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## Dog Sled Derby dazzles

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Photo Terrance Gavan

# Cultural centre staff dismissed

## Reeve, CAO silent on reasons for firings

By Terrance Gavan

RD Lawrence Place co-ordinator Sheryl Loucks and curator of the Minden Hills Museum, Caroline McLachlan-Darling, were both handed their walking papers last week. No explanation was provided by Minden Hills Council and apparently none will be, at least until the two terminated employees have had a chance to look over their severance packages.

Reeve Barb Reid and CAO Gerry Morrison did not respond to calls before our deadline; Councilor Brigitte Gall said that for the moment, Council will not be making any statements.

"We really can't comment at this time. It's to allow the employees time to look at their package and respond accordingly. They need their time and they don't need to read things in any of the papers right now. We are letting them have the time they deserve."

Gall added that once they have reviewed the packages, Loucks and McLachlan-Darling would have an opportunity to either accept the severance or seek advice. She also told *The Highlander* that once the gag order has been lifted she would be happy to comment on the situation.

Barb Reid told the Minden Times that she would be issuing no comment on the firings and CAO Gerry Morrison specified in that same article that any explanations would come by way of a press release.

Minden Hills Museum is closed until May; the curator is normally available only on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the winter and early spring. Calls to the RD Lawrence Place on Wednesday were redirected to an answering machine and the recorded voice of the former coordinator. The recording advised callers to leave a message for Sheryl Loucks.

Sharon Lawrence, wife of the late RD Lawrence and a huge supporter of the Minden Cultural Centre, said on Wednesday

that she had not been informed of any change in plans for RD Lawrence Place, nor has she had an opportunity to talk with Loucks. "I realize that no comments will be made to the press until a press release is issued," said Lawrence. She added that she had heard that the release would be coming "soon" — probably in early February. "It's not fair to make any comments until the release is issued."

Lawrence added that a recent Cultural Centre newsletter specified that some programs would be continuing, a statement which could be interpreted to mean that others will be canceled; the newsletter added that the centre is still open from Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 to 5. "I don't exactly know what programs are running, but it's open now, and I think we still are continuing the memoir writing class with Melody Richardson once a month."

The Cultural Centre newsletter states that, "Programs and events are undergoing some changes at RD Lawrence Place. Please call 705-286-2808 or email [culturalcentreinfo@mindenhills.ca](mailto:culturalcentreinfo@mindenhills.ca) to make sure that programs you are interested in are still running."

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## Dog Derby a success

### Reeve Fearrey impressed

By Terrance Gavan

When the local reeve is out parking cars on a very chilly Sunday morning, you know there's something special about the event.

He was, and the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby is very special.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey has been a friend of the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby since it began a decade ago. In the past it has drawn spectators from all over Ontario, a Jamaican dog sled team, and comic Rick Mercer, who put the event on Canada's map five years ago. The event has even welcomed Miss Canada, and always rubs shoulders with legends of the sport.

Reeve Fearrey has been there for most of them, and last Saturday and Sunday, Dysart's stalwart CEO was glad-handing once again. Not for votes, mind you, but to add his best wishes to the spectators who came out to cheer on participants in the 10th annual Derby.

Fearrey is one of the event's biggest fans because it's good news for the Highlands. The Mercer schmooze — with the accompanying race between Rick and Jamaican musher Damion Robb — is still up on YouTube today. It's advertising that a municipality just can't buy.

The Derby brings teams in from Michigan, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Maine, Quebec and Ontario.

"I think these special events are really important for our community, especially in the winter when tourism is slow," says Fearrey. "We had great crowds and a great day on Saturday and we had a pretty good turnout on Sunday."

He's been impressed with the organizational zest that

Winterdance Dog Sled Tours brings to the mix.

"Tanya and Hank (McCready and DeBruin, proprietors of Winterdance) are key to the success of the whole event," says Fearrey, who adds that the Highlands is one of the few places on the sled dog pro circuit this year with enough snow to run a race.

"They drew nearly 70 mushers, and the competitors I talked to were extremely happy with the condition of the trails."

And it was only possible through the work of Winterdance owners DeBruin and McCready, who took time out from prepping for their second run at the famed Alaskan Iditarod, to bring mushers, dogs, skijoring enthusiasts and fans together at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

It was a points race and boasted prize money of close to \$10,000. It's been a disappointing dogsled season to this point; thus this Highlands Derby came as a godsend to mushers all across east and central Ontario.

Races Saturday and Sunday featured purebred and Alaskan classes, the youth race and the adorable kid and mutt class. Skijoring classes — skijoring features one or two dogs pulling a competitor on cross-country skis — were broken into separate one and two-dog classes again this year.

Results and prize-winners will be available in next week's issue of *The Highlander*.

McCready says that the event would not have been possible except for the generous contribution of the event's sponsors.

The Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby is sanctioned by the IFSS and ISDRA, and is part of the OFSS Triple Crown Race series.



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# Algonquin Highlands

## Droppings out Plan calls for “vegetative buffer” to oust geese from popular beach

By Stephen Patrick

The Elvin Johnson Park, just off Old Mill Road on Hall’s Lake, is one of Haliburton’s most popular swimming and picnic destinations. Almost 1,000 feet of beautiful beach and towering pines curve along the eastern side of the lake; the site even includes some frontage on the Little Kennisis River (known locally as the ‘Bubbling Hawk’).

The park boasts a wide diversity of native plants and grasses which, when combined with the open beach, make for a perfect family picnic venue. The problem is, all these attributes make it an absolutely irresistible destination for another Haliburton species – the insatiable poop machine known as the Canada Goose.

To combat this hostile takeover, the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association invited Eva Fisher, Shoreline Advisor for the Lakeland Alliance, “to provide recommendations for shoreline naturalization on the property. Members of the HHLPOA were concerned by high E. coli counts in the water and by observations of Canada goose feces on the property.” The Lakeland Alliance is supported by a number of organizations, including local Stewardship Councils, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers’ Associations, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Ministry of the Environment.

HHLPOA President Terry Moore addressed Algonquin Highlands Council last Thursday, to outline the recommendations and to ask for Council’s support in drawing up a workable plan for the park. The plans include a “vegetated buffer of at least two feet in height ... to prevent geese from coming onshore but also to reduce their ability to safely graze at the site. The buffer must be dense enough so that the geese will not be able to see through it.”

