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Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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**Important
DATE!**

Important News: AGM and Ham Dinner

Please make a point of joining us on May 25th at 5:30 pm. After enjoying another outstanding RCC meal of ham and scalloped potatoes please stay for the important meeting following the meal. We will be sharing details of the proposed 10 year lease between the RCC and the Town of Gravenhurst. As members of the Co-op, your input helps the executive make decisions that will impact the Co-op. You will hear the plans for a new kitchen that the Co-op desperately needs. We will also be looking for people who may be interested in joining the Board of Directors or who will be willing to join a committee during the coming year.

On May 14th the proposed lease will be presented to the Town Council during the afternoon session that begins at 2 pm. A large presence of RCC members at this meeting will be a visible reminder to Council that Ryde has a strong interest in retaining its community centre. 🌿

Roast Beef Dinner Fundraiser



Chef Larry outdid himself preparing an outstanding roast beef dinner! There was such an enthusiastic response for tickets that we sold some extras to accommodate all those who wanted to be there. Close to 60 people enjoyed their roast beef complete with

Yorkshire pudding and homemade pies for dessert. 🌿

Thanks for Your Support - Vesey's Fund Raising

Thanks to all of you for supporting this fund raising event. Over \$500 was raised for the Co-op!! There should be some beautiful new plants gracing the gardens in Ryde this summer! We have decided to run this again for the fall bulbs and plants. Information will be coming out in future editions of the Ryder. 🌿



Thank You

Thanks to Carol Barnes, who has generously donated a quilting frame to the centre. This beautiful handmade frame is available to any group who would like to organize a quilting club. As well, it will be used to display an heirloom quilt during next year's Airing of the Quilts. Stay tuned for more information. 🌿

Free Dental Care

The Ryde Co-op would like to offer free dental care through the Simcoe Muskoka Health Unit. This program is available only to qualified residents who are receiving government assistance. In order to offer the program, we would need at least 10 individuals to sign up. Please register by calling 705-687-2406. 🌿



Garden Extravaganza!

The highlight of our Garden Extravaganza Day was having Mrs. Willa Cooper along with Councilor Randy Jorgensen and Mayor Paisley Donaldson cut the ribbon to officially open our new community garden. Plots are available on a first come first serve basis to those who would like to have a space to grow veggies this summer. Please call Judy Campbell to reserve your spot and to get more information. Judy can be reached at 705-687-2406. 🌿



Upcoming Events

- ✓ Bid Euchre – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm
- ✓ Homeschoolers & Friends Group – May 9th – 10 to 3 pm
- ✓ Baking with Beckie – May 21st – 9 – noon - \$10/person – *must pre-register*
- ✓ Square Dancing Lessons – the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month – 7 – 9 pm – \$5/couple \$3/single \$6/family
- ✓ BINGO – May 9th **POSTPONED**
- ✓ Mother's Day High Tea – May 12th at 2 pm. The best Black Fly Bonnet will win a prize! **Note:** Tickets will be sold in advance at Summerland or call 705-687-5234.
- ✓ **May 14th – Please come to the Gravenhurst Council meeting and show support for the RCC.** The time is unconfirmed but the session starts at 2 pm
- ✓ Family Activity Day – May 18th – 9:30 am – Bat Box, Movie & Hot Dogs
- ✓ Ham Dinner and AGM – May 25th at 5:30 pm
- ✓ Strawberry Pancake Dinner – June 22nd at 5:30 pm

Remember to submit news items to rydernews@bell.net for the next Ryder Newsletter by May 21st

COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Holy Manger Anglican Church**
One service will be held on May 5th. Watch for an update in June.
- **Ryde Free Methodist Church**
A Family BBQ will be held on **Sat., June 8**, starting at **4:30p.m.** Our guest speaker this year is **Dean Babcock**, who with his family is currently home in Canada, raising funds to return to Malawi. The last 2 years they were there, Dean taught in their Bible School. This next commitment will be geared to teaching the people about better agricultural methods, rather than depending on the traditional maize as the staple food. The Babcocks are planning to return to Malawi as soon as the needed funds are raised.
- **Summerland General Store**
 - Don't forget to order your monthly food basket - \$20. The next order is due on May 9th and pickup is May 16th after 2 pm
 - Kawartha Dairy Ice Cream is here!
 - High Tea Ticket are available here.



Baking with Beckie

May at last! It's time to get the BBQ going and enjoy eating outdoors so this month is all about summer desserts. You can earn a credit towards your U of R diploma Baking With Beckie on May 21st. A \$10 materials fee will apply and some utensils may be required. Pre-registration is required. *Contact Beckie at 705-687-2919 or email b_k_a689@hotmail.com to sign up.* ~

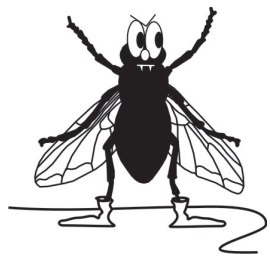
Ryde Adopts Train Station Garden

The Train Station may be sadly abandoned, but the round garden by the flagpole will bear flowers, fruits and vegetables thanks to the Co-op. As members of the Communities in Bloom committee, we can increase our profile by tending this patch, as well as support the Muskoka Food Charter by growing edibles. If you are interested in helping with this project please call Judy. The Town's Daisy Awards will be judged on July 18th this summer. As part of our Take Pride in Ryde and our 135th Anniversary celebrations, we would encourage you to beautify the front of your property. We expect a lot of extra traffic this summer as people come out to see our barn quilts. If you would consider creating a quilt-patterned garden there may be an extra prize for you! ~



Fresh Food Boxes

We are so grateful to Heather Elliot of the Municipality of Muskoka for making it possible for us to take advantage of the Food Basket program. As well, a huge thanks goes out to Carrie and Ron at the Summerland General Store, who graciously offered to host the program. We had an amazing 16 orders for the April Boxes. Don't miss out, sign up with Carrie by May 7, in order to receive your box on May 16. The cost is \$20 in advance. *Place your order at Summerland General Store.* ~



Blackfly Festival Events!

Have you marked your calendars yet?

- Unfortunately the BINGO planned for May 9th from 7- 9 has had to be **postponed**. We're hoping to be able to start this in June. The announcement will be in the next Ryder.
- May 9th & 23rd from 7- 9 pm Square Dance Lessons. A small but growing group is enjoying the evening with caller George Syvret and his wife Mary Ingleson. It isn't too late to join in this fun!

- May 18th starting at 9:30 am – Family Day Activities – This day is all about family fun! Bring your kids or grandkids and build a bat box (\$10) together. Enjoy a hot dog lunch and a movie for \$5/person.
- May 12th starting at 2 pm – Mother's Day Blackfly High Tea with Chef Larry. Wear your most creative blackfly hat – you could win the fashion contest! \$10 for adults, \$5 for child under 12 or \$3 for child's milk and cookie plate. *Tickets sold in advance at Summerland or call Jennie at 705-687-5234*
- May 21st starting at 9 pm – Baking with Beckie – \$10/person. It's BBQ time so this month we're working on summer desserts!
- May 25th starting at 5:30 pm – Our annual Ham Dinner followed by our AGM.

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