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Vegas at the Pinestone: Victoria Boland as Marilyn Monroe wowed a packed house at the Pinestone Resort on Saturday evening during the Superstars Live concert. See more on page 7. / Photo by Terrance Gavan.

\$20,600 raised for Old Donald plant

Partnership formed with York U

By Will Jones

The roof of the former chemical plant in Donald is now being sealed and the building will be made fully weatherproof before winter really takes hold, so that work can start on transforming it into the Donald Eco-Innovation Centre.

This historic industrial building, one of the only remaining reinforced concrete framed industrial buildings of its era still standing in Ontario, now looks set to stand for another century.

But all of this work would not have been possible without the interest and both practical and financial input of local firms and individuals.

"Local donors have also been fantastically generous," says Leora Berman, coordinator of the project. "We've raised \$20,600 from private donations and local firms are giving their time and materials to get the building into the shape we need to make the innovation centre a reality."

The work on the building's roof is costing \$47,700. The remainder of the costs for this part of the project comes from an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant.

Following completion of the roof, new windows will be installed, making the building watertight, and then the interior will be completely gutted during the winter months in readiness for work to start next spring on making the space habitable.

"Early in spring 2012 we'll complete works on the building's external walls and really move forward with the interior," says Berman, "turning the building from a derelict shell into a place where firms will be able to promote themselves their green technologies and trades."

In relation to this next step, and the beginning of the chemical plant's new existence as the Donald Eco-Innovation Centre, Berman can also announce that she has formed a partnership with York University.

"The university's environmental science faculty will be getting an innovation grant next year that will enable its students to come to Donald to research eco-technologies, using the building as a base and test-bed," she says. "They'll be installing the latest in green innovations and researching how best to retrofit the building and others like it. The potential for the eco-innovation centre is amazing."

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\$100,000 mystery donation to Dysart

Plane, locomotive to be reburbished

By Will Jones

A mystery man has presented the municipality of Dysart et al with a donation for \$100,000.

Asking to remain anonymous, the donor has been in contact with Reeve Murray Fearrey for around a year now and has recently presented the council with the six figure cheque.

"There are a few details still to be worked out but we do have the cheque," said Fearrey on November 22nd. "I'm afraid I can't give out any details on the donor, his name, area

of residence or specific connection to Haliburton, other than to say that he is very familiar with the area and wanted to help out with community projects that would not see funding from government or taxpayers."

As such, the first recipient of funds from the donation will be the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, which has been fundraising for over a year now to restore the CF100 fighter plane that stands in the corner of the school playing field.

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The Old Donald Chemical Plant office roof has now been completely replaced for winter. / Photo by Will Jones

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Donors to the project to date are: Northland Contracting, who are also donating part of the cost for the work on the roof; Emmerson Lumber; Century 21 Granite Group; the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre; Ethic Tree Creations; Sands Garden Centre; Henry Warder; Heritage Resource Management Group; Highland Glass, who also donated the building and supplied the windows for the renovation project; Bottomline Bookkeeping; Royal LePage

Lakes of Haliburton; John Beachli Construction; ERA Architects; Mike Wilson; and Berman's own firm, Aquatilis.

Those interested in donating services, materials and funds, or in becoming members and being able to promote their products and services through the centre, can contact Berman at 705-457-4838 for more information. The project's website will be up and running in a few weeks. It can be found at www.buildingbetween.ca.

Leora Berman

Coordinator, Donald
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The World War II plane at the Highschool to be refurbished. / Photo by Terrance Gavan

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Fearrey announced the good news at the Remembrance Day dinner on November 11th, to a stunned but happy collection of veterans and their families.

“The donor indicated areas in which the money was to be spent,” said Fearrey. “He specified that \$40,000 should go to the restoration of the plane and a further amount, which we’ll announce in due course, will be put towards the upkeep of the locomotive that stands nearby. There will be some money left. The donor has left the decision as to how it will be spent to the discretion of council.”

Murray Fearrey
Reeve

“There are a few details still to be worked out but we do have the cheque,”

The reeve went on to state that there would be no decision made as to who else benefits from the donation in the immediate future, and that council would take time to consider all its options.

“We won’t rush into any decisions and we will endeavour to keep the donor informed as to what we propose to spend the money on. The decision won’t be made in the next month,” more likely we’ll discuss it over the next year.”

Donations of this kind and amount are few and far between in rural Ontario and so the announcement and generosity has surprised everyone, including the reeve.

“We very rarely get donations, especially of this size,” he said. “Sometimes people who are involved in a community project or a local organisation like to donate towards it, to give back so to speak and we’re very grateful for that, but this is quite remarkable.”

And, although everyone is curious as to who the donor is, Fearrey is keeping quiet about Haliburton’s generous benefactor. “I am pleased to keep his name out of the press, even though you guys are doing your best to get it out of me, because it is nice to know someone so humble, someone who doesn’t need to shout about it, someone who is happy to remain anonymous while giving so generously to the community,” he said.

Citizens wanted to help shape the future of the arts in Dysart

The Municipality of Dysart et al is undertaking a community engagement process to prepare a “municipal cultural plan”.

This is an economic development plan, focused on arts, culture and heritage.

The Municipality is working with a Steering Committee with a wide local representation.

The approved plan will be implemented through the actions of the Municipality, supported and advanced by its community partners and stakeholders.

All permanent and seasonal residents of the Municipality of Dysart et al are invited to participate. You can do so by filling out the community survey, found on the homepage of the Municipality’s website or by attending the community visioning session, scheduled for Thursday, January 19th, from 2 pm to 5 pm, in the Great Hall at Fleming College.

Further information on the project can be found on the Dysart Municipal website at <http://www.dysartetal.ca> or by contacting the Municipal Office at 705-457-1740.

Dysart officials would like to hear from all ratepayers regarding this process.

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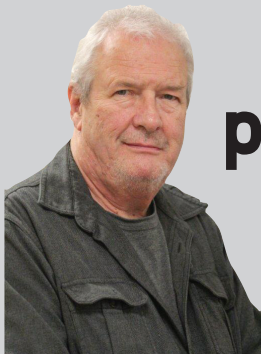
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Our public and private fixation with health care

By Stephen Patrick

Last week's column focused (ho ho) on my recent experiences with cataract surgery and the Ontario government's decision (made by whom, and when?) to charge \$150 for "high-end" replacement lenses. To repeat, these lenses replace the lenses you were born with, and will be with you until you die. Without them, you're basically blind. So, no surprise, anyone who has the \$300 pays up.