This buffer must also seal off the edges of the park, so that the canny geese can’t do an end-run to access the grasses. The report claims that this strategy has been successfully employed by the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority in two locations; it also points out that the buffer will help in mitigating erosion and preventing pollution, with the added

benefit of improving habitats for fish, frogs and turtles by improving water quality through shade, and by providing food and shelter.

The report acknowledges that paths must be established through the buffer zone, “to maintain convenient access to the beach. This will prevent the plants from being trampled ... and should be designed on the diagonal or in a winding ‘S’ pattern to prevent geese from viewing past the buffer.”

Other recommendations were to protect the root systems of some of the pines from further erosion, and to plant native shrubs along the shore, again to limit erosion but also to act as a further deterrent for the geese.

Moore pointed out that the intent was not just to control the geese, but also to provide an ongoing demonstration to cottagers and residents of the benefits of this type of shoreline naturalization. “We can demonstrate to our members through this program how we can enhance the shoreline – we do not want to be intrusive and act as a kind of policeman. We want cottagers to buy into the program, and if they see how this kind of project can work, to the environment’s advantage, and ultimately to all our benefit, that will encourage them to protect their own shorelines.”

The HHLPOA has already lined up support from U-Links, Trent University and Fleming College to assist with the design and, hopefully, the implementation of the plan. Moore was at pains to point out that he was not (at this juncture) asking council for money, merely for their approval to develop the design for the project.

Reeve Carol Moffatt, and indeed all of Council, were solidly behind the goals of the project, but Moffatt was quick to point out that Council couldn’t be in a position to guarantee financial support before they could see actual designs and amounts.

Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen commented that, worthy though the goals might be, they would clearly and seriously alter the actual experience of the park, in that there would be no clear route to run down the sand into the water anymore. Parental supervision would also be made more difficult, although the plan does call for some strategically placed benches where



Just going about my business. Photo by James Hall-Robinson.

**Terry Moore**

President HHLPOA

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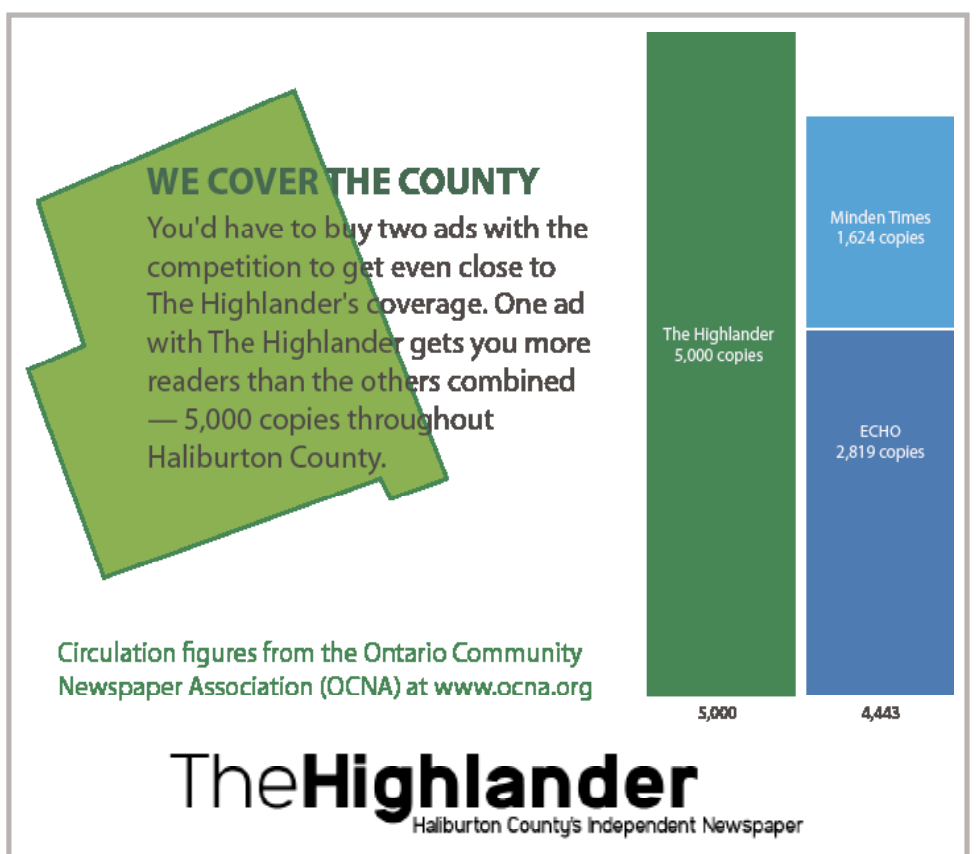
mom and dad can keep an eye on their children.

But the plain fact remains that what is now a wide-open traditional beach, beloved by sunbathers and swimmers alike, would be transformed. Reeve Moffatt asked Brian Whetstone, the municipality’s Manager of Operations for Roads and Public Works, for his thoughts. He immediately asked Terry Moore if his association has taken any kind of survey of the cottagers and tourists who for years have sunbathed and swam at the park.

Whetstone was clearly concerned that the park’s traditional uses could be

seriously compromised by the plan, and he could see controversy ahead. Moore said that they would indeed be considering an information campaign at the beach this summer to explain what was being proposed. And clearly, no one was in favour of the status quo if it meant that the beach would eventually be unusable due to unchecked fouling by the mighty geese.

In the end, Council agreed to support the development of the plan and wished the association well, with Reeve Moffatt reiterating that the support did not imply future financial backing.



# Editorial opinion



## Drugs and our youth: the never-ending story

By Stephen Patrick

As every parent of a teenager in Haliburton County knows, illegal drugs — soft, hard, and the legally prescribed variety — are available almost as readily as a case of 24 is at the local beer store. Except that the drug dealers don't bother to check ID.

There are very strong cases to be made for the legalization of pot; Bram Lebo made one eloquently in these pages last fall. This month the federal Liberals passed a resolution at their national convention supporting the complete legalization of marijuana by a convincing 77 percent of the delegates.

The resolution was brought forward by the youth wing, but clearly commanded support from every demographic. Now, convention resolutions are scarcely binding, particularly for a former natural governing party now mired dismally in third place nationally. When the NDP were in that position they regularly passed resolutions that were rooted deeply in fantasy-land; ditto the Progressive Conservatives during their long days and nights and decades in the political wilderness.

But still, the Liberals without question have succeeded in bringing the debate back into sharp public focus. And that is particularly good news for a society where drug-related crimes of violence are only too tragically familiar.

