599 or Jeff 519-639-0210.

### **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & ARTISANS! for Sept 1**

Vendor registration is now open for the Ingersoll Harvest Festival! Sat, Sept 1, in Centennial Park, Ingersoll. A great event with live music, historical demos, family games & fireworks!

The event runs 10am - 8pm & is outdoors. Registration \$22.50 taxes included. Tables & chairs are available on a first come, first serve basis.

For info about the festival, visit [ingersoll.ca](http://ingersoll.ca) or email [tourism@ingersoll.ca](mailto:tourism@ingersoll.ca).

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 2-6**

Our theme this year is Shipwrecked! JK-Grade 5 can spend their morning singing, dancing & learning about God with an interactive open sessions before splitting up into smaller groups to dive deeper into more fun & activities! Grade 6-8 will be part of the Mission Possible group that will learn & serve others through missions.

Register online at [makingconnexions.com](http://makingconnexions.com). Westminster United Church, 115 George St. Thamesford.

### **SUMMER THEATRE CAMP 2018 – Aug 13-17**

Fridge Door Live Theatre Company returns to First Baptist Church Ingersoll, Aug 13-17 for a week of theatre camp for Grade 4-10 youth (as of Sept '18). Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm & final performance Fri, 6:30-7:30pm. [FridgeDoorLive.com](http://FridgeDoorLive.com) or 519-459-7305 for information or to register. Short of 30: A New Musical Following the success of 2017s Grace Mission Musical, Fridge Door Live Theatre Company brings another new musical to the stage, Short of 30, a historical fiction story about seven WW2 posthumous heroes under the age of 30. [www.OnStageLive](http://www.OnStageLive) for information and tickets.

### **HOOKED ON MUSIC CONCERTS – Sept 23**

St. Paul's United Church, 88 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg continues their 'Hooked on Music' series concerts at 2:30pm on the following dates:

Sept 23 Andrew Martin performs "70's Revolution"

For tickets contact Helen 519-688-0011