The column evoked a number of responses, both from the Ministry of Health, and from some others who also had had recent eye surgery and who paid a lot more than \$300. But interestingly, none of my correspondents wanted their names, place, jobs, etc. published in the paper, although they were agreeable to having me précis their experiences.

One correspondent from Toronto told me she was faced with the same cataract surgery as mine, except that the doctor had said she must not drive until the surgery and recovery were completed. The closest surgery date she could get was a full seven months away — contrast that with my own four-week wait: yes, just four weeks.

Seven months without a car presented a lot of difficulties for this person, a senior who wasn't particularly mobile. Was there a private alternative, she asked?

Yes ma'am. For just \$4,000 you could be operated on within about six weeks. Deal done, surgery successful, no questions asked. And she got the high-end lenses included, maybe as a bonus.

Another correspondent, a Haliburtonian, relayed a rather frightening scenario, also relating to eye surgery. This person was actually strongly advised by her eye specialists in Scarborough NOT to go the OHIP route, since it was clearly medically inferior to the private option. Her doctors warned of possible infections, repeat procedures, and three repeat post-surgery visits for each of several weeks, in Scarborough. The private alternative would mean only about four post surgery visits over three months. "I must say I received excellent, calming, intensely personal care, albeit for a high price (\$3,200). I hated making the choice, as I share your concerns about this type of two-tier care."

It's important to note that this person's surgery was much more complex and rare than was mine, or my other friend's. It's still considered experimental, and there are only a few Canadian surgeons who perform it, so one can understand, perhaps, why OHIP doesn't like to offer it. Still, my friend notes, "As an ardent supporter of our health system I find myself in circumstances in this case embarrassed and uncomfortable. However, when it comes to my eyes, what principles I might entertain about health care were almost immediately eroded."

My correspondent also mentions how lucky she feels we are in Haliburton, to have the medical care that we do, with reasonable access to doctors, nurse practitioner care, the care from the Family Health Team members, our efficient emergency departments and well-run small hospitals. "Forget the big cities," she says.

I also heard from an acquaintance who works in the health care business (on the government side) and who also read my column: "Unfortunately, this type of anomaly can be found throughout the health care system. While I understand your point, I do see an argument for both camps, really. As we all know, the current health care system isn't sustainable as it stands today (even with a hidden two-tiered approach). The next step for health care needs to be bold and radically different from the approach we take now, if we have a hope of preserving the universal health care system we believe in and which is such a part of the Canadian identity."

So let's get the conversation going, without political posturing, so that we can get to where we need to go honestly and in the open. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty has a virtual majority; Prime Minister Stephen Harper has a real one. So do it, within the time frame of these powerful mandates.

Letters to the editor

Bragging Board

Dear Editor:

I cannot believe it !

I am a vegetarian and frankly I am appalled that you sprawl these poor creatures across the pages of a community newspaper .

I am not a righteous, crazy vegetarian. I choose this lifestyle because it is MY choice! I do not force or preach my path on others and I feel you should not do that to me. If there is a need to hunt for food, the cost of living etc - I get it.

I live with a meat eater and he has done his fair share of hunting. Can I stop it ? No! Would I even try? No! I feed my dog food because I feel it is not my right to force my beliefs on her either! I feed her high grade food that does not promote any kind of animal cruelty.

So as you see I am tolerant to the ways of others and I respect the fact they have that right and freedom, but please don't plaster it across the pages of a paper that over the last couple weeks I am becoming fond of.

On behalf of the vegetarian/vegans in our community I request an apology - a half page apology.

Oh no, by the time I had to write this and send it I picked up your wonderful newspaper only to find out that this seems to be an weekly occurrence . Very sad indeed.

Maybe you need a full page apology this week!

Editor's Note: The authorship of this letter has been verified, but the author wishes to remain anonymous.

Parking Meters!

Dear Editor:

Why have them? Between Lindsay and Dorset, Haliburton is the only jurisdiction, with the exception of Bobcaygeon, which has parking meters on its main street. Fenelon Falls used to have them but they took them out! What was that about?

One surely has to wonder their purpose if the money coming in from them about equals the cost of hiring someone to give out parking tickets.

The matter of folks parking all day on the street is really quite moot. From what I've seen, it's the proprietors themselves who seem encouraged to park in front of their business establishments if the parking is free — as likely as not — never mind customers having the time or inclination to do so! As it now stands, Foodland is the only business in town on main street where the parking is easily accessible, where we can park while we grocery shop. We can however briefly jog somewhere else on main street to buy a pair of socks. It's not really fair that Foodland has to bear the brunt of everyone wanting to park for free on the main street.

Parking should be easily accessible and free on the main street. The name of the game is CUSTOMERS; not parking meters! That's the key! No parking meters should attract more folks into the main drag of town to do their shopping-away from places like Bancroft or even Minden. It's all about business and making money, isn't it?

Then there's the matter of snow clearance in the winter time. How many times have we had to crawl over snow banks to get to the sidewalks on main street Haliburton? Then having found a place to park, you have to feed the meter, but first you have to straddle, wade, slip over a snow bank. Hey, talk about insurance costs and liability eh? Snow clearance seems to be impeded by the parking meters! If its decided to keep them they should be installed nearer to the buildings than to the curb — then the streets could more easily be cleared of snow!

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Haliburton's Highland Street — now and in the future

Haliburton merchants, shoppers, drivers and walkers have all faced a difficult month on Highland Street as the streets and sidewalks have been torn up to lay cables underground. Most people have managed to cope with the disruption and businesses have accepted the barriers and inconvenience with good humour.

This gloomy November week, we thought we'd remind our readers of what the corner of Highland and Maple will look like in just a few short months.

The Outsider — Life's a talent show

By Will Jones

Without wishing to blow my own trumpet, I am a man of many talents, albeit most of which were honed when I was a child, and as such involve sticks, string, elastic bands and bogeys, or boogers, as you Canadian folk like to call them.