Our community is no stranger to this. Over the last few years, we've lost a number of the very young to brutality, to overdoses, to suicide. The toll on family and friends, the innocent and the compromised, is incalculable. But seldom, if ever, are the major players brought to justice. The small fry, particularly in crimes of violence, pay the price occasionally, and are of course replaced promptly. The big boys sit back in the GTA, raking in the dough.

Once in a while, they too pay the price — usually at the hands of their associates, or rivals. But no serious person has any suspicion that the trade itself is in the slightest vulnerable, or believes that our police forces have any serious handle on it. The sheer size of the illegal drug industry makes their task a finger-in-the-dyke business at best.

Thousands of acres of our county are regularly under cultivation; if seized, growers simply move on. And what percentage of county homes across Haliburton might have a weed or two growing somewhere on the back 40?

I live in Haliburton Village, just 10 minutes from Highland Street. Scarcely a day passes when I don't see one, two, or more young people, often of school age, walking aimlessly about town, eyes downcast, body language an image of defeat. They huddle together like the dispossessed the world over, in anonymous corners and corridors for warmth and companionship. Their sad vulnerability is, perhaps, a silent cry for help, or at least recognition.

The kids I describe are of course no more victims of the drug dealers than are the middle class kids occupied every day at school, and on the playing fields. They simply illustrate — in the extreme — how difficult the course of adolescence can be. Adults in theory can make adult choices. If a 35 year old wants to toke up, does anyone really care?

Teenagers are different. They need protection on their journey. But does anyone really believe that criminalizing pot provides them with that protection? It merely adds to the dangers their vulnerability invites.



By Bram Lebo

## A contrast in two women

I was in the States last week, listening to American talk radio, something you should never do unless you're certain your blood pressure is firmly under control, when I came across an interesting panel discussion about poverty. It must have been NPR, because that's the last remaining place on the American dial offering any semblance of sanity — would-be CBC-slayers take note.

One of the panellists was talking about the differences between liberals and conservatives (small-l, small-c) on their presumed causes of poverty. Conservatives, she said, believe people get where they are in life based on choices they make, and explain poverty as the result of decisions and circumstances under an individual's control. Give people handouts, and a lot of them will take them for granted, making the same bad decisions and continuing the cycle of poverty; this is what conservatives call an "entitlement" or "dependency" culture.

Liberals, on the other hand, believe that poverty is largely the result of circumstances and that, given a hand up, most people can escape it. The panellist said that rather than suffering from a lack of good decisions, what poor people really suffer from is a lack of money, caused by being paid insufficiently for their work. Her argument was that more progressive taxation and higher wages — a slight flattening of the economic pyramid — would do better at alleviating poverty than the failed trickle-down policies of the last 30 years, better than lecturing and moralizing for a stronger work ethic.

I thought of this discussion in the context of MPP Laurie Scott's visit to the Community Kitchen and her meeting with Kyla Grexton.

Our prejudices would tell us that mothers needing help providing food for their kids are generally of the teenage variety, the result of bad choices. And it's true that motherhood at too-young an age is an almost certain ticket to poverty: it cuts short a woman's education; often she will have no partner and must raise a child on her own. So it is that young single mothers and their kids make up a disproportionate number of the poor. The contrast with our MPP — a successful, powerful, well-paid woman who did not have children as a teenager — could not be more stark.

One could look at our MPP and the proverbial teenage mother and easily declare case closed. Each woman made her individual choices and behold the results: one depends on the kindness of strangers while the other has an exciting, empowering and we imagine, most of the time, fulfilling career as a respected representative of the people.

Except that Ms Grexton is not a teenager; not even close. Other details of her circumstances are frankly none of our business, but it was not teenage motherhood that brought her to the Community Kitchen. To make assumptions about her life and those of others — from either a liberal or conservative perspective — would be presumptuous and likely wrong. To say that her predicament — or Scott's — is the result of choices may be true, or grossly unfair.

Could it really be a series of choices that brought these women down such different paths? Scott, daughter of a successful, respected politician, could hardly have had a more establishment upbringing, with every possible advantage, starting and ending with a good name. What happens when you start life without those benefits or worse, with serious obstacles to a successful life?

Despite apparent differences, these women do share one thing in common: courage. In the case of MPP Scott, it's the courage to look our community's hardships straight in the eye and to spend time with those who often don't have a voice at Queens Park. With no election in the offing, Scott could have spent the day in the gentler, walnut-clad rooms populating the halls of power rather than traipsing around our cold neck of the woods; instead, she took her place with us.

In Ms Grexton's case, the courage is in her asking for help because she knows it will benefit her small family, despite the risk of encountering scorn. Scott was right to say Grexton is lucky — but not for having such a supportive community, though she does — it's for having a community that tries to help without judgment or conditions. That is the true measure of generosity and good will.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the visit was the difference in tone and substance between Scott and her leader, Tim Hudak during the election campaign. Rather than projecting a self-righteous glee at the prospect of shredding Ontario's social safety net, Scott seems prepared to see things for herself. Her advocacy on behalf of Haliburton County offers a bit of hope that the so-called liberal-conservative divide isn't really that wide; that when it comes to the important work of helping those in need, how they got there isn't nearly as important as making sure we're there with them.

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# Letters to the Editor

## “Let his days be few and brief...”

**Dear Editor:**

Knowing that the Highlander’s advertising revenues might suffer the consequences, Stephen Patrick is to be congratulated for his courage in bringing to our attention the fact that an alliance of Christian pastors recently held a prayer breakfast to support our local politicians, among others.

According to the editorial of January 19, this meeting was introduced by a reactionary passage from Romans 13, warning that “whoever rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted...”

Why is it that the anointed shepherds of our community (but not just our community) flock to Rome at feeding time? Have they not taken to heart their Saviour’s admonition in Mark 22, “to render under Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s”?

Lest they be dismissed as mere servants of power, the local pastors should do something in the near future to restore a seemly balance. They might, for example, consider breaking bread with some folks from Toronto’s Occupy movement. Perhaps that occasion could be convened in the spirit of Psalm 109, where it is written, “Let his days be few and brief; and let others step forward to replace him.”

**Doug Smith HOSP (Haliburton Occupy Support Project)**

## This deed is a legal contract

**Dear Editor:**

On Thursday January 12 I read The Highlander’s article dealing with Dysart Council’s debate regarding the baseball field near the Haliburton Arena.

At the time I could not believe so much shortsightedness could be concentrated in one small room. The only champion of youth at that debate was Walt McKechnie. What bothered me most was that, reading between the lines, council was prepared to pave the useless baseball field, with absolutely no clear commitment to replace it any time soon.

