



## Organizing committee

Pictured are the Monteith/Shillington reunion committee who worked very hard since last fall organizing the successful reunion celebration, held at the Hembruff Civic Centre in Matheson, the weekend of August 1, 2 and 3, 2008.

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*Thank You*

The Monteith-Shillington School Reunion Committee would like to thank all the many volunteers as well as the sponsors listed below who contributed to our very successful school reunion, held August 1, 2 & 3, 2008.

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We apologize if we've inadvertently excluded anyone.

All proceeds from the reunion will go to the Monteith Women's Institute Scholarship fund.

# Monteith/Shillington school reunion

By Billie Baragar *July 10, 2008*

It has been 25 years since the Monteith School closed. The Shillington School closed in 1979. Gord Phillips, who was principal of the Shillington School when it closed, felt it was time to hold a reunion for the students of these two schools, as well as the 'feeder' schools connected to the Monteith School, which were Kelso, Teefy and Walker schools. The schools connected to the Shillington School were the Anthony, Hooker Creek, Currie Centre, Reid Lake and Alert schools.

A group of former students gathered together to form a reunion committee and have been meeting twice a week since last fall to make this reunion happen, and have dates and an agenda planned.

The Monteith/Shillington Reunion is planned for the weekend of August 1, 2 and 3.

The event will begin Friday evening at the Hembruff Civic Centre on Hwy. 11 and 101 in Matheson. Registration will begin at 7 p.m., beverage and music will be available and there will be time to catch up on what's been happening over the last 25 years.

Saturday, August 2, regis-

tration continues, and a Road Rally will be organized. At 10:30 a.m., the rally will leave the Hembruff Civic Centre and drive around and "visit the old familiar spots of your youth". The rally will return to the Hembruff Civic Centre where lunch will be available to purchase, as well as a wide variety of beverages.

Family games will be held from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., followed by a leisure time. A dinner and dance will follow from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., with the lively music of the Toe Tappers to dance to.

Sunday, August 3, breakfast will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., followed by an Ecumenical Church Service and the closing ceremonies. Later in the day, all are invited to meet at Gauthier Lake, where lunch can be purchased and swimming is free, to enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Now it seems to me that this reunion committee has done a lot of work to assure that this reunion is a go. However, the problem seems to be that although they have advertised in The Enterprise, on the radio, have a web site ([www.monteithshillingtonschoolreunion.com](http://www.monteithshillingtonschoolreunion.com)), have

registration forms and agendas at Findlay Motors, and in stores in Iroquois Falls and Matheson, they are not getting a lot of response. As there are no complete lists of students who attended these schools, the reunion committee are asking anyone who can tell former students of the event to please do so, as many out of area people may not get this information.

If you are planning to attend this event, it would be very helpful to the committee if you could register as soon as possible, to help them plan a successful event. For those who wish to camp, space can be arranged on the grounds of the Hembruff Civic Centre.

If you want more information, can't find reunion agendas, or registration forms, call Connie at 273-2315, other committee members are Melissa Doey, Carolyn Gamble, Margaret Frey, Gord Phillips and Nancy Plummer McDermott.

Why not come on out and enjoy having fun and reminiscing about school days back to 1910, with school mates you haven't seen in a long time. It sure sounds like fun.