Ripley Reunion Round We Grew UP

About the Reunion

- The Ripley Reunion is held every 10 years and is one of the largest events held in Ripley.
- The 2025 Ripley Reunion will take place July 31 to August 4, 2025.
- The Reunion Committee is busy planning an event to remember.
- Organized two successful kick-off dances to date.
- Planned events include dances, mammoth parade, firework show, ambassador program, and friendly sporting competitions.

Past Reunions

- Historically, the Reunion Committee has been a Committee of Council.
- For the 2015 Reunion, Council provided a start-up loan of \$20,000.
- Current Committee will operate as a not-for-profit and is looking forward to working with Huron-Kinloss Council and staff.



2025 Ripley Reunion

- The Ripley Reunion Committee is requesting Council waive the rental fees for Township facilities for events related to the 2025 Reunion.
 - The Ripley Reunion is a significant community event, held once every decade, that brings current, past and new residents together.
 - Money raised through the Reunion is donated back to the community.
 - After the 2015 Reunion, \$60,000 was donated back to local groups/ initiatives to support local events and needs.
 - PRWIN, Ripley Artisan Festival, Ag. Society, new trophy cases for the arena, Lions Club, RHCS, an oncology chair at Wingham Hospital, Ripley Minor Hockey, Ripley Family Y, Women's House, playground equipment at the Ripley Ball Diamond, lobby benches at the Ripley Arena, Curling Club, Bruce Botanical Food Garden.
 - Waiving fees will allow the Committee to put more funds back into the community after the Reunion.

The 'To-Do' List

- As we get closer to the event, the Reunion Committee will be working with staff and Council on:
 - An Emergency Plan
 - Municipally Significantly Event designation
 - Noise by-law exemptions
 - Building permits (for tents)
 - Garbage and tipping fees
 - Road closures (for the Mammoth Parade and other events)
 - Golf cart permits

Moving Forward

- Over the next few months, the Reunion Committee will be ramping up planning activities.
- We are always looking for volunteers!
- Keep an eye on our website (<u>www.ripleyreunion.com</u>) and social media pages for upcoming events and news.
- Submit your favourite recipes for our reunion cookbook at

https://www.ripleyreunion.ca/cookbook or to ripleyreunioncookbook@gmail.com



