

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Working together in a co-operative way to be one voice and one community

Coming Events

Bid Euchre May 11th & 25th from 1 pm
Ham Dinner and Annual General Meeting May 14th 5:30PM
Morgan Davis Blues Workshop and Concert May 22nd
Hatha Yoga and Yoga in a Chair May 28th
Chi Kung and Tai Chi June 5th
Strawberry Social June 25th

Be sure to check the calendar on the website for additional information and new events

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Remember to submit your news items to rydernews@bell.net for the next Ryder Newsletter by May 30th

Visit the Ryde Community Co-op Website at rydecommunityco-op.com

Ryde Centennial Free Methodist Church is holding their "Mother/Daughter Tea" **Saturday, May 14 at 12:00 noon.** Ladies are invited to hear Mrs. Jeanne Tucker, a former pastor's wife and missionary to Malawi, Africa, and currently with Social Services of the Gravenhurst Salvation Army Family Services. Please bring your choice of fancy sandwiches, light salads, and/or cookies to go with the cake and ice cream already being prepared. Those who would like to do so may wear something "frilly" - hats, blouses, skirts, and perhaps (gasp!) gloves. We're trying for an "old fashioned" look. An offering for "Help Haiti Heal" will be accepted.



The Challenge Ahead

The Ryde Community Centre will stay open for another year. Gravenhurst Council approved \$6000 in operating costs and set aside \$3000 in the rural reserve fund that may be available if needed to resolve a roof drainage problem. It is time for a sigh of relief, a celebration and a new beginning.

The Ryde Community Co-op has undertaken to keep the Town's expenditures on routine operating costs to \$6000. The Board of Directors believes this can be done with the co-operation of the Town through a combination of cost saving measures and fund raising. As a community we need to take a more active role in the stewardship of the building. We need to envision fund raising that will build on community spirit and bring in money from

Morgan Davis History of the Blues Workshop and Concert

Arleigh Lockett

Don't be disappointed!! Buy your tickets to our **Morgan Davis** fund raising events being held on May 22nd in advance. They are available at **Summerland General Store** and online at www.BrownPaperTickets.com. They will also be on sale at the **Ham Dinner on May 14th**. Tickets for the workshop (\$15) and the concert (\$20) will be available at the door the day of the events **IF** they have not sold out. The last day to purchase tickets for the Full Package (\$45) -- workshop, pizza party and concert is Friday, May 20th. ❖

Late breaking news – Ryde's own Gladys Pentland will be entertaining as part of our "open stage" between the workshop and concert

Spring Yoga Workshops

Arleigh Lockett

Our April yoga workshop was so popular that we have invited the same instructor back to lead the May 28th workshop. Here is what Teal Shirk-Lockett had to say about the Hatha Yoga workshop:

Jasmine's yoga session was wonderful! I enjoyed her humor through her calm tone and that she was able to address each person's ability and need. I'm glad we're able to bring her back - great way to build interest in the community center!

And Carol Barr posted this note on Jasmine's Active Turtle Muskoka Facebook page:

Hi Jasmine .. would like to say how much I enjoyed the "Yoga in a Chair" workshop at Ryde - thanks for your gentle approach!

Janet Merkley said:

Yoga at Ryde was wonderful. A great teacher with a variety of poses with concentrated breathing. A class that would

Arleigh Lockett

outside the community because we are offering something of interest and value. At the same time, we want to continue our tradition of providing community activities that are affordable and fun.

Let's celebrate together at the **Ham Dinner** (with vegetarian option) on **May 14th** and brainstorm solutions at the **Annual General Meeting** that follows. We had a great turn out at the Pot Luck Supper and the Town Council meeting in March. We need to carry that kind of enthusiasm into the AGM on May 14th, if we are going to have a community centre in the former Ryde Public School for years to come. ❖

Annual General Meeting and Ham Dinner
Saturday May 14th, 5:30PM

JUNO AWARD WINNER
morgan DAVIS
LIVE

APPEARING:
Sunday May 22, 2011
Ryde Community Centre
2:00 PM History of the Blues Workshop - \$15
7:00 PM Concert - \$20
 Full package:
 Workshop, pizza party & concert - \$45
 For more info call
 Arleigh: 705 687-3597

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fit anyone including beginners. We were very lucky to have this opportunity and hopefully classes will continue.

