

## **This weeks Upcoming Thamesford and area events**

If you would like to add, remove or modify an event, please send a message or email [sturner3737@rogers.com](mailto:sturner3737@rogers.com).

To view all upcoming events, quick links to Thamesford, Ingersoll area and numerous information sites visit the [Thamesford website](#) sponsored by the TBA

### **Thamesford BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (TBA)**

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](http://www.tourismoxford.ca/events).

### **Easter Monday – April 17**

#### **Ingersoll Library – April 17**

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

### **WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS COMING! - Apr 18**

The Watoto Children's Choir is coming to Truth Community Church on Tues, Apr 18 at 7pm for their all new 2017 tour! This is a free concert for all ages. For more information about the Watoto choir, go to [www.watoto.com/choir](http://www.watoto.com/choir). Truth Community Church is located at 154978 15th Line (Banner Rd) in Thamesford, just south of Dundas St.

For more information, call 519-285-2112 or go to [www.truthcommunitychurch.ca](http://www.truthcommunitychurch.ca).

### **INGERSOLL HISTORICAL SOCIETY – April 18**

Please join us Tues, Apr 18, upstairs at the Legion at 7:30pm. Cathy Mott will tell us all about the World Famous Cheese Poet, James McIntyre. He was a historian, furniture maker & undertaker and had a very distinct outlook on life.

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.

### **Celebrate National Canadian Movie Day - April 19**

Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be showing "Canadian Bacon" starring John Candy at 1pm. Admission is FREE! Enjoy a Canadian Bacon lunch at 12pm before the movie for only \$8. Register for lunch by Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm. [Ingersoll 50+ Activity Centre](#)

### **Recipe Club – April 20**

Trip to Gunn's Hill Cheese Company: Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 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 13<sup>th</sup>. [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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.deathcafe.com) or call Catherine 519-619-8108 or Gerard 226-781-2498.

We'd love to see you there!