My belief in human intelligence has been restored after reading Terry Gavan’s article and Jim and Marilyn Frost’s letter in The Highlander’s issue of January 19.

“Anecdotal” evidence shows that the field is used not only by organized groups that are registered, but frequently by youth and families.

Council’s argument that West Guilford’s diamond could accommodate those few souls from Haliburton is ludicrous. That is like saying, “there is some spare capacity at the Stanhope tennis courts” which could look after the Haliburton tennis players just fine. Why these old geezers from Hali can drive down to Stanhope just fine. Then Council could take down the fence around the tennis courts and use the space for parking. A win win situation. Oh, better yet, why not for sake of efficiency shut down the Haliburton Hospital since there is a bit of capacity left at the Minden Hospital.

But these are just political arguments. Who cares?

What is really important to note is that Council was amazingly and unbelievably cavalier about the legal reality of the deed governing this piece of land. The original deed to the land clearly states what the Canadian Land and Emigration Company intended this land to be used for. In the 19th century in Canada, land was set aside in the form of the clergy reserves for churches, and by legislation land also had to be reserved for schools.

The developer, the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, intended this land to be used by society for the common good. If you were to look closely at the deed you would find that the price charged for the land was below market in order that the council be able to support sports, fitness and community spirit.

This deed is a legal contract and no council can just brush it aside by saying, oh it is close to a recreation facility and therefore the diamond can be paved over. Let’s support Councilor Walt McKechnie, since he is the only voice in the municipal wilderness who clearly understands the needs of youth and families of this community.

**Armin Weber  
Eagle Lake**

## Most part-timers do not have benefits

**Dear Editor:**

I would like to comment on the January 19 article *Municipal staff turn up heat on Council*.

I must say that I find the article particularly biased in favour of CUPE. I would also like to suggest to [CUPE National Representative] Alison Davidson that she needs to research her facts. To quote her as per your article, “The County of Peterborough, a slightly larger, but comparable municipality in the area, recently bargained improvements to wages, benefits, and other working conditions for its CUPE employees.”

How can she compare the Municipality of Highlands East with its population of approximately 3,400 to a county of 54,000 people, which includes the City of Peterborough? Obviously the tax base in Peterborough is quite a bit larger. Furthermore, Highlands East is one of the most economically depressed areas in the province with an average income of \$23,877 a year. Her CUPE members are among the fortunate who have a job to go to every day.

She also needs to remember that she is negotiating for 24 people while the Council has to be cognizant of the needs of the entire Municipality. Raising taxes to pay for an increase in salary for such a small group of people would not be considered responsible behaviour.

Mr. Riley [local CUPE President Ken Riley] thinks part-time workers are entitled to the same benefits as the councilors. My understanding is that most part-time employees in the province do not have benefits. The councilors and reeve are not paid much, and I for one do not begrudge them some dental and medical benefits. It’s the least we can do for the hours they work on our behalf.

Maybe it’s time for Alison Davidson and CUPE to do a reality check.

**Patricia Russell  
Highlands East**

# The Outsider — Chilly today, isn’t it...

It comes upon us without warning sometimes, while at others it overpowers us slowly and relentlessly, heightening our sense of foreboding with every passing minute. It can be quick and violent, wet and sloppy or prolonged, all engulfing, a pouring forth of catastrophic proportions. All I know is that we have to ride it out and hope for the best.

What am I talking about? The weather, of course. For those of you who thought diarrhea, shame on you. You’ve been watching too much Jackass TV!

Yes, the weather. It’s an engrossing topic and one that Canadians seem to talk about almost as much as the English. But then again, why not? You guys certainly get your fair share, and you have some different terms to describe it that I’m still getting my head around.

Ice pellets, for instance. It wasn’t until the other day that I experienced these. I heard they were on their way via the radio and wondered just what they’d be. Must mean hail, I thought and prepared myself for the onslaught of marble sized chunks to come.

Nothing.

Ice pellets be damned, I thought, and set off for the village.

They came just as I arrived and was half way across the car park. Small, sharp and fast, causing me to run for cover, knocking pensioners hither and thither as I dashed into Foodland.

It’s OK, the snowy ground provided the old folk with soft(ish) landings.

So these are ice pellets, I mused. Should have told me they meant sleet; then I wouldn’t have left the house!

Next day came the warning of freezing rain, coupled with an announcement that the school buses wouldn’t be running.

“Pah! They run buses all winter in the snow but a bit of freezing rain and school is cancelled,” I announced to my lovely wife. “What kind of namby pamby country have we moved to?”

“And what the hell is freezing rain if it’s not snow, hail or those blasted ice pellets, anyway?”

No rain was going to stop me from popping into the village for that butter tart that I craved so badly. And so, off I went. As I drove past Barnum Lake, a brave sole strode out onto the ice and began to drill a hole to fish through. It was then that the rain began.

It rained — wet rain, the kind I, a fellow from England, know so much about — and I smirked at the lack of buses and kids as I drove past the school, butter tart on my mind. A visit to the Kosy Korner. A quick chat and an exit with the remains of one butter tart between my teeth, plus two more tucked into my coat pocket. The rain was colder now — freezing rain.

My car looked like someone had dipped it in quick-drying sugar syrup; it was glistening and shiny, rather than dull and dirty. I smiled. I tried the door; it was stuck. Only after a good wrench did it open.

From inside, I saw the coating of ice on the windscreen (windshield, to you chaps) and knew I’d have to get back out to chip it off.

Then came the drive home: an unnerving slither, slip, sliding adventure that more than once almost put me in a ditch.

Good job I have those butter tarts with me, in case of emergency, I thought.

The guy was still on Barnum Lake. Was he fishing or was he frozen solid? I imagined taking a small hammer and tapping him, to free him from a rigid prison of ice. But that would mean getting out of the car and walking across the lake in the freezing rain. Forget it. It was his own stupid fault for going fishing in this weather!

And then it happened. As I looked back at the road, I suddenly slid sideways out of control, an oncoming truck’s headlights bearing down on me. I frantically stamped on the brakes, swung the steering wheel this way and that, panicking wildly. I closed my eyes and braced myself for impact.

Nothing.

The car was at a stop, still on the road. The truck was gone. And, I realised that it had overcome me without warning. It had been quick and violent, probably due to the panic, and now I was sat in it!

Need to get home and change, I thought.