My other 'arf, 'er in doors, as she'd variously be known if we still lived in the east end of London, is somewhat different. She has a varied and valuable skill set, which it seems, is shaped perfectly to serve Little Z and me most handsomely in everyday life; and we appreciate this greatly I'd like to add, before anyone accuses me of chauvinism.

My wife cooks like an angel. She is charming and witty, although Little Z has yet to truly grasp these talents (he usually grasps her hair). She is not afraid of spiders, a trait that I greatly admire and am very relieved that she possesses; she is well versed in the realms of nutrition and health (she has a university degree, no less); she is a wonderful mother and the ideal life partner. I could go on but if I do she'll undoubtedly become very big headed, in her own beautiful way, of course.

But I tell you this not in simple homage to my wife but to highlight all of our uncelebrated talents, though often they lie dormant until some event kick-starts them, coughing and spluttering back into life. And so it was that a trip to the city did just that for me. A trip to

Burlington, no less, that shiniest of suburb, where an old English friend has chosen to reside.

With our children playing happily and wives nattering busily (chauvinism alert!) us men were sent out to buy supplies, i.e. two bottles of red wine and a nice roast for the evening meal. On the way to the grocery store, my host said: "there's this great little shop nearby with all kinds of cool stuff in it, want to go see?" I couldn't refuse.

An hour or so later we returned home with two bottles of red wine, a nice roast for the evening meal, an electric chop saw, a pillar drill and the Hog Stuffer (the nickname for my new sausage maker, for those of you who didn't catch last week's missive).

Initial wifely amazement soon turned to annoyance, and then, thankfully, to the usual weary resignation following one of my 'inspired' purchases. However, the wine revived spirits and the weekend passed off without further reference to the chop saw, or my friends new pillar drill.

Now, I can hear you asking: "a chop saw, is he mad? What could a writer want with a chop saw?" Well, dear reader, remember I mentioned those dormant talents. In a past life I was a carpenter, and as such I am relatively handy with tools, I just never had the space to keep any, much less wield them effectively, during the 15 years that I lived in a two-bedroom apartment in London. To have owned a chop saw would have meant forsaking the

collection of fine wines and spirits that was tucked in the space under the stairs, and that was never going to happen!

And so it was, back in Haliburton, in a house so big that I can glug spirits and wield power tools to my heart's content (you'll notice I have one less finger than I used to), that my chop saw and I set out on our first mission: a toy box for Little Z. This project turned out relatively successful, I am pleased to report. But, as I turned from admiring my work (glass in hand, blood still dripping from what used to be an index finger) I caught my lovely wife's eye and in it a gleam that could only mean trouble.

In a stream of consciousness so long that I think I napped for a while during it, she listed the plethora of things that I could now make, jobs I could do, "seeing as how you have an electric saw and have remembered how to swing a hammer!"

Ah, those hidden talents. My back began to ache at just the thought of it. As she turned and left the workshop I sunk down against the wall, unplugged the chop saw and reached for the bottle.





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Highlander arts

Pinestone crowd treated to Marilyn, Buddy, Patsy and Shania

By Terrance Gavan

When Victoria Boland-Rudd popped onto the stage in front of a packed house in the ballroom of the Pinestone Resort last Saturday, dressed in a familiar white dress, spilling whimsy with that husky voice, topped radiantly with those tightly curled silvery blonde locks, the men sat up, and the women smiled.

So locked into the zeitgeist is Marilyn Monroe, that all Victoria Boland had to do was smile demurely and blush. The picture on stage completed the sentence. "Hi, I'm Marilyn... Where the heck is Jack?"

When Boland finally spoke, with just a touch of insouciance and that enigmatic smile: "It's someone's birthday tonight?" The crowd knew precisely what to expect.

The birthday song for John Fitzgerald Kennedy, performed by Marilyn, will never make Rolling Stone's top 100 anything, but it remains an iconic moment in American history; a parable where Camelot met soda pop, probably the last time a President of the United States was allowed to dabble without remorse or rancor. JFK was Bill Clinton before DNA testing, Watergate and the evolving fourth estate.

Well, for those of us old enough to put that congealed mess of memories together, Marilyn Monroe rose like the Mary Ellen Carter at the Pinestone last weekend, thanks to Boland, her husband Andrew Rudd and the *Superstars Tribute Live* concert.

None of this dose of Marilyn does justice to a terrific concert featuring the legends of song. The Rudd's are musicians, actors and present a dynamic stage presence. They've been performing their Superstars Tribute for four years, doing both corporate gigs and charitable concerts. They are also talented singers and songwriters in their own right, working and gigging in the GTA.

Their show is paced tickety-blink and relies on smooth transitional segues where acts are introduced via the *de rigueur* digital witchcraft.

Andrew was superb as George Harrison, and his Buddy Holly was introduced by a funny little video segment.

Victoria staggered the audience with a glittering Shania Twain intro, but her Patsy Cline improvisation was absolutely stunning, eliciting a gasp from the packed house at the Pinestone from the very first note.

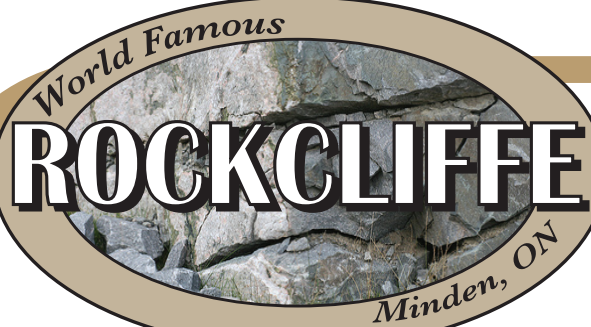
Great show, and kudos to the management and staff of the Pinestone.



Victoria Boland-Rudd as Shania Twain (top), Patsy Cline (above), and Marilyn Monroe (right), Andrew Rudd as Buddy Holly. / Photos by Terrance Gavan



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Highlander arts

Erase the Hate play based on the Laramie murder

Hal High actors revive a vital past

By Terrance Gavan

Hard to believe that it's already 13 years since Matthew Shepard died on a fence in a field just outside Laramie, Wyoming.

