

# THE RYDER

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## FAMILY FUN DAY A SUCCESS!

We held our annual family fun day on Sat. Jan 4 2003. The day included fun and games for all ages, good food/good company and wrapped up with a giant Christmas Tree Bonfire.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to **Stephanie Walker** and her students, **Maria, Sophia** and **Mandy** for taking on the task of co-ordinating the game portion of our day. These kids did a terrific job! Also Thanks to **Josh Cameron** for providing security and being such a great "victim" for our first aid demo. We would also like to extend thanks to the Creative Pulse team for their participation in the first aid demo.

## FIT FOR HEART

If you are not already taking one of our terrific fitness classes, this is your chance to check out a class and help out the **Heart and Stroke Association**. During the **week of February 24-27**, you are invited to attend Yoga on Monday (7 pm), Aerobics on Wednesday (7 pm) or Pilates on Thursday (7 pm). For a goodwill donation to the Heart and Stroke Association, you can participate in a physical activity and test drive one or, why not all, of our fitness classes. For those already in a class, why not bring a friend out one of those nights. Who knows, they may enjoy themselves and want to sign up and work towards personal physical fitness!

## FITNESS CLASS UPDATE

Classes are going well with some terrific instructors. In April and May, we will be offering yoga during the daytime instead of the evening due to a scheduling conflict with the instructor. If you would be interested in a **daytime yoga class**, please contact **Wendy** at **687-4575** to sign up. We have also had some interest expressed in **Tai Chi** classes. If you are interested, please let us know so we can look into setting this up.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER - APRIL 4

Our Spaghetti dinner was such a success last fall, that due to requests from the community, we are offering this again on **Friday April 4<sup>th</sup>** from **5-8 pm** for a cost of **\$5.00**. Due to popular demand, dessert is available for those that wish, for an additional \$1.00. For tickets,

please contact any executive member or **Wendy/Terry** at **687-4575**. To help us plan for you to ensure there is food available for you, please purchase tickets in advance.

## COMMUNITY DROP IN

We have had some inquiries about having a **community drop in** on a regular interval. We'd put on the coffee, people can bring refreshments, games, crafts they are working on or just come prepared to hang out and chat with your community members. You could even occasionally have a guest speaker. We would need to know: 1.) If there are people who would like to participate on a committee to get this going, 2.) What day would this work for most people interested and on what interval, i.e. weekly, bi weekly etc. Please contact **Wendy** at **687-4575**.

## DOORS OPEN GRAVENHURST

Your co-op will be participating in a province wide **historical tour** on the long weekend in May (**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**). We will be participating, together with the Chamber of Commerce, in **Doors Open Gravenhurst** and assist with driving tours to historical schools and churches in the Ryde area.

We are hoping to make this a big community event complete with a mini reunion, of sorts, at the Ryde School on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**. Anyone who knows of former teachers and students, please contact them and let them know about this event.

One project we are hoping to do, and we need to start now, is to put together a video presentation by interviewing former students and teachers to share stories of their experiences in a small rural school...and we know there are many!! You do not need to appear on camera if that is a concern to you, we can certainly work around that. We are hoping for a good historical mix from the days of a student lighting the woodstove at the school, and outside washrooms, to the building of the current (and now closed school) and students from the last few years of the school prior to closing. We are also hopeful that we can also hear from people who participated in services in any of the smaller local churches to share some history.

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This is **how you can help** with this amazing project:

1. If you were a student or a teacher at any of the Ryde Schools and would like to share a story or two about your experiences in either a written form or video appearance.
2. Do you have any photos you would like to share as part of a display at the community hall (location of the reunion) as your personal display?
3. Do you have some time to spare to help with interviews?

This is a **big project** for our co-op and the more involvement we can obtain from the community, the more successful this event can be in promoting a positive image of our neighborhood and sharing our history and heritage with the rest of Ontario.

And yes, we are hopeful that we can make copies of the videos for those that wish to have a keepsake of the history of Ryde.

Please respond to **Terry/Wendy at 687-4575** or email at [twsmpilger@sympatico.ca](mailto:twsmpilger@sympatico.ca)

We will keep you updated as this project gets underway. Again, **WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN!**

## STUDENT VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

Students who require their 40 hours of **community service** for graduation (or even those who have completed their hours and want to help out their community) have a couple of opportunities as follows:

- Servers for our spaghetti dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Someone to shovel snow around the front entrance to the school on fitness class nights, if there has been snowfall
- participation in our Doors Open Gravenhurst even by helping with video taping, interviews or even on the day handing out relevant historical information regarding any of the sites or serving refreshments
- Assisting with the gardening project to beautify the grounds at the school
- minor cleaning assistance
- Kids Nights during summer months
- organization of pick up sports at the school

We have awarded over 20 hours to students so far for involvement such as property clean up days and family fun day. Perhaps you would like to volunteer your time in an area that we haven't even thought of yet! Don't wait until Grade 12 - get it over with today!

## SAFE BOATING COURSE

We will be offering the boating certification course through the Gravenhurst Power Squadron on Saturday, **May 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>** (in the mornings). If you are interested, please contact **Wendy/Terry** at

**687-4575** - space is limited and a \$20.00 non refundable deposit is required to cover the cost of program materials to be ordered in for the participants.

## CALLING ALL GARDENERS

We are hoping to participate in the Communities in Bloom Program this year and are looking for a few people who are interested in gardening who would be interested in this project. We hope to have a meeting on the Communities in Bloom Program in the near future once we have a volunteer committee in place, please call **Wendy** at **687-4575**, if you are interested in helping.

## READ A BOOK IN MARCH

In Conjunction with the Gravenhurst Library/Ryde Outpost we are running a promotional event for the month of March. For every book signed out in the month of March, your name will be entered into a draw for a special prize. Just drop by any Wednesday between 6<sup>30</sup> and 8 pm, sign out a book and enter the draw. The draw will take place at the Spaghetti Dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER PLANS/IDEAS FOR THIS YEAR!

(some not yet finalized)

- Kids night or nights at the school in the summertime to include movies, crafts and games
- Giant community garage sale 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July (CO-ORDINATOR NEEDED)
- Corn Roast 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August
- Community drop in days
- Continuation of fitness classes - how about aquatics in the summer???
- Your ideas that you would like to share

## SWIMMING LESSONS:

In the past the Town of Gravenhurst has held Swimming lessons at Bass Lake Beach and due to poor response the classes have been cancelled. If you are interested in Swimming Lessons happening this year, please call the town at **687-3412** and let them. We will let the town know that we would be willing to assist in the registration process for Ryde residents wishing to participate in the swimming programs.

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

You have recently received a copy of our business directory and some of the advertisers have indicated they have already heard from people regarding their services. These people are here in your own community to serve you. Check out the local services that we can provide you. If you did not receive a directory and would like to, please email [twsmpilger@sympatico.ca](mailto:twsmpilger@sympatico.ca) or call **687-4575** and we can send you a copy