By Will Jones

# Letters to the Editor

## CUPE workers should be grateful

**Dear Editor:**

I will probably become public enemy number one with Highlands East municipal staff over my objection to their decision to file for conciliation. However, let's use some common sense, something Alison Davidson, CUPE National Representative is lacking.

First off, there is no comparison between this municipality and the County of Peterborough pertaining to population and tax base, the number of businesses paying business taxes, public transit, schools, community centres, staff load for services, a multitude of shopping centres, entertainment establishments, just to name a few pertinent factors.

The Municipality of Highlands East, unlike the County of Peterborough, has limited resources, population and full-time employment opportunities, just to name the most important factors which have a bearing on its ability to maintain a sustainable tax base. As far as the accumulated surplus that exists, with more Provincial and Federal regulations being handed down to municipalities, one would think any surplus would be better served towards whatever new services a municipality may have to provide in the future as well as for unforeseen and unexpected repairs or upgrades.

Just because there is a surplus of funds, it is not reasonable for staff to use this as an excuse for raises and benefits, which would raise taxes for everyone. How greedy is that! They want to be thankful they have full time steady jobs, as there are many who do not. Local President Ken Riley is right when he says we are a small, tight-knit community and he should then realize there is only so much money to go around.

In my opinion, this municipality has plenty of full time employees. How many employees does this municipality require? I ponder the rationale for the hiring of part-time staff. However if required, they may work a 40-hour work week, but not on a continuous year-round basis, so in my opinion they would not qualify for benefits.

I am sure there will be some staff members that would attempt to make full-time work projects for part-time staff, if only to justify their demands for benefits. Food for thought!

I am sure all municipal staff members are paid very well and if they were working for minimum wage, as are many in Highlands East, then they would have an argument.

**Beverly MacDuff**  
**Gooderham**

## English is the language of Europe — including France

**Dear Editor:**

Having spent five years in Germany in Baden Baden, not 10 minutes from France, and having toured the majority of countries of Europe, I can tell you that English is the language of Europe — including France.

It doesn't matter that French is supposed to be the official international language — it is not. English is the language of choice for communication, trade and commerce between all European nationals, if not between everyone in the non-English speaking world. If you speak English and are plopped down anywhere in non-English speaking countries, you'll most always find someone who will respond to you.

However, for an English speaker from Canada, I can tell you from experience that there are parts of Scotland, Wales and Northern England, and even parts of the States and Canada, where one can be seriously challenged to be understood. Ironically, Continental Europe is one place where Canadian or British English is more apt to be understood because the kids are taught British-accented English in schools.

English Canadians are most often taken for Americans, and by Americans as 'Upper New Yorkers' (until they get to know us, when we become 'Americans without money' who tend to say 'eh' a lot). Some Americans don't believe we're Canadian because we only speak English, not French.

Quebec is absolutely nothing like France. Nor is the language in many ways. In fact, virtually every Quebecois I knew, when I was lived in Germany, absolutely detested — dreaded, in fact — going to France. They'd prefer to go to Britain! Why? My Quebec friends told me it was because the France-French always seemed so utterly insulting and snobbish to them! In several cases I know, French Canadians — the Quebecois — were asked by their French cousins to speak English because their Canadian-French was incomprehensible! I can't even imagine Canadian English folks saying something that insulting to a Quebecois!

Quebec is unique. Unlike most places on the planet, Quebec as a jurisdiction has been under a Monarchy since its inception. Quebec is also the only province in the world where 'ARRET' is used as a 'STOP' sign. At one time Quebec was the only place on the planet where airliners had to speak French when they flew over it — this was changed, of course, because English is the language of the airlines.

It can be argued that Quebec is more 'French' than France is. Certainly Quebec, unlike France, more jealously cherishes and guards her language.

**Fast Eddie Burke**  
**Haliburton**

## Thanks for a wonderful Christmas Spirit Dinner

**Dear Editor:**

It never ceases to amaze me that in our small community, one that has been classified as among those that are economically depressed, we see such generosity. It takes many people and organizations in our Highlands to put together an event like this, where we had over 120 come. It is in this spirit I want to pass on a thank you to The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House, the owners and their staff and volunteers,

for a wonderful Christmas Spirit Dinner that was once again hosted by them.

A special thanks to the ladies of the Minden Legion Branch 636 for the toys, for Minden V&S who were so generous in the discount given to us to purchase

more gifts for the children. And thanks to St. Paul's, St. George's and Lakeside Baptist Churches, 4C's, Minden Food Bank and our County Social Services for distributing invitations and helping in many other ways.

The special Christmas music by John Menzies was enjoyed by everyone; the food donated by Gorman's Distributing and Sysco Food Services, and all financial assistance by those who gave were all appreciated. Everything worked together and only helps to show us all that we live in a wonderful, caring community.

Thank you Haliburton Highlands citizens. Once again you proved yourselves to be amazing!

**Lee Turner and Barb Trocewicz**

## Arts Council happy with response to website

**Dear Editor:**

The Arts Council—Haliburton Highlands is heartened to see that our recent partnership with madeinhaliburton.ca is being received so well by the local arts community. We believe that this unique arts promotion partnership, which is being promoted by the government, will benefit local artists as well as contribute to the overall economic benefits of the creative economy in Haliburton County.

The Arts Council has been able to fulfill a number of its mandates with this project, for example, acting as a catalyst for economic development in the community and promoting art and artists in the Highlands and around the world. The Arts Council looks forward to developing further partnerships with individuals or groups that wish to promote the arts in this community but may lack the funds or expertise to do so on their own.

**Lesley English**  
**Past Chair Arts Council — Haliburton Highlands**

## "If Christ were here today... he'd be crucified all over again."

**Dear Editor:**

I just read Stephen Patrick's editorial, Rebellion, authority, the church and MLK. Thank you for raising this interesting point about blind obedience.

Apparently, King James (whose version of the bible is arguably the most widely read) could see that the real message of Jesus Christ was not one of blind obedience, but rather of active, nonviolent civil disobedience. King James understood that such a message simply could not be disseminated if the hierarchical domination structures which benefit the few and subjugate the many — and which remain intact to this day — were to survive. So, he changed the bible; so much for "God's word."

For clarification and a fuller explanation of this point, please

read the book The Powers That Be, by theologian Walter Wink.

I would suggest that the present-day domination structures — the socio-political realm, the economy and religion — have absolutely no interest in changing the current generalized apathy towards power and blind obedience. Indeed, as Noam Chomsky points out, it seems pretty clear that the manipulation, and subjugation in a myriad of ways, of the vast majority of the population has become acceptable and, worse, accepted.