Shepard's murder spurred a landslide of reaction worldwide. It placed a spotlight on rampant homophobia and it put Laramie, Wyoming on the map. For all the wrong reasons.

Shepard was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyoming on October 6, 1998.

Shepard did not die on that fence line. He passed away six days later from the horrific beating. Matthew Shepard was murdered because he was gay.

Homophobia, taken from its base Greek roots, is defined as a morbid fear of homosexuals.

It seems odd that a person could be murdered for being gay. One might ask what the murderers were afraid of.

Don't bother asking. If you're shocked by the attack, you'll be downright mortified by the explanation.

Five weeks after the attack some cat named Moisés Kaufman brought fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project to Laramie. The troupe, in the course of the next year, conducted more than 200 interviews with people in Laramie. From the tapes, they wrote a play and called it *The Laramie Project*.

It is not a play about Matthew Shepard. It's actually a detailed account of the life of the town of Laramie in the year after the murder.

On Wednesday evening Elke Zilla's Hal High Drama Class performed excerpts from *The Laramie Project* for the general public, at The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Hal High's *Erase the Hate* production is a response to bullying, fear and misplaced morals.

Here's the thing about *The Laramie Project*. So appalling was this act of so-called "gay-bashing" that 10 years after, in 2008, local Laramie pundits and historic wafflers began to morph the facts in the case.

All of a sudden the bashing of a defenseless university student was being reconstructed as a "drug deal gone bad."

How can this happen? Good question.

It's important in our world to grasp hard and hold tight to certain well-known and entrenched truths.

In 1984, James Keegstra, a Canadian high-school teacher, was prosecuted for teaching errant history to Canadian students by denying the Holocaust.

And a Toronto-based photographer, Ernst Zündel, owner of a publishing house called Samisdat Publishing, published and distributed Holocaust-denial material such as *Did Six Million Really Die?*

Funny business this rationalizing of history.

It's why this play being performed in Haliburton by a group of grade 11 and 12 students is so important.

It's why Tectonic Theater went back to Laramie in 2009 to ensure that the truth will out in this sad and historic case. Because the truth must sit bare, in order for the human race to move forward. Every nuance of that brutal and savage beating must be safeguarded.

I went to the Laramie Project website for clarification of the importance of the reminder. A refresher course if you will.

"On October 12, 2009, *The Laramie Project Epilogue* premiered in 100 cities across the country, performed simultaneously by high schools, universities, professional regional theaters and, in New York, the original casts of the play and film," says Laramieproject.org.

"Prior to the performance, a live webcast was presented from Lincoln Center, with Moisés Kaufman and the original cast introducing the play. Following the performance, the webcast was shown for a live question and answer session with questions asked via twitter and other social media from the venues all over the country."

It's important that we enter into these discussions and Haliburton County owes a debt to these young students at Hal High for keeping things real. And keeping us apprised.

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Highlander arts

Highlands Chorus celebrates Handel's Messiah

By Terrance Gavan

*Handel's Messiah – St. George's Anglican Church
Haliburton – Nov 26 – 7:30 pm
Nov 27 – 2:30 pm*

Have you had problems in the past, putting a handle to Handel?

Fret not. This year, of all years, is the year to forego your fear of that whimsical crunch through the brier patch that was and remains the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

Oh yes, I know exactly what you're saying. "Is it that time of year already?"

Good golly, it is. Are you like me, and use the yearly perambulation of Handel's juste chorus to bookmark the start of Yule's long tide?

Well "Hallelujah" good Highlanders. Highlands Festival Singers and chorus Director Melissa Stephens have an absolutely wonderful surprise in store for you.

This year, the famously talented Talisker Players will join the Highlands Chorus for the annual evocative, chilling and dramatic presentation of Handel's Messiah.

Who are the Talisker Players?

Glad you asked, because this lovely Toronto-based orchestra is specially-designed and assembled to 'ensemble and accompany' singers!

And what pray tell – no pun intended does Handel's Messiah have in spades?

That's right! Singers!

Messiah boasts baritones, tenors, sopranos and the basso profundity of the non-sequitur, garrulous strains of 'Hallelujah' rising like a vocal tsunami to the rafters of your soul.

You must come then for this once in a two-decade event. A Trillium Grant was plucked this year in celebration of a milestone event for the Haliburton Highlands Chorus. The grant was used to pin down said Taliskers.

Thus this year presents a unique opportunity to experience Handel backed by a professional troupe. An opportunity to grasp, perchance to dream of a Handel's Messiah that will entrance, delight and shudder the walls of that grand old oracle: St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

And with The Talisker Players here to lend their profound and professional musical expertise? Messiah should provide an entrancing gateway to the season of lights here in the Highlands.

I fell asleep twice at my first Messiah. Entranced by the high backed cushioned comfort of front row seats in the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, only to be woken by that thundering Hallelujah chorus.

That, and the aggravating elbows of old coach Fr. Bob Bedard to the right, and 6'2" strong forward Bill Shields to the left, urging me out of my snore. Because, dear friends I was then but 17, into Springsteen, soul and jazz, and just back from a basketball doubleheader in Hawkesbury.

I was, I do remember, both entranced and enthralled by that booming sound emanating from that chorus. And I awoke. To Hallelujah! I did not find god in that moment! No, but I found my smuggled Skittles spilling down my sweater to the aisle, so jarring was that heady refrain of elbows and blunt force muse surging from stage.

Fret not, dear Highlanders. You shall find no snooze in the hard pews at St. George's; more likely you'll find lumbar barbs and not sweet nods on that unupholstered brick.

And you will, I know, enjoy the lovely night out. Why? Because we are older now, and more accepting and appreciative of the events that mark our journey.

At Christmas we have Santa Claus Parades, Handel's Messiah, the Nutcracker and an ungodly snowy blight before Christmas.

And the best of these is Handel!

The big event, all hyperbole aside, is scheduled for St. George's Anglican Church. Tickets are \$20 per person.

State of the Arts By Victoria Ward



Austerity, be thy muse

If litter on my road is any indication of how people are getting along financially (and you would be surprised how well this "barometer" works), then the "bubble" has definitely burst. One empty packet of cigarettes is all I found on my walk. During most hunting seasons, we find beer bottles, half packs of smokes,

Horton cups, and Diet Coke cans.

