

Although the Rankin Centre is not open at this time due to COVID-19 we are optimistic that things will get better. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

THANK YOU

Although the Centre was not open this summer, the grounds were kept neat and tidy, thanks to the volunteers who looked after cutting the grass, Sam Dillabough, Lorenz Kelo, Josh Verch, Ralph Verch and Wilmer Verch, (and the two people who did it without us knowing who they were). Thank you all so much! Also, a big thank you to Ethel Keuhl for again suppling the two plants that graced our front entrance.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PLAN AHEAD

We are proud to be a part of the Delta Gaming Centre. Even though the hall is not open for regular bingo it is open for the Tap Tic games and we still get a share of the profits from these events. We rely on these proceeds to continue helping our Community and paying our bills at the Centre. At this time the Gaming Centre is doing renovations to enlarge the Tap Tic area and include a bar area, but because of Covid19 they are having trouble getting materials and it is taking longer to finish, but they are confident that when the time comes to be able to open the Hall all will be ready to go. When the Gaming Centre can once again be open, we will need people to work at some of the bingos. If this is something you are interested in, please call Muriel (613-735-0224) to let her know and when it is time, you will be called so you can be trained. Our shift only comes up twice a month.

Also, when we can open for rentals at the Rankin Centre, we will need people to work the bar. You will need to have your smart serve for this, but this can be done online now. Rentals with a bar is our main revenue that keeps the Centre open. We need people to help us with this so please if you can help call Muriel to let her know.

WINTER CARNIVAL

We know we will not be able to hold our Annual Winter Carnival as we once knew it, but we are optimistic that we will be able to hold a Carnival

with a new look and way. Perhaps we can hold some things online and perhaps some things without contact at the Centre. We are looking for someone to head the Carnival and people to help. Maybe we can take it in a new direction and maybe we can think outside the box. The Carnival will be the second weekend in February 2021, (Feb. 12-14). Carnival buttons are ready to sell, and we have a few other ideas as well. The monies raised at the Carnival have been used to pay our fixed bills for the next year, so this is an especially important fundraiser for us. If you can help please call one of the executive members, Josh (613-585-6770, Muriel (613-735-0224 or Dawnalda and Sam (613-639-4232).

CARNIVAL BUTTONS

A big thank you to Lorenz & Helen Kelo who have made the carnival buttons again this year. They are ready and now we need your help to sell them. We have included buttons with some of the newsletters, if you did not receive any and could help sell them, please call Lorenz (613-735-0204). The buttons are packaged in bags of 10, if you can sell more than 10 please ask for more and we will get them to you. Buttons sell for \$2.00 each and there are 3 cash prizes to be won (\$200.00, \$100.00 and & \$75.00.) The draw will be held on February 13, 2021. The winning numbers will be on our website as well as on our Facebook page. With COVID-19 this year we know you may not get out to sell, so we are suggesting that they make good Christmas gifts and perhaps you could give them to friends, neighbours and colleagues, or buy them yourselves. We need to have the money and any unsold buttons back by Jan. 29, 2021 to get all the numbers in the bin.



The RCRC is proud to be part of the charitable community program through Delta Bingo Gaming Centre in Pembroke.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Because we got our share of proceeds from Delta Bingo Centre to help pay for some of our regular expenses, like gas for grass cutting, heating, WiFi, telephone, etc. we were able to honour our commitment to giving two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school students from local schools. We congratulate Jana Lau from Fellowes High School and Jocelyn Smaglinski from Opeongo High School.

SANTA COMES TO RANKIN – DEC 18th

The Rankin Fire Station will not be hosting the Santa Party this year due to COVID-19, but Santa has agreed to bring treat bags to hand out at the Rankin Centre. We will have a drive thru meet Santa. You do not get out of your car just drive up to the front door (please wear a mask) and Santa will hand you your treat bag. If you haven't already mailed your letter to Santa bring it along and we will collect it from you and Santa can take it back with him to the North Pole. The time is 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday. December 18, 2020.

ICE

I think winter is here to stay. We certainly hope we will be having ice at the Centre. When it will be ready will depend entirely on the weather and on COVID-19 regulations. We will let you know via our website and face book when it is ready. Should we get lucky and be allowed to open the lobby we will use the same worker list as last year for the canteen. If you are on the work list and for some reason will not be able to do it this year let Muriel know. We could also use more people for the spare list.

PUT YOUR THINKING CAPS ON

As you can imagine this is a difficult time financial for the Centre, so if you could think of a fund raiser you could organize, or ways you could help us out let us know, we need you all.

SYMPATHY

Since our last newsletter in March We have lost many of our neighbours and friends. We extend our deepest sympathy to the following on their loss and pray that God will give you comfort at this difficult time and in the days ahead.

Eileen Hoffman, (children) Shelley and Paula (Mark), brothers and sisters, Vi Keuhl (Allan),

Freddy (Lorna), Bobby (Joyce), Sandra Marquardt (Bob) and Rick and their families on the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother Daniel Hoffman, on March 3, 2020.

Cathy (Earl) Doering, Kevin Nagora (Judy Zandstra), Barbara (Peter) Witt, Barry (Janice) Nagora, Bradley Biesenthal, Donna (Keith) Dament and Mary (John) Ryan, on the loss of a loving Grandmother, Mabel Biesenthal on March 15, 2020.

Crystal Sauk (Melanie Beaulne), Andrea Pedro (Nick), Anthony and Elena Pedro on the loss of a loving father and grandfather, Tony Sauk on March 19, 2020. Also to brother Peter Sauk (Pauline) and sister-in-law, Marlyn Sauk.

Vi Keuhl, and children Karen Prince (Robert), Donna Cybulski (Allan) and Debbie Grant (David) and their families on the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Allan Keuhl, on April 4, 2020.

Sandra Hoffman (Terry), Kevin Rutz (Jean), Sheila Slattery (Ted), Heather Quenneville (Maurice) and Darryl Rutz (Jenine) and their families on the loss of their loving father, Willis Rutz, on May 26, 2020

Eldine Crigger and children Roxanne St. Michael (Jason), Lauri Ann Allen (Jeff), Gwen Gervais (Roy) and Darrell Crigger (Tracey) and their families on the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Also to brother Mervin Crigger and sisters Judy Popkie and Marion Schison (Dave).

Robert Wright ((Eleanor), Linda Sutton (Sam) and Burton Wright and their families on the loss of a loving mother Lillian Wright, on Aug. 14, 2020.

Ruth Van Beek and children Charles (Melissa), Edward (Sonya) and Michael (Kaylie) Van Beek and grandchildren Cole and Jaxson on the loss of a loving husband, father, and grandfather, on Sept. 10, 2020.

Miranda (Doering) and Trevor Schroeder on the loss of their beloved infant son, Carson Schroeder on Oct. 6, 2020.

Murray Reckzin (Serina Gardner) on the loss of a beloved mother, Margaret Reckzin, on Oct. 11, 2020.

Heather Barry and her daughter Kira Barry on the loss of a loving mother and grandmother, Edna Hoffman, on Nov. 7, 2020. Also to sister, Margaret Sell.

Ruth Hisko, Kellie (Gerry Benoit), Daniel and Liam on the loss of a loving husband, Father, and grandfather. Darwin Hisko, Nov. 16, 2020.

Larry Grahl, Betty Leach (Ed Drotar) and Carey Grahl (Cathy) and their families on the loss of a loved mother, grandmother. and great grandchildren, on Nov. 24, 2020.

Debbie Grant (David), Donna Cybulski (Allan) and Karen Prince (Robert) and their families on loss of a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, Vi Keuhl, on Nov. 25, 2020.

Ordella Davidson, and children Jamie, Shawn, Christopher Davidson and Cathy Byrnes and their families on the loss of a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather on Nov. 29, 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS

We send congratulations to the following people:

Tim Wallen and Kaitlyn (Nagora) on the birth of their first child, a son Felix Robert on May 10, 2020.

Herman and Skylar Buecket on the birth of their son, Owen on May 10, 2020. A brother for Kade.

Jacob and Hilary (Melcher) Pincivero on the birth of their son, Enzo Jacob on May 31, 2020. A brother for Leo.

Brandon and Marie Doering on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Elaine on June 29, 2020.

Nick and Heather Hoffman on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Violet Dawn on June 29, 2020.

Steve and Jennifer (Grant) Mitchell on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Mariah Danielle

Debbie on July 9, 2020.

Glynn and Ashley (Verch) McNary on the birth of their daughter Morgan Faith on Aug. 13, 2020. A sister for Harper.

WANT TO HELP OUT?

We know that we have a lot of people in the area who are crafty. We are thinking about holding an auction online sometime over Carnival weekend. If you could donate an item to us to use, we would appreciate it. Now if you're not crafty you could purchase something you think would sell and donate it. This would certainly be a bit of a fund raiser to help out your Community Centre. If you can donate call Muriel. (613-735-0224)

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY 2021

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Please take care of each other and stay safe.

- The Executive