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**REGISTER FOR THE**  
**SCHUMACHER**  
**HOMECOMING**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**MAY 16 TO 18, 2014**



Registration is now open for the 2014 Schumacher Homecoming celebration set for the long weekend in May.

This fun filled and memorable event is open to anyone who lives or lived in Schumacher and who has a connection to the community. For more info and to register visit:

[www.schumacher-town.ca](http://www.schumacher-town.ca)

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# THANKS TO HEATHER (CAMPBELL) SWIETEK & A FOND MEMORY OF GRAMMA BUCCHAR

I am happy to be the guest editor for this edition of The Spirit of Schumacher. I'd like to start this off by thanking Heather (Campbell) Swietek for her work as editor of the newsletter since its inception. Heather will no longer fulfill this role as she has decided to pursue other projects, including spending lots of time with her new grandson! Congratulations, Heather.

We have all enjoyed your articles, memories, and expertise. You have helped make The Spirit of Schumacher newsletter a publication Schumacher residents and supporters look forward to every few months.

The search is now on for someone to fill Heather's shoes, but in the meantime, I am pleased to fill in. As a recent graduate of St Thomas University's Journalism program, I've been fortunate to be able to turn my love of writing and storytelling (developed in the pages of this newsletter and in Schumacher!) into a career. I have also been directing and filming the Schumacher Lives documentary film project with Lloyd Salomone for two years, and have recently been hired by CBC New Brunswick as a video journalist.

Given my age and personal experiences growing up in Schumacher over the last 20+ years, I see Schumacher from a different perspective than Heather, Lloyd, and some of our other contributors like Wally Wiwchar, whose memories and stories are always authentic and entertaining. So here is one of my favourite Schumacher memories.

My grandmother, Audrey Buchar is the backbone and matriarch of my mother's side of the family. She moved to Schumacher as a young bride to Stan Buchar (former owner of the Grandview Hotel) and became an honorary Schumacher girl. By the time I was born, Gramma had been living in the house of Fifth Avenue for decades. Her three children were grown up, my grandfather had passed several years earlier, but



her house was as hectic as ever with my siblings and cousins as constant visitors.

It wasn't a big house, and it could get crowded in the winter so the kids were often shooed outside to play on "the Buchar hill". We stored our toboggans, crazy carpets, and GT Racers at Gramma's house, so we didn't mind being left to our own devices.

One day in February when I was about 10 years old, my sister Brianna and I were sliding in the late afternoon. It was a beautiful Schumacher day: crisp, cold, and quiet. We were going to sleep over at Gramma's house that night. She was supposed to be inside, cleaning up from dinner. Little did we know she had been watching from her kitchen window and wanted to join in on the fun!

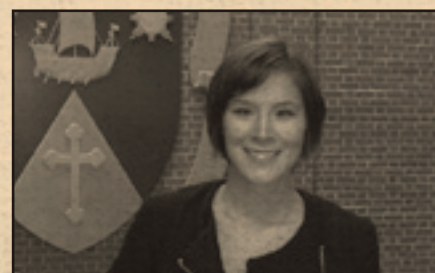
As we slid down the hill, my sister and I on the old wooden toboggan, we saw a figure emerge from Gramma's porch. We thought at first it was one of our friends - Kayla and Andrea Cyr who lived a few doors down. But no...that tiny figure bundled up in the old snowsuit was Gramma! Despite being in her seventies by that time, she was coming out to slide with us.

And not only did she join in - she became the ring leader! Shaking off

our offers of crazy carpets and the more traditional toboggan, she went straight for the GT Racer and sped down the hill. We played for another hour before the sun went down. It was a simple, silly day, but it's a memory never too far from my mind - especially as I sit here, writing in my Fredericton living room, with Schumacher and Gramma so very far away - yet so close as a fond memory.

**What are some of your favourite Schumacher memories? I would love to hear them.**

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**Bridget Yard,  
SOS Interim Editor**



## EDITOR SOUGHT FOR — SPIRIT OF — SCHUMACHER NEWSLETTER

SACHA (Schumacher Arts, Culture & Heritage Association) is looking for a person to oversee the editing of the Spirit of Schumacher newsletter. The editor will be a volunteer who is responsible for publishing an engaging quarterly newsletter that will inform the people living in Schumacher and beyond, about their community – past, present and future.