As has been said before, if Christ were here today and spoke his real message, he'd be crucified all over again — by many of those who claim to be his followers.

**Craig Bugden**  
**Minden**



# Highlander arts

## State of the Arts



### It's a garlic press, just the same

### Art doesn't lend itself to online shopping

By Victoria Ward

I am now convinced that the Internet makes people crazy. Well, that's a wee bit strong a statement, but I do believe that we have a new syndrome afoot in our culture that pivots on the belief that you can do exactly what you are doing now, but better online. Being online will somehow fulfill all your goals and dreams.

I mentioned in an earlier column that in fact, building your dreams online is as hard to do as building them in the non-virtual world.

It may seem that we are awash with You Tube celebrities and blog superstars, but in fact these sudden successes have always been with us regardless of the medium. Despite what Marshall McLuhan says, the medium is in fact not the message; the message is the message.

Because I live in Haliburton, I do a lot of things online that I used to do on a bike, scooting around the city: things like banking, going to Rotate This to find out about concerts, watching movies in movie theatres, sharing things I think are cool with friends, and a small amount of shopping (I've been an artist so long now that going into a store to buy something new actually feels like a shameful act).

My art work, however, has never translated into an online bonanza. I have found that, if people are going to pay more than a few hundred dollars for something, they want to touch it, or at the very least be close enough to smell it. You can argue that technology itself is completely adaptable to online shopping because you know what you're getting due to the specs and reviews on each item. And, you can definitely purchase all sorts of things you need for your house online because again, you know what you are getting into — a William Sonoma garlic press is a beautiful thing, but it is a garlic press just the same.

Art, however, is a different ball of wax. You can't really judge from online visuals that a work of art will fit into your scheme of things. Most of the time, what sell are prints of popular masterpieces, or extremely innocuous work: a small, realistic watercolour of a meadow with poppies, for instance. Or anything with dogs.

Art that is sold on the web is, for the most part, very cheap to produce and ship; again, like prints. It should ideally fit nicely into a Fed Ex box. Shipping is actually the way most sites make their money, not by the sale of the art itself. How do they do it? Volume! You need gobs and gobs of inexpensive thingies on the site in order to break even.

There are sales exceptions and success stories, but for the most part every artist I know says the same thing: people have to see the work before they give you their money. The crafts people I know who use the Internet as a storefront do find that they can move product, but usually it's because they were found at a trade show by people who saw their work first hand.

All galleries and artists today have websites or a web presence. If you have a high profile you can be easily Googled and your work will be somewhere. But most of the best do not sell their work online because their pieces are far too expensive and their relationship with their buyers is never an impulse situation. Art buyers are just as important as artists, especially those who take a risk on the artist who has gambled it all to give their work the kind of stature in their life that Van Gogh, Bernini, Michaelangelo, Turner and Rothko (just to name a few) did in theirs.

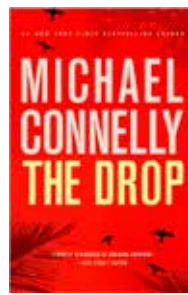
But probably what's most important in this whole e-commerce debate is that art breeds community. Art galleries (commercial and public) are places for people to share in a real way, and their success is usually manifested in many different ways throughout the city, town or village they are in. Motivated by people who love what they do, an art venue is enticingly festive and inspiring. Artists who exhibit with them generally feel the same.

An online art venue isn't going to do what is most needed for artists, i.e. build a long term relationship with supporters, a place to exhibit and meet the public and to help find ways to access subsidies for their work.

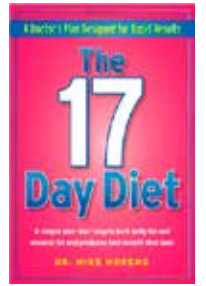
Jumping at the bait of the online promise is something that can soak up a lot of resources, time and energy. I know because I have been helping people create sites for years. The time requirement is something no one admits to; you need eons of it to make your site successful.

A community that is already thriving with galleries, festivals, concerts, plays, writers, artists, performers, studios and artisans is already fulfilling their dreams. Shilling work online could be easily as harmful as it might be helpful to the artist.

One thing's for sure: it will be crazy-making regardless.



## Haliburton County's Hot Reads



The following are the top 5 fiction and non-fiction titles as requested at the Haliburton County Public Library for the week of January 23-29

### HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *The Drop* by Michael Connelly
2. *Private #1 Suspect* by James Patterson
3. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
4. *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson
5. *Before The Poison* by Peter Robinson

### HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

1. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton
2. *From This Moment On* by Shania Twain
3. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
4. *Currency Wars: The Making of the Next Global Crisis* by James Rickards
5. *The 17 Day Diet* by Mike Moreno

HCPL's Top 5 Fiction List now includes the sleeper hit, *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson. This psychological thriller debut was released last summer and has steadily grown readership over the past few months. Its sudden surge in popularity has already prompted acclaimed movie director and producer Ridley Scott to buy the film rights.

The story follows Christine, a woman whose memory is damaged as a result of an accident. Each day she wakes up without knowing who or where she is. In an effort to piece her life back together, she begins documenting her days in a journal, eventually making some startling discoveries that will leave her questioning who she can trust. Both Cate Blanchett and Kate Winslet are said to be among the A-list actresses jostling for the role of Christine. It's always nice when movie-buzz helps bring popularity back to the book and author responsible for the story. After all, where would Hollywood be without books?

### Library News

Friday, January 27 is Family Literacy Day. We're celebrating by offering children's programming at our Minden and Dysart branches. Stop by the Dysart branch (Haliburton) at 10:30 am or the Minden branch at 2 pm — there will be games, activities and a story time featuring the picture book, *The Bear Snores On!*

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## Cultural visioning a success

By Will Jones

"We were really pleased with the turnout and some of the wonderful ideas for the future of the community," said Pat Martin, Dysart's Director of Planning and Development, following the community visioning event on January 19.

Held at Fleming College, the event attracted over 50 attendees, even on one of the worst days for weather that we've seen this winter. Members of the business and arts communities came, along with representation from the Chamber of Commerce, Health Unit, Aging Well committee, Fleming College, the library, museum and historical society. Councilors were also in attendance, this being a great chance to find out just how their constituents view Dysart et al, and how they feel it could grow culturally.