Has my local hunting community decided to clean up their act and stop throwing their garbage on my property? I doubt it. My guess is that they just aren't full-up on purchased disposable goods because they have decided to bring coffee from home and have started to ration their various addictions. They are tightening their camouflaged belts.

Yes, austerity is in and party packs of beef jerky are out. Being a rural artist unfortunately didn't allow me to overindulge in the first place. I struggled through the last decade like most artists. We reluctantly accepted some cuts to government funding such as a national transportation system which helped us get our work across the country safely and cheaply.

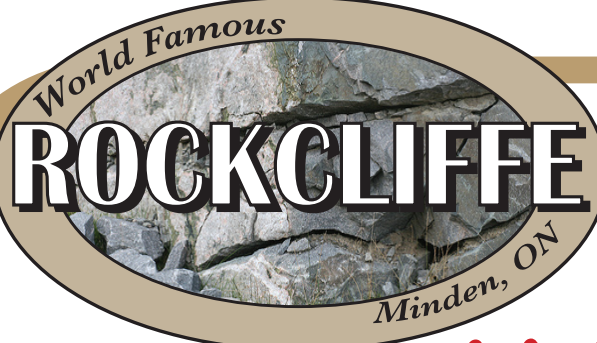
An international touring grant, which would allow us to get over to places like Berlin and represent our country, was also axed. We saw dozens of galleries come and go within 10 years due to poor planning, greedy landlords and suffocating urban development. Curators who support us and help us exhibit our work seemed to shuffle through the public system, not staying at any gallery very long. And we watched our aging patrons begin to recede back into the darkness, questioning their financial assistance to the arts; they bought less, donated less and decided it was time to move on.

Who fills their huge shoes? No one so far, although I refuse to believe their precedent won't be imitated by successors. Although there was that dot com financial bubble that rained money on lots of people, it did little to help the arts on a long term basis. And now we are told we have to brace ourselves for austerity measures in order to get the country and the world out of the mess it is in.

I've been here before, many times. These arch conservative policies have dogged my entire grown up world; I started high school when Reagan became President, graduated from University with Mulroney in power, worked in theatre during the Harris Common Sense Revolution and moved here during the ascent of Harper.

I have seen the highs and lows of how the art world survives. The thing about art is that good and bad can be the same thing. The good, as an example: the Internet and its research capability and exponentially exploding technology that helps us express our work in so many ways. The bad: the Internet and its amateur universe, where everyone can be anything (without practice, discipline, hard work, knowledge, training or schooling), where you can let the public fiddle with your work cuz (sharing is cool!!) and where narcissism reigns supreme e.g. Facebook. Because we devote ourselves to a pursuit that has as its base an indescribable desire to illuminate the ineffable (try to get a bank loan with that as your business description), we are always in a bittersweet spot where life doles out rewards while continually setting harder and harder challenges.

Austerity will mean something different to every artist and it won't be as simple as, "there goes our Jamaica plans". Some artists will quit. It is a viable escape plan. Others will make small and large modifications and take these measures in stride. My hope is that society will come to recognize a sector that weathers all storms and progresses in defiance of fear and entropy. The arts should be seen as a beacon, casting light in our moment of shadow. And I shall continue to pick up after others on my road, hoping one day to find a full beer, cap still on, just as I did long ago in that thing called the bubble.



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Rotary Crock Pots for Sirch



Rotary members Lance Edwards, Andrew Hodgson, Richard van Nood, Brian Nash, Greg Phippen, present SIRCH representatives Jen Bergman, Jane van Nood and Diane Smith with crock pots donated to SIRCH's community kitchen. / Photo by Terrance Gavan

Schmoozin' back to the sixties for YWCA

By Terrance Gavan

McKecks Blue Line and Carl Dixon welcomed big hair, tie-dye, patchouli and granny glasses to a charity event last Friday, and Haliburton responded.

The Love, Peace and Acoustic Guitar benefit raised funds and spread some granola on the wooden floorboards of McKecks Blue Line.

All for a great cause.

The monies raised went to help fund women's initiatives and was sponsored by the YWCA in Haliburton County.

Dixon, former Coney Hatch and Guess Who front man, is a child of the sixties and he laid down enough ripe licks to keep the hippies dancing on the floor and away from any Baba Ram Das revivals.

Sarah Adams organized the event with the help of McKecks manager Karen Frybort. Adams reports that the charity event raised \$2,500 for the YWCA women's shelter services in Haliburton.

The YWCA offers help to women in crisis. Specifically they are there to offer

counseling services, help with emergency accommodations, and transportation assistance.

The office phone for women in crisis and counseling services is 705-286-6442 and toll free at 1-800-461-7656.

If you know of a woman who needs support and help don't hesitate to call.



The Highland Yard – the tradition continues

Submitted to The Highlander

The Board of Directors of Places for People and the Rotary Club of Minden are excited to assume leadership of the Highland Yard, a 1k/5k/10k community fun run and institutional landmark in Minden since 1971.

The Highland Yard was previously run by Amici Camping Charity, an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for underprivileged children to attend summer camp.

Brent Knightley, Board-Chair of Amici is pleased that the Rotary Club of Minden and Places for People will ensure the event continues.

"We are thrilled that two local organizations have come

forward to take over the Highland Yard. Amici has been involved in the event for the last 40 years – it has been an important part of Amici's history.

"We hope it will continue to be a part of the community for many years to come."


Molly McNerney, President of the Rotary Club of Minden, said "We are pleased to continue this wonderful tradition and look forward to welcoming runners and their families to share and enjoy our beautiful village."

Fay Martin, President of the Places for People organization noted "we are delighted to partner with the Rotary Club of Minden to offer the Highland Yard." She said "this event will bring more community support

and exposure to the charitable activities offered by both Places for People and the Rotary Club of Minden."


In 2012, The Highland Yard will occur on Sunday, August 5 of the August Long Weekend. This is a change from previous years, when it took place on Friday afternoon of that weekend. For additional information contact Co-Chairs Jack Russel (Places for People) or Bob Taylor (the Rotary Club of Minden) visit www.highlandyard.ca.