The editor will report directly to a “newsletter committee,” who in turn reports to the SACHA Board of Directors. The SOS newsletter editor must have a strong connection to the town of Schumacher - its history and people – either by living in the community and/or maintaining strong ties and a close association with it.

The person selected will need to have writing and editing experience and be able to work in association with the newsletter committee, volunteer contributing writers, graphic designer, printer, and advertisers, to undertake the following responsibilities in a timely manner:

- generate ideas for newsletter content and advertising
- commission articles and ensure their delivery by volunteer contributing writers
- promote the newsletter to potential advertisers and secure ads
- edit articles (and re-write if necessary)
- oversee layout and content of articles and advertising
- establish newsletter budgets, advertising rates and maintain financial viability

If you want to make a difference in the community of Schumacher and are up for a volunteer challenge, **please email** a cover letter telling us why you would make a good SOS editor, along with your resume by March 21, 2014, to:

**ATTN: SOS Newsletter Committee at:  
info@spiritofschumacher.ca**

## MEMORIES OF SCHUMACHER

With the Schumacher Homecoming celebration just around the corner – the long weekend in May – here are a few photos and memories of past reunions. So register now and make new memories of Schumacher.



# REMEMBERING JJ'S RANCH AT THE SCHUMACHER HOTEL

In January 2014, members of the Dupuis family announced that they will be closing JJ's Ranch in the Schumacher Hotel.

"After 28 years in business, JJ's Ranch in Schumacher known for hosting community events, fundraisers, local tributes, live entertainment and karaoke nights just to name a few - will be closing its doors.

Our future plans will include spending more time together taking care of each other, to rest, and to get ready for pursuing other interests with our forthcoming goals.

We feel as a family that we have accomplished our goals set so many years ago, and we would like to move on to other avenues of success in our future with health and happiness doing the things we love - music, traveling and time together. It's just our nature!

We have grown individually and as a family, we have made many friends, and we have our JJ's Ranch family to thank.

On behalf of Anne, Gerry, JJ and Leslie-Anne Dupuis; we would like to thank everyone in our community and surrounding areas for your patronage over the years. You've made these past 28 years successful and memorable.'



**SACHA would like to thank the Dupuis family for many years of service to the people and community of Schumacher.**

**We hope these photo will help keep the memories of JJ's Ranch and the Schumacher Hotel alive!**



# STARTING A FAMILY BUSINESS IN SCHUMACHER

## PART TWO

There was a time when Schumacher had over 40 local businesses serving a community of 3,000 people. But since the 1970's - centralization, amalgamation and globalization have negatively impacted many local businesses, resulting in numerous closures over the last 40 years.

But in some communities this trend is being reversed, with small family owned businesses popping up on main streets everywhere across the country – helping to revitalize and stabilize downtown areas. Locally owned family enterprises are at the social, political and economic centre of any town. The people who own family businesses live, work, play and volunteer in the community where they operate. They provide valuable products and services to residents and visitors, and they give back to their community.

So there are many good reasons to establish a visitor and tourist hub in Schumacher. If there are enough unique family retail enterprises – like a bakery, meat shop, cafe, restaurants, bed & breakfasts, hotels, gift shops, ethnic food stores, etc. – that can tap into existing and new tourism activities and infrastructure around Schumacher (i.e. The McIntyre Community Centre, Timmins Sports Heritage Hall of Fame, McIntyre Park, Miner's Memorial, Lions Club – Goldcorp entertainment pavillion, Mac Headframe & Pearl Lake, etc.),

then the downtown will come back to life. If this were to happen, the quality of life for the residents of Schumacher and greater Timmins would significantly improve.

For anyone considering opening a family business in Schumacher, the first place to start is the Business Enterprise Centre (BEC). The Timmins BEC is a member of the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs (ONE), which focuses on providing support to start-up and existing small and medium sized enterprises.