The visioning session was an important part of an information-gathering exercise for the formulation of a Municipal Cultural Plan for Dysart; a plan that is being drafted by economic development consultant Millier Dickinson Blaise, and which could become a major economic driver for the community. The consultant has also created the questionnaire that the council and media sources have been asking people to fill in recently, and it has conducted one-to-one interviews with members of the community.

At the visioning event, attendees were split into small working groups and asked to answer the following questions: what are the five most important assets in the community? Write a short phrase that describes your vision for a culturally-rich Dysart et al. What are some big ideas or strategies needed to advance this vision? What are some of the signs that we are moving in the right direction?

### Pat Martin

Director of Planning  
and Development

*"Culture and heritage  
have such broad definitions  
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or social and natural  
history."*

In an interview with *The Highlander*, Martin explained that the questions offer a broad response base because, "culture and heritage have such broad definitions in our community. They could mean art or theatre, hunting, trapping or social and natural history," she said. "All are part of the cultural discussion and we have to find ways in which to include them all in our cultural plan."

Martin enthused about all three aspects of the cultural plan reconnaissance carried out by Millier Dickinson Blaise, "The questionnaire has only been up on the website for two months and we already have 178 responses, which is remarkable according to the consultant. That, and the enthusiasm that has been shown in the interviews and at the visioning session, has really blown them and me away," she said.

Martin went on to say that the consultant had remarked how rarely they come into a community in which there is already so much activity — so many different groups and things happening. She and Millier Dickinson Blaise believe Dysart has a wonderful basis on which to work and that the focus of the cultural plan may well centre on coordination of these diverse groups, and on properly targeted marketing of the many vibrant cultural aspects of the municipality.

The information gleaned at the visioning session is now being collated by Millier Dickinson Blaise and it will form part of the consultant's draft cultural plan, to be presented to council at the end of March. Following work with Council, a draft Municipal Cultural Plan will be aired at a public meeting on July 3.

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# County news



## MPP Scott visits Community Kitchen

By Will Jones

MPP Laurie Scott got a firsthand look at the work that goes into ensuring some of the poorest people in Haliburton County eat healthily, during her visit to the Community Kitchen in Haliburton on Tuesday.

Escorted on her tour of the Haliburton United Church facility by Barb Walford-Davis, chair of the Minden Food Bank, and Nancy Brownsberger, community coordinator for SIRCH, Scott was told about the volunteer work and charitable programs being run to provide nutritious meals to some of the most underprivileged members of the community.

“What these people here today are doing is critical,” said Scott. “And, I can not overstate the word critical. Times are tough and the work of the food banks and community kitchen, plus all the other programs that organizations such as SIRCH run, is vital in ensuring families on low income and the elderly survive.”

“The volunteers are wonderful. Their time and skills are so important in this work. It will enable families to make it through the difficult times in their lives, and it educates them for the future, too.”

During her visit, Scott met young mothers who have benefited from both the food box scheme and Community Kitchen. Kyla Grexton, mom of one, told the MPP about

the support she has been given. “The milk supplements that SIRCH offers made a world of difference to me, and the Community Kitchen has been phenomenal. The recipes we cook are great and the fact that you go home with a meal takes a load off of your mind, too. I’m a picky eater but my little boy enjoys all kinds of great nutritious meals thanks to the supplies we get in the food box. The availability of this

good fresh food has been a real life saver for me because it is so expensive up here.”

Scott commended Grexton for her bravery in asking for help and said, “You are very lucky to have the community support that is in place in Haliburton County.”

Following the kitchen tour, Scott attended a meeting at the Health Unit with the leaders of the various organizations within FoodNet. Invited by Walford-Davis, the MPP listened to stories from the program’s partners and took lots of notes on the challenges that the predominantly charitable and volunteer-driven initiatives come up against.

HKPR public health dietician, Rosie Kadwell, remarked, “The FoodNet members were very pleased that Laurie Scott attended the meeting to hear about the work that we do. Laurie took away lots of stories and ideas about FoodNet and food security in the region.”

As a parting request, FoodNet members challenged the MPP

**Laurie Scott**  
HKLB MPP

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Top: MPP Laurie Scott visits Rev Harry Morgan, members of SIRCH and Community Kitchen volunteers. Above: Jane van Nood explains the work of the Community Kitchen to Laurie. Photos by Will Jones.

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# Junior highlanders

## Punching above her weight

Minden's Casper hurrying hard to provincials

By Terrance Gavan

Alexandra Casper is a quick study and a dynamite curler. The 14-year-old grade 9 student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is part of a Red Hawk team that's still in the hunt for the prestigious Gore girls' crown.

And, like most up-and-coming, serious young curlers, Casper also curls competitively on the Ontario circuit. Last weekend Casper, throwing lead rocks, helped Peterborough's Erin Butler rink to a 3-0 record and the A-side championship in the Ontario Bantam girls' regionals, held at the Tam Heather Curling Club in Scarborough.

The week before, on Jan 13, the Butler rink went 3-0 in the zones — hosted by the Minden Curling Club — to qualify for the regionals.

The six straight victories mean Alexandra Casper, the daughter of Minden Curling Club's icemaker Eric Casper, is on her way — with Peterborough's Butler rink — to the prestigious Ontario Bantam Championships at the Galt Curling Club in Cambridge, February 8-11.

It is an incredible accomplishment, because Casper is just about two years younger than her teammates, who are all 16, and will be moving on to juniors next fall.

More crazy yet is the fact that the rink has not yet practiced together as a team. Never. In fact young Casper was recruited late to the foursome, on the basis of a recommendation from a friend at the Peterborough Curling Club after the Butler rink's lead was let go three weeks ago.

Proud dad Eric says he couldn't make it to the regionals because of club commitments, but added that he was greeted by a very excited young woman when she returned to Minden last weekend. "She was smiling from ear to ear when she walked in," laughs Eric. "She only joined the team three weeks ago and their first time together was here in the zones. They haven't been together as a team, and then they go 3-0 in zones, and 3-0 at the regions. It's really unbelievable and she's so excited.

"She's young but she does not look out of place with them. The zone win was fantastic, but this trip to the provincials is the cherry on top of the pie."

Alexandra, if it's possible, is even more excited about this unprecedented opportunity than Dad. Asked if she felt out of



place playing with older girls, and with girls she doesn't really know — two are from Peterborough and one is from Ottawa — her answer is both bold and confident.

"Not really," says Alexandra. "I fit into the team well, and we have the same kind of dedication to the game. We play well together."