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Local businesses jump on board for Youth Unlimited



Left to right, Jamie McMahon, Anne and Andrew Hodgson.

Three years ago Jamie McMahon, Director of the Haliburton branch of Kawartha Youth Unlimited, started a corporate sponsorship program to support the ongoing work of his organization. The success of the program has allowed Youth Unlimited to significantly expand its mentoring and outreach programs right across the county.

This year Jamie will be opening a Minden version of the popular Haliburton Bridge Youth Centre that's been a feature on Haliburton's Victoria Street School for many years. The Minden centre will be housed at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, "once we get a few of the bugs worked out. We're also promoting our mentoring program to compliment our after-school programs, both at the Bridge centres, and at the high school," said McMahon.

Already this year, two major Haliburton businesses have jumped on board the Youth Unlimited bandwagon. Both Century 21 Granite Realty and V&S Department store (known familiarly as Stedman's) in Haliburton have become Silver Level sponsors. Andrew and Anne Hodgson, owners of Century 21, said they believe strongly in the program, particularly since



Jamie McMahon with V&S's Andy Glecoff. it works directly with local youth. "We're a locally owned business, and we appreciate those who do so much for our community. Century 21, which includes all our realtors, not just Anne and myself, has supported over 30 local organizations over the past year – and we're proud and happy to do it," said Hodgson.

Down the street at V&S, Andy Glecoff was also pleased to announce his business has become a Silver Level sponsor. "We're happy to be a part of it – and support the work Youth Unlimited does," said Glecoff.

For further information, go to their website, www.youthunlimitedkaw.com

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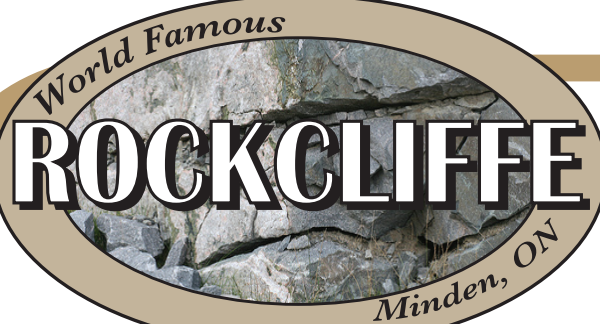
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Aging Well 10 steps to great posture

Dear Penny,

My twin sister is 74 and she says I look old because my posture is so bad. I think her posture is worse than mine but we've been arguing since forever and she never agrees with me. We also can't agree on what good posture is anyway so I said I'd ask you to settle the argument.

Straight Shooter

Dear Straight Shooter,

You don't say if you are male or female, but in truth, good posture is the same for everyone. And it's true that poor posture can make you look older.

If your elementary school gym teacher taught you to stand up straight, chin up, shoulders back and chest out, she didn't know much about good posture. If you learned how to stand straight in the army, then you know the agony of trying to maintain that stiff and unnatural position for any length of time.

Posture is the position or attitude of the body in space. There are specific muscles called the antigravity muscles, which work with maximum efficiency and minimum effort when posture is correct. It follows that poor posture

produces unnecessary work for muscles and causes aches.

If you don't feel your posture is as good as it might be, you can check it out in front of a mirror. A word of warning: your corrected posture won't feel natural to you at first. You may feel silly or slightly off balance. After all, you haven't been standing that way all your life and it feels peculiar. But it's never too late to improve.

You'll find that as you continue to think consciously of it, and to check yourself often at first, you'll begin to feel accustomed to the new position of your body in space. You will not only feel better, you will look better—and probably younger too.

For good posture, stand in front of a mirror and check yourself on the following 10 points.

- feet spaced four or five inches apart and toes pointed forward
- weight distributed evenly and slightly in front of your ankles
- ankle joint at 90 degrees.
- knees firm but not locked
- hip joints directly over your knees
- slight lower back curve
- slight upper back curve
- slight neck curve
- head well set on your spine so eyes look forward
- shoulders and hips level.

These are 10 steps to a better posture in life. You may even find you have grown an inch or two in the process and dropped a few years in appearance.

If your posture is, in fact, far off the norm, ask your doctor to check you out for structural abnormalities. Many changes occur with aging and neck and back problems are common. What's more, they commonly interfere with good posture and can create aches and pains that may be corrected with an improved body position.

Posture correction exercises can be wonderfully helpful, but as I always suggest, check with your doctor before undertaking any new or strenuous exercise program.

Readers, if you have any other questions—about your mobility, your comfort or just about getting through your day more safely and easily, I want to hear them. For real-life answers you can use, write to Penny at penny@haliburtonhighlander.ca



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Provincial election update

Race was much closer in Haliburton County

The Highlander has obtained poll-by-poll results from last month's provincial election showing only 218 votes separating the winner from the defeated incumbent in Haliburton County proper. Though Laurie Scott cruised to victory in the riding with a 12 percentage point lead over former MPP Rick Johnson (45 percent to 33 percent), her margin was much narrower in Haliburton County, a region containing just 13 percent of the riding's voters.

Johnson led strongly in Haliburton

Village and Algonquin Highlands, where he won a total of 1,134 votes to Scott's 871. Carnarvon was nearly tied, but the rest the county, including Minden Hills, Wilberforce and West Guilford, went decidedly to Scott. In all, the result was Scott 42 percent, Johnson 39 percent and 15 percent for the NDP's Don Abel.

Johnson may have benefited from his promise to find funding for a CT scanner for local hospitals, but even that was not enough for Haliburton County to put him in the top spot.

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Sports news

Hawks girls beat Fenelon in exhibition hockey

By Terrance Gavan

Last Thursday Hal High's Sophomore Shinista's women's hockey team lambasted the Fenelon Falls Falcons on the road.

Megan Allore scored the only goal in that Red Hawks exhibition game.

And pray tell, how can we compare a 1-0 score to a shellacking?

Well, according to hockey etiquette we may do-se-do that submission when the winning team completely dominates all facets of the game; allows a miserly number of shots on goal; while buzzing around the opposition net like wasps on clover.

The implications are obvious. The opposition goalie played like a brick wall.