Whether you've ever done yoga or not, you are welcome join us on May 28th. The Hatha (traditional) Yoga workshop will be from 10:00 am until 11:45 am, class fee \$15.00. Yoga in a Chair will be from 12 noon until 12:45 pm, class fee \$8.00. Contact Arleigh Lockett 705-687-3597 or email: arleigh@luckettfamily.net to register. ❖

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Snowcrest Riders Snowmobile Club

John Dove

The Snowcrest Riders will be holding a golf tournament on June 17th to raise money to help maintain the trails in our area. Help is needed with the tournament. Can you offer to sponsor a golf hole (\$200) or donate a prize for our prize table? Would you like to play in the tournament? You can register at our website: www.snowcrestriders.com. The cost for the day is \$125.00 which includes a light lunch, 18 holes of golf, golf cart and steak dinner. Some

great prizes are being offered including a snowmobile and a golf vacation! The tournament will be held at the Lake St. George Golf Club beginning at 1 pm on June 17th.



For Information: Contact John Dove at 705-687-9341 ❖

RCC Library Update

Barb Taylor

Frequently you will see Brenda Cooper's silver Jeep at the RCC. She is busy with cleaning, organizing library books or moving bookshelves in and musty books out. Occasionally you might see "helpers" who come to lift and lug the large things and help with the "dump runs". Also, Brenda is often moving library items back and forth to the Summerland General Store, where they have provided us bookshelf space for our library. There is a major restocking and rotating of book selections at the beginning of every month at Summerland. Both locations have a good selection of children's books.

Carrie – you are both good 'Friends of Ryde'!

We do hope to have some regular Library times available at the Community Centre soon ... and maybe a "Story Time" for the younger ones. In the meantime, please make a note to browse the shelves and borrow a book(s) at the next Community Dinner or during the times when the Community Centre is open for other events.

Summerland not only provides Ryde residents with access to books from the Community Centre, they also house the Ryde Co-op Community Access Program (CAP) computers that are there for residents to use for a very modest fee. New computer hardware courtesy of the Industry Canada CAP has recently been installed by Randy Jorgensen who maintains the computers. Thank you to owners Ron and

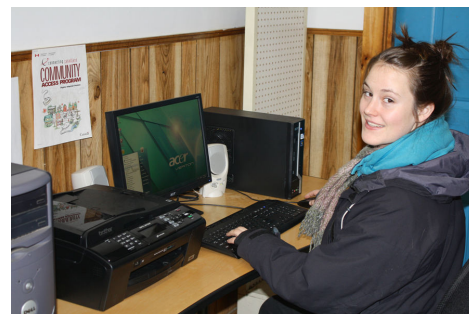
Thank you very much to those individuals in our community who have donated books and magazines. They are very much appreciated. And as well, thank you very much to the Gravenhurst Public Library who gave us many boxes of books.

Because of the generosity of people donating books, we are rapidly running out of shelf space! If you have bookcases in good condition and would consider donating them to the RCC Library, please call Brenda Cooper at 705-687-1272 to make arrangements. ❖

Needle Felting Workshop

Jennie Nice

Eight participants enjoyed the afternoon needle felting workshop led by Tonya Meadows on April 9th at the Ryde Community Centre. Each person created their own art piece. At the conclusion of the workshop we discovered that everyone had done something unique. In addition to their artistic endeavors, the group enjoyed tea and the opportunity to chat with one another.



Emily Curtis taking advantage of the Ryde Co-op CAP computers housed at Summerland

Tonya has such a pleasant and encouraging way of teaching that all agreed that another workshop should take place. A fall workshop was suggested and interest was expressed in

having Tonya teach us how to make traditional mohair Teddy Bears. Watch for information about this workshop in the September Ryder. ❖

Chi Kung and Tai Chi

Janet Wilcox

Tai Chi classes are beginning on Sunday, June 5th from 10:00 am until 11:00. The class will begin with therapeutic Chi Kung followed by the simplified 24 form tai chi chuan which will help you improve your:

- ☉ Joint mobility
- ☉ Balance
- ☉ Mental Focus
- ☉ Flexibility
- ☉ Stamina

Registration for the classes will be done at the Ryde Community Centre on a first-come first-served basis just prior to the first class on June 5th. For more information about the classes, please contact Janet Wilcox at stardateprojects@gmail.com. ❖

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You'll discover a true getaway at this large KOA: 885 acres flush with hardwoods, pines and granite outcroppings. Fish for trout in the stocked pond. Rent canoes and rowboats for the campground's small lake or take them to area lakes for the day. KOA staff occupies kids with crafts, hikes and other fun twice a week. Adults can lounge by the pool or play the on-site par-3 golf course.

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