Her delivery is precise, focused and solid, and her sweeping is impeccable. She is, in other words, the daughter of an icemaker. She loves the game. And she works hard.

Eric says that she's been to summer camps and is going again to a Canada Day weekend curling camp. Cue the fireworks, and yes Virginia, they do curl in cottage country on July 1.

Alexandra has a younger sister, Alanna, and she'll be vying for a spot in the Bantam mixed bonspiel.

The Casper girls know curling. And word is spreading.

### Eric Casper

Alexandra's father

*The zone win was fantastic, but this trip to the provincials is the cherry on top of the pie.*

Alexandra says that she was surprised but not at all intimidated when approached by the team on such short notice. "They just told me that their lead was not playing that well," smiles Alexandra. "I got recommended by Christina Adams from Peterborough, who knows me and how I play."

Now, how on earth does a team of girls who have never practiced together go 6-0 in zones and regionals, and qualify for the biggest Bantam bonspiel in Ontario?

"We all seem to have the same goals," says Casper. "We couldn't practice so last weekend we came early to talk about strategy and signals. We're all good friends now, and we all get along really well."

Success will do that. She says the regionals were not a dawdle, but the team played really well, and scored in the clutch. They beat Kaitlin Jewer's rink from Annandale, 11-2 on Saturday morning.

"The second game was close," says Alexandra. They played Brenna Rozon from Oakville. "We were two points ahead and they had a shot on last rock, had to remove two rocks, but missed it, and we won 8-5."

The final on the A-Side against the Tam Heather's Cassie Paccanaro — they won the B-side and qualified for provincials — was a cliff hanger from start to finish.

"They were up 4-2 after the first four ends," smiles Alexandra. "Then we stole one, stole three, stole two, and won 8-4." Alexandra says that the team is pumped about the ticket to the Galt Curling Club. "We were pretty excited," says Alexandra. "Then, we all went to dinner."

Just to remind them, perhaps, that there's a lot more on their plate before this season is done.

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# Senior highlanders

## Aging Well

### Sleep right for a better back



By Penny Brown

Dear Penny,

I wake up every morning with a backache. I'm sleeping on the same mattress for the last twenty years so I don't know why it is getting worse. It's usually in my lower back but lately it's been in my neck too. Is this another thing I'll have to get used to as I get older? A backache every morning?

Achy Archie

Dear Achy,

If you find you are waking in the mornings with a low backache, there are a few techniques you can use while you sleep to help reduce the discomfort. If you like to sleep on your back, a good trick is to place a pillow under your knees. This serves to tilt the pelvis backward, effectively straightening the low back curve and thus reducing strain.

If you like to sleep you on your side, bend at least one knee. A pillow under the upper knee may also be of help. Sleeping on your stomach creates a lot of strain on your lower back, and while you might not be aware of it when you are young, you will surely notice the strain as you get older. In other words, if you sleep on your stomach, do your best to learn a new sleeping position.

A good bed is important too. A soft mattress may feel comfortable when you lie down on it, but it requires too much muscle work for proper relaxation. Firmer beds are better for your skeletal health as you age. While

some mattresses seem to last forever, the life of an ordinary mattress is generally thought to be about ten years, so it's possible yours needs replacement. If replacing your mattress is out of the question, a firm box spring is probably enough. Alternatively, a "back board" (which is really just a length of plywood) under the mattress is helpful if your mattress is too soft.

Another point to remember is that a foam rubber pillow is harder on your neck muscles than the old-fashioned, feathered kind. Foam has recoil and requires muscle use during sleep. A feather or kapok pillow is better because it supports the head and moulds itself to it, allowing muscles in spasm to relax.

Daily exercises to keep your joints limber help too. A series of back exercises to strengthen the small muscles around the spine should offer some relief; I've written about these in previous columns and will revisit the subject periodically.

Still, if your backaches get worse, I suggest you see your physician and have a good check-up. Your doctor may suggest an exercise routine or send you to a physiotherapist for an assessment.

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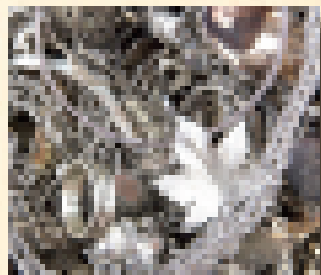
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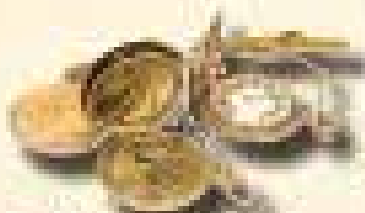


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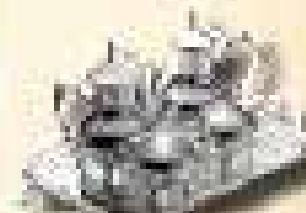


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# Senior highlanders

## A new number for Seniors

### Dial 211 for community and social services referrals

By Terrance Gavan

So we have 911, 611, 411 and now... 211.

The Dial 211 initiative is a new information service available for seniors and other members of the public who are not sure where to turn. The 211 operators are trained to help people find the right community or social service for their own particular issue or circumstance.

Haliburton's Bob Stinson sits on the Communications Committee of Aging Well Haliburton County. They recently filed a news release, hoping to inform local seniors and people with disabilities about the relatively new, and lamentably under-advertised service.

If you're just hearing about it now, join the club, says Stinson.

"When Aging Well Haliburton County conducted their survey among seniors a couple of years ago, one of the pressing concerns that was evident was that seniors needed some help in defining who to call when they needed assistance for various issues," says the Aging Well press release. "They stated that they needed the information at the time the issue presented itself, not before. In other words printing out a directory of services was not an option since they would not likely be able to lay their hands on it when the time came to use it.

"They also stressed that they didn't want to speak to a machine in place of an actual person."

Serendipity struck Aging Well Haliburton County in Muskoka.

"We ran across this when we were at a seniors' seminar in Huntsville," says Stinson.

"We found out that 211 is available right across Ontario, and Canada-wide. It came as a pleasant surprise. We were looking at options and — lo and behold — our problem was solved."

Stinson says that 211 is an excellent alternative for older people who are looking for answers and assistance. The motto of the campaign says it all: "When you don't know where to turn... just Call 211."

Of course it's not only for seniors. It's open to all. But Stinson says it will be a boon for the rapidly-expanding senior sector. Welcome news for Haliburton County, where close to 25 percent of residents are over 65.

The 211 service began in Toronto in 2010 and has now been expanded province-wide; it currