

HALLOWEEN DRIVE-THRU

We handed out 19 treat bags at our drive thru. We had certainly planned for more, but we were delighted with those that came, and some were dressed up. We want to thank Rob and Chelsea Painchaud, and Ralph Verch who dressed up in their emoji costumes, and Josh Verch who came as a miner to hand out the treat bags. We also want to thank Delta Bingo for their financial support in helping us supply the treats. An enjoyable evening for the workers as well as the people who came out for the treats.

DELTA BINGO

Thank you to all who let their names stand for volunteering at Bingo Country. We are now allowed back to working on a smaller scale and this means we are able to get a share of the profits. This is a great bonus for us and helps us to supply programs for events at the Centre. I will be emailing dates that are open for working and please try to take your share of times to work. If you sign up for a time slot it means I have less calling to try and find someone.

**ICE**

Josh Verch has agreed to look after making and maintaining the ice surface again this year. When it will be ready will depend on the weather of course; watch our Facebook for details or call Josh (613-732-7145). Want to help give Josh a call.

BARTENDERS

As mentioned in the last newsletter, as we get closer to opening up to rentals, we will need people to work the bar. You must be 19 years of age and have your smart serve license (if you don't have one you can get certified by applying on-line). At this time we also have to check for Covid-19 vaccinations so we need someone to do this. The more people we have certified means that the same people don't have to work so much. If you need more information call Muriel (613-735-0224).

MEMBERSHIPS

It is time to buy your membership for 2022. You can do so by mailing a cheque to the RCRC, 20 Rankin Rink Road, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W4 or by contacting membership chairperson, Cathy Grahl, (613-735-3381) or giving it to any executive member. Family memberships are \$20.00 and single memberships (18 and over) are \$10.00 each. We know we have many new people in our area and if you wish more information about a membership just give Cathy a call. This would make a great Christmas gift as well.

TOY BUS

The EarlyOn Toy Bus program will be returning to Rankin in January. See the attached ad regarding this.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND SENIORS

The Rankin Centre has made arrangements with Santa to come to Rankin on Saturday, Dec. 18th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Santa told us that due to Covid-19 it would be a drive thru so you won't get out of your car. (Please wear your mask as you roll down your window). You can bring him your letter if you haven't already mailed it and he will take it back to the North Pole and give it to Mrs. Claus who gets everything organized for him. This year Santa said he will bring a treat bag for the seniors as well since they still can't get together. Oh and if they want to write him a letter that would be fine he would be happy to get it as well. So mark the date on your calendar and see you at the Rankin Centre.

WINTER IN-DOOR WALKING

Annette deHaan has agreed to open up the Centre and look after the walking program. It will begin on Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The time is 9:00am - 10:00am. It will continue on a weekly basis. You must be double vaccinated and wear a mask to attend. Please bring indoor shoes. This is free to all and a great way to get some exercise.

WINTER CARNIVAL

In the last newsletter we asked if there was someone who would step up and look after planning our annual carnival. Sorry to say I have received no calls and time is running out. We would certainly be able to help out by supplying notes on what has been done in earlier years, and answering questions and helping as much as we can. This is our main fundraising for the running of the Centre throughout the year, so it is a very important event. We don't know how things will have to be run (because of Covid-19) come February, but we have started a few events. We have the carnival buttons ready, and we have someone who will run the on-line auction so that is a start. But I am sure we could come up with more ideas on what we could do if it has to be virtual or half and half. This has always been a fun weekend for the surrounding area and beyond, and Rankin has been known for the great Carnival it has put on. Please take the time to consider how and what you can do.

CARNIVAL BUTTONS

Lorenz & Helen Kelo have again put a lot of time into making our carnival buttons 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) or Muriel (613-735-0224). 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 are required if we have events. There are 3 prizes to be won (\$200.00, \$100.00 and \$75.00 cash). The draw will be held on carnival weekend, Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022. The winning numbers will be on our website as well as on our Facebook page. We know because of COVID-19 you may not be out and about, 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. This is an easy and painless way for you to help out the Rankin Centre. We need to have the money and any unsold buttons back by Feb. 1, 2022 to get all the numbers in the bin.

ON-LINE AUCTION

As was mentioned we have someone who will organize an on-line auction in conjunction with our carnival. But we need prizes to auction, maybe you are crafty and would like to make something, or just purchase something to donate for it. Please call Muriel (613-735-0224) or drop it off at her place. We held our auction last year on-line for the first time and it proved to be very successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On March 10, 2020 we held a public meeting on the future path for the Rankin Centre. At that meeting we had a number of people tell us that they would like to help out, and then COVID-19 hit and stopped us in our tracks. Because of all this the present executive is holding the fort, so to speak. But as we indicated we just can't do it unless more people step up to the plate. We have had nearly 2 years with very little income and many expenses, so our nest egg is going down. Volunteers are needed to continue, so please if your Centre is important to you then let us know where you can help and we will find a place for you.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

We will hold our first meeting of the New Year on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022. After this the meetings will be the first Wednesday of every month starting in February. We are inviting you to come out and keep up to date with what is going on and learn how you can take part in organizing what you feel will improve and promote your Centre. It takes a community to run a Centre and we need your ideas and help.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY 2022

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

- The Executive



TOY BUS IS BACK!

**RANKIN CULTURE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
20 RANKIN RINK ROAD**

The EarlyON Toy Bus program will be returning to the Rankin Community Centre in January!

The Toy Bus is a FREE mobile EarlyON Child and Family Centre serving rural communities from Beachburg to Whitney. It is a place for children aged 0-6 years and their parents and caregivers to take part in Play and Learn drop-in programs and activities together.

**FRIDAY MORNING STARTING JANUARY 14, 2022
10:00 TO 11:30A.M.**

For more information, give us a call at 613-757-3108 or visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ToyBusPlayAndLearnGroups>