The centre promotes entrepreneurship at all levels, and delivers programs and training designed to help entrepreneurs succeed. Through the BEC, entrepreneurs are provided with easy access to business consulting service and information covering many of the different disciplines in operating a small to medium sized business, such as management, marketing, business registrations, technology and financing.

BEC services are designed to create an entrepreneurial culture, with a goal of producing new employment in the region. Free bilingual services provided at the Timmins BEC include:

- On on one business consultations
- Administration of Summer Company Program
- Delivery and support of Canada



Timmins Economic  
Development Corporation

Corporation du développement  
économique de Timmins

Youth Business Foundation

- Business workshops, programs and seminars
- Business referrals to professionals
- Linkages to business related organizations and contacts
- Business plan reviews
- Financial planning and information

The BEC is hosted by the Timmins Economic Development Corporation, and is funded by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, the Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment and the Ministry of Research and Innovation.

The Timmins BEC is located at 12 Elm Street North, and Brenda Camirand, Director of Business Development at TEDC, can assist with questions you may have. She can be reached at 705-360-2657 or via email at [bec@timmins.ca](mailto:bec@timmins.ca)

**Brenda Camirand,**  
*Director of Business  
Development*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## MARCH TO JUNE 2014

*SCHUMACHER, ONTARIO - THE MEETING PLACE!*

### February 28

**Pizza Day, Scholastic Book Fair, School Assembly Grandfather Teachings @ Schumacher Public School**

### February 28 - March 2

**NOHA Hockey Tournament @ The Mac**

### March 8 - 9

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Loppet** 10km, 17km, 23km, 46 km challenge @ Porcupine Ski Runners

### March 21 - 23

**Great Northern Mining Classics @ The Mac, Canadian Institute of Mining**

### March 28 - 31

**Fisherman/Ladies Bonspiel @ McIntyre Curling Club**

### April 10 - 13

**2014 Midget "A" All Ontario Hockey Federation Championship @ The Mac, Hosted by Schumacher Cubs**

### April 14 - 26

**Trade Show @ The Mac, Prospectors & Developers Association**

### April 15 - 16

**Conference @ The Mac, Northeastern Ontario Public Works Association**

### April 26 & 27

**The Sportsman Show @ The Mac, Schumacher Lions Club**

### May 2 - 4

**Home Show @ The Mac, Timmins Construction Association**

### May 7 - 9

**Ontario Mine Rescue Competition @ The Mac**

### May 22

**Nova Awards @ The Mac, Timmins Chamber of Commerce**

### May 28 & 29

**Northern Mining Expo @ The Mac, Canadian Trade-Ex**

### June 16 - 18

**Grade 6 @ Camp Bickell Schumacher Public School**

### June 23

**Grade 6 Graduation Celebration, 9:30am @ Schumacher Public School**

*2014*  
MAIN EVENT  
*2014 Schumacher Homecoming Reunion Celebration*

**Long Weekend  
May 16, 17, 18, 2014**

**Location:**  
McIntyre Arena & Curling Club

**Register at:**  
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## ADVERTISING

If you would like to promote your business, an event, wish the community of Schumacher or someone you know a happy birthday or anniversary, or have a memorial for a loved one, then please send an email to [info@spiritofschumacher.ca](mailto:info@spiritofschumacher.ca) and we will forward you the SOS advertising rate card.



# SACHA RELEASING ANOTHER SHORT VIDEO IN LATE APRIL ABOUT THE SCHUMACHER LIONS CLUB

Since December, Bridget Yard has been slowly editing a new short video about the Schumacher Lions Club. The story of the club will be told through the eyes of Ken Lessard, a long time Schumacher resident, Lions Club member, and retired school teacher.

Ken will take you on a historical journey of his life in Schumacher and how the Lions Club shaped him as a person, and how the club became an integral part of Schumacher and greater Timmins – providing invaluable service to the community since 1938 when it was established.

As part of the Schumacher Lives documentary film and interactive website project, SACHA will be releasing the Schumacher Lions Club video in late April – as part of the lead up to the Schumacher Homecoming celebration in May. So, please visit the SOS website to watch all of the Schumacher videos and forward them onto other interested persons.

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