At this stage in *The Highlander's* life, we can't afford road trips. So I must resort to unnamed sources for my away game reports. Jackie Mayhew (unnamed), mother of Hal High goalie Jillian Mayhew, says that the Fenelon Falls goalie played lights out for most of the game. Jillian shared net-minding chores with Connor Marsden.

Jackie further revealed that neither Jillian nor Connor saw a lot of shots during the game.

Hal High principal and coach Dan Marsden was rather less exuberant with his own casual observations about the Hawks first game of the 2011-12 season.



Dan Marsden, directs practice at Dysart et al Arena on Tuesday afternoon. First Home game is Dec 1 at 2 pm. / Photo by Terrance Gavan

"So I heard from a reliable source that the 1-0 tally wasn't really indicative of the game," the ink-stained wretch said to the 'Cheshire-smiled' coach at a practice in the Dysart Barn last Tuesday afternoon.

I was in the penalty box – literally – at the time, scribbling madly into my iPhone.

Mr. Marsden smiled wanly. "What?" he said.

"I heard it was a lopsided contest, but you only got one

goal," I said.

Now, Mr. Marsden wears a tie to practice. And I will here admit to being rather intimidated by the 'cravat on skates' set.

So when Marsden narrows in and asks for further clarification? I give up my unnamed source in a blink. "I was talking to Jackie and she told me that the girls dominated the play in Fenelon," I offered.

"Pretty much," smiles Marsden. "Defensively we were pretty strong and I don't think we allowed more than five shots. Offensively we could have scored more. We had a lot of shots. But we hit the goalie a lot and we missed the net a lot.

"Fenelon Falls played all right. Now, I think they have a balanced team just as we do, but I'm hoping that the next time we play them, the outcome will be the same, but maybe the score will be a little bit different."

Marsden says that they will continue to stress fundamentals. "We're working as a team, and we're working on skill development and progression and team play. We have eight forwards, four D and two goalies and I think we're pretty balanced."

The Hawks play their season opener – against Fenelon Falls – next Thursday, Dec 1.

Game time is 2 pm.

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Sports news

Pardon the Eruption Spinnin' for Daron and some peace of mind



By Terrance Gavan

Last February Ottawa Senators Assistant Coach Luke Richardson spoke about the death of his daughter Daron for the first time.

He made that decision with the support of his family - and not surprisingly with the full public support of the Ottawa Sens organization.

Call it a leap of faith. Luke did it in memory of his young daughter, with a fervent and reverential hope that it might prevent other young students from taking that terminal last step.

Daron Richardson, a vivacious young girl of 14, committed suicide in November, 2010.

Her family chose to go public with her death in an effort to raise awareness about suicide and youth mental health.

"We lost a beautiful daughter and sister," Richardson told CTV at the time.

"We are a close family. We spend a lot of time together. We talk about a lot of things: sex, drugs, alcohol, bullying and the Internet. But there was one conversation we never had. mental health, suicide. We pray and hope that you have that conversation yourself, or with a friend or family member."

Some choose to heal privately. Though the Richardson family went through a significant counseling process, they decided to go public with their story.

"At that very tragic time in November we made the decision to speak publicly about suicide because we wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. We wanted to do what was best for Morgan (Daron's sister), for the three of us to understand, to remember Daron and move forward," said Richardson.

Bringing depression into the open

Luke Richardson shares something with Margaret Trudeau, Senator Michael Kirby and the recently-formed Do it For Daron project. By seeking to bring the topic of depression and its most detrimental departure point to the



Carrie Hirst spinning. / Terrance Gavan

public forum, they hope to raise awareness.

The word *share* has become a tired pejorative in today's rough textured and soulless marketplace. CBC Dragon Kevin O'Leary reminds us with unrelenting and bloodless enthusiasm that "kumbaya" moments are for "losers." It's part of a congenital societal deficiency, being transferred to our youth, where feelings - sharing and asking for aid - no longer exist as viable coins of the realm. We are taught to stuff our feelings from a young age.

Senator Kirby and Luke Richardson beg to differ. They both spearhead movements for change in Canada, to bring light to that bushel basket of fears and mental anguish.

"Our own lack of knowledge has put us on this path of disbelief, sorrow and despair. It's filled with never-to-be answered questions and pain," says Richardson.

The family has now joined the Royal Ottawa

Foundation for Mental Health, the Ottawa Senators and the Sens Foundation to launch fundraising and awareness efforts to inspire youth to talk about mental health.

Do it for Daron

Daron's 15th birthday falls on Feb. 8. That day has now been dubbed 'Do It for Daron Purple Pledge Day,' when people will be asked to wear purple in support of the Daron Richardson Fund at the Royal Ottawa Foundation for Mental Health. Purple was Daron's favorite colour.

How far this feeling? Right here in Haliburton, two young women, Andrea Butera and Carrie Hirst want you to remember Daron, shed some light and spin.

"I lost a close family friend," says Carrie Hirst. "He was in his early 20s and a university student, and he took his life. I was watching Rick Mercer when, during one of his rants, he brought forward some suicide numbers. Then I heard about the Do it For Daron fund."

Hirst says she just wanted to do something. "I love spinning and I convinced Andrea (Butera runs the popular Haliburton Spinning) to Do it for Daron right here in Haliburton, to raise awareness for our mental health system," explains Hirst. "I think it's important to inform and to remove the stigma. Kids have to be able to talk about this."

If you've got a person in your life or you know of a person you care about who is suffering, come down to the bottom of Stedman's Mall on Saturday, December 10 to participate.

Butera's Haliburton Spinning Club has a firmly padded bike seat and two pedals waiting. Bring \$20 and an open mind.

"I'll be running spinning classes at eight, nine, 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday morning," says Butera. "A lot of people have responded but we still have space."

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If you don't ride, you can still donate for Daron and your own peace of mind.

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Sports news

Senior basketball Hawks have some work to do

By Terrance Gavan

Rebuilding. It's not supposed to be easy. But should it be cruel?

If losing builds character, the senior Hawks' hoops squad returned from Peterborough last Saturday brimming with insight and Andrew Carnegie zeal.

The Hawks dropped all three games in the referee's tournament last weekend.

Coach Dave Waito looked out at his squad last Tuesday afternoon, as they ran some lines, and said that his squad still has a lot of work to do.

"That's what pre-season tournaments are all about," said Waito.

The Hawks were locked in a pool with St Peter's, Holy Cross and Kenner in the 16-team tourney.

"The St. Pete's game was close on Friday," said Waito, from the sidelines of the Hawk's Nest, shortly after the afternoon practice ended. "We were within three in the fourth quarter and we ended up losing 46-31 after we got into foul trouble. They hit 10 free throws in the last six minutes of the game, and apart from that it was a good game for a first game of the season."

In their second game they were paired up against Holy Cross, a juggernaut with eight returning players from a very strong 2010-11 squad.

"We were outmatched in that Holy Cross game and lost 60-20," said Waito. "But our third game against Kenner was close all the way. But again, at the end, with fouls and free throws, we ended up losing 44-34."

Waito says that aside from the Holy Cross loss there were some good takeaways from the weekend.

"Our priority with a younger team is going to be finishing," says Waito. "Game management in the fourth quarter. But overall, for the first three games of the season it was all right."

"We saw a lot of good things like Damon (Flatman) taking charge out there. Zach (Cox) worked very well for his first game in senior. It's a different paced game than junior but Zach is a great asset for us."

"And we had a chance to watch another first year senior

kid, Elijah (Anger) bringing the ball up for us at point guard. He's starting for us as a first year senior so we're going to be patient."

Right now the team is without the services of Austin Lloyd and Louis Ferracuti, but Waito expects that both players will be available within the next three to four weeks.

"They'll both get significant playing time when they return after Christmas," said Waito.

Both senior and junior basketball squads will be on the road versus Adam Scott on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Hal High girding for winter league action

By Terrance Gavan

The Haliburton Red Hawks boys open their season today (November 24th) against Campbellford District High at the Dysart et al Arena.

Game time is at 1:30 pm.

Yesterday the Hal High wrestlers were slated to attend a meet in Cobourg.

On Nov. 30 both boys' hoops squads travel to Adam Scott in Peterborough. Also on Nov. 30, the wrestling team travels to Kenner and the junior girls' volleyball squad is attending a tourney at St. Mary's.

The Hawks boys' hockey team is hosting KCVI right here in Haliburton at 3:50 pm on Nov. 30.

The senior girls' volleyball team travels to Cobourg East Collegiate and the girls' hockey team hosts Fenelon Falls at the Dysart Arena on Dec. 1.

Game time for the girls' home opener is 2 p.m.

On December 2 the boys' hockey team is on the road against St. Thomas Aquinas.

Please visit the haliburtonhighlander.ca website for a calendar of Red Hawks events.

TheHighlander Community Calendar

Monday 21 — Friday 25

- Daily Lunch at the Minden Legion Branch 636, John Sloan, 705-286-1397, jjcsloan@gmail.com

Monday 21— Saturday 26

- Samaritan's Purse - gift-filled shoe boxes can be dropped at St. George's, 9am to 1pm or Cranberry Cottage, 705-457-2357 or 705-457-9515

Thursday - 24

- Euchre Nights, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30pm
- Une Soirée Française, Canadian Parents for French, Halimar Resort, Kashagawigamog Lake Road, 6pm to 7:15pm. Enjoy an evening of crepes, music and fun for the family, \$35/family or \$10/family for CPF members. Tickets available at Stuart Baker PS
- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941

Thursday 24 — Monday 27

- 2nd Annual Pre-Christmas Sale, Maple Moon, Hwy 118 west of Haliburton Village. Weekdays 10am to 5pm, weekends 10am to 6pm, 705-455-9999

Friday 25 — Monday 27

- Minden Hills Cultural Centre Festival of Trees, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Fri 2pm to 8pm, Sat 10am to 8pm, Sun 12noon to 4pm, 705-286-2808, culturalcentreinfo@mindenhills.ca

Friday - 25

- Haliburton Santa Claus Parade — A Pioneer Christmas. Downtown Haliburton, 6:30pm, 705-457-4031, frostdownhome@bellnet.ca
- Winter Warm-Up, Haliburton Legion, Mountain Street, 7pm immediately following Santa Claus Parade. Hot chocolate, spaghetti dinner, free prizes, Mrs. Santa, Carl Dixon, Meliz & the Mayor, \$5 kids under 12, \$7 adults, presented by Haliburton BIA, Haliburton Legion Branch 129, Legion Ladies Auxiliary 129, onesmartmarketer@yahoo.ca
- Christmas Luncheon, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Minden, 11:30am to 1:30pm, \$5, Snow Date

- November 26, joan.featherstone@yahoo.ca
- Play Pool, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7:30pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Jam Session, everyone welcome, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7pm. Local musicians get together for an evening of fun and entertainment. Anyone playing a musical instrument is welcome to join in, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida 705-457-2941
- Fish & Chips dinner at the Minden Legion Branch 636, 5pm to 7pm, John Sloan, 705-286-1397, jjcsloan@gmail.com

Saturday 26 — Sunday 27

- Highlands Festival Singers presents Handel's Messiah, St Georges Anglican Church, Sat 7:30pm, Sun 2:30pm, www.hmch.ca
- Apsley Artisans Christmas Show & Sale, Apsley Legion

Saturday - 26

- Community Care Christmas Bowl-a-thon, The Fast Lane, 1:30pm, 705-457-2941, hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com, www.communitycarehaliburton.com
- Snowflake Bazaar, Haliburton Legion, 9am to 3pm, 705-754-3319
- Open Mike Nite, Dominion Hotel, Minden, 8pm, 705-286-5035, shawn@light.on.ca
- Meat Draw, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Karaoke, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30pm, John Sloan, 705-286-1397, jjcsloan@gmail.com

Sunday - 27

- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 8am to 11am, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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- Cribbage Night, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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Tuesday - 29

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Wednesday - 30

- Art & Tea, Rails End Gallery, for adults who like to talk about art and drink tea
- Darts, Haliburton Legion Branch 129, 7:30pm
- Darts, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7:30pm, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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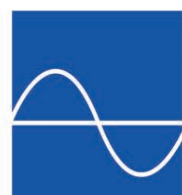
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