

The Ryder

Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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Dates to mark on your Calendar:

- **Mon Oct 3 & Nov 7:** BYO Craft. First Monday monthly, 9am - 3pm
- **Thurs Oct 13 & Oct 27:** Scrapbooking - every other Thurs @ 7 pm
- **Thurs Oct 20:** Jewellery Workshop
- **Sat Oct 22:** GRAND OPENING of our new CAP site
Events take place at the Community Centre, 1624 Barkway Rd

CAP Site Youth Initiative Position Available

We are looking for a person aged 15 -30 to take on the job of Coordinating our CAP site. This is a paid position. Hours will be flexible, mostly evenings and some weekends. We have funding to carry us into February at this time. Hours negotiable.

Duties will include being the on-site person during the evening hours, co-ordinating volunteers for daytime operation of the site, giving Internet and basic computer instruction as required.

Please prepare a resume and your thoughts on how you would approach this project and contact Randy Jorgensen ASAP at 687-9038.

High Speed Wireless Internet Arrives!

The new tower on the roof of the Community Centre is our link to the world of **High-speed Internet!**

Our **Community Access Program (CAP)** site is now operational and available for use. We are finalizing the hours of operation, but we are hoping, through the use of volunteers, to have our CAP site open for both regular daytime as well as some evening hours.

We have two computers available, including a brand new one. You can surf the web for information on a wealth of topics; correspond via email with people anywhere in the world; download programs and updates for use on your own computer, and use Microsoft Office to write up your school report. If you have your own laptop with wireless networking, you can use it onsite as well.

Mike Caslin, of Wit's End Bed & Breakfast, needed a large driver file to set up his printer with his new Mac computer. He was thrilled to find that he could download the driver in about 6 minutes; it would have taken a number of hours at home on his dial-up connection.

We will be charging a small fee to help with the building costs. For just \$10 per person annually (\$5 for Co-op members, family rate available)

you can make use of this great facility for a year. If you prefer, you can also pay \$1 per half hour to use the site.

We will also be providing one-on-one assistance for those of you wanting to learn how to use the Internet. Group instruction will be offered from time to time. So don't be afraid... give it a try!

All this has been made possible with generous support from Industry Canada, who has supplied the funding for the computers, the new desks and chairs, and the costs of the tower and equipment.



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provider, is generously providing our monthly service at no cost. Phyllis Winnington-Ingram of Muskoka Community Co-ops has pulled this all together on our behalf. A great big thanks to all involved.

We will be hosting a **GRAND OPENING** of our new CAP site on **Saturday October 22nd** from 9am until 4pm. Come check it out!

In the meantime, to book a session at the CAP site, or to volunteer to help keep the site open (no experience necessary: we will train you) please call Randy Jorgensen at 687-9038.❖

Celebrations

65 years ago, **Carl Break** and **Iva Goheen** were married on September 7, 1940 at the Goheen family



homestead, Housey's Rapids. The community congratulates them on achieving this milestone, and wishes them many more happy years together.

Ivan and Louise Speicher of Ryde Lake recently celebrated their 40th year together. Congratulations to them as well!❖



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Some Ryde History

Snippets from the pamphlet "History of Ryde Township", written by Robert J. Boyer and published by Ryde Centennial Committee, 1979.

The Housey's Rapids Bridge

The first bridge crossing the stream at Housey's Rapids was erected in 1878. A new bridge replaced it in 1907, of 81 foot length, steel and concrete. This structure was in regular use for 51 years, though the Township finally had placed a five-ton limit on vehicles crossing it. It was a tractor trailer loaded with 3,000 sheets of plywood for a total weight of 29 tons which brought an end to this bridge in September, 1958.

There was a walkway built across the stream but vehicle traffic had to go around, 12 miles, with the bridge gone. The present stronger bridge was officially opened on July 23rd, 1960. Plans had been made for completion of the bridge the previous year but this was held up by a steel strike. The bridge was constructed at a cost of \$56,000, of which the province paid 80 percent and the insurance company of the shipper made a sizeable contribution. The day of the opening was made a special occasion. The Kahshe Lake Cottagers' Association put on a decorated boats parade and helped in the program. To open the bridge, Honorable Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, M.P.P. Ontario, and R. J. Boyer, M.P.P. Muskoka, cut the ribbon.

Monthly Workshops: All these events take place at the Community Centre, 1624 Barkway Rd, and you are invited to take part. Register with **Jane Braden** at **684-9482** no less than one week in advance of each workshop.

- **Woven Copper & Birch Bark Jewellery Workshop** October 20, 2005 9am to 12pm. Taught by Carolyn Houlden. Get an early start on your Christmas list. Make one in class and take materials home to make two more. Materials supplied. You will be required to bring some equipment. The cost is \$27.00, pot-luck lunch to follow.
- **Painting Watercolour Christmas Card of a Local Scene** November 17, 2005 9am to 12pm. Taught by Nancy Hunter, a full-time artist/teacher who makes painting fun and easy. Suitable for beginner, novice and advanced levels. All materials supplied. The cost is \$22.00 and is followed by a pot-luck lunch.
- **Simple and Elegant** December 15, 2005 9am to 1pm. Just in time for holiday gatherings, join Chef Ruth Wagg and learn to make some simple and elegant appetizers and finger foods. Included are: stuffed mushrooms, zesty crab canapés, spanakopita tuxedo strawberries, quick-and-easy truffles and more. Then sample your creations for lunch. Cost per person \$25. All ingredients and take-home recipes provided.

Get Crafty: How would you like to spend some time working on your hobby or crafts, and at the same time chit-chatting with your neighbours? **Jane Braden (684-9482)** invites you to bring your materials to the Community Centre on the first Monday of each month any time between 9am and 3pm. Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5.

Yoga Classes at Ryde: Because we have been unable to find a yoga instructor, yoga will continue under a new format. We will continue to get together on Monday nights, and participants will take turns leading the exercises. Join us at the Community Centre on Monday nights starting October 17th from 6:30pm to 8pm. The cost will be \$2 per person per session, to help defray costs of using the building.

Scrapbooking: Meet the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** at 7pm at the Community Centre. Bring your photos, ideas, etc and enhance your current techniques and learn a couple of new ways of doing things. No scrapbooking experience required to participate ... just an interest. We're hoping develop a community scrapbook with photos as a community project. All ages and experience levels welcome. Call **687-4575** for more information or **Sherrie** at **687-5995**.

CAP Site Grand Opening & Computer Workshop Day: Join us on **Saturday October 22nd** as we celebrate the **Grand Opening** of our new improved hi-speed CAP site. Come by and check out the computers and the Internet. Phyllis Winington-Ingram will be offering sessions on the following:
10am - 11:30 Searching with Google. Learn about Googling... Google your name and see what happens!
1pm - 2:30pm Are you getting the most from Outlook? Microsoft Outlook is a powerful program; come see what it can do for you.
3pm - 4pm How to create and distribute a form using Microsoft Word
Admission and refreshments will be by donation. Be part of the excitement... No experience required!

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Your hosts: Clarence & Wanda Speicher. **Location:** 1051 Westview Subdivision Rd. For more info, phone 687-6084 or email cws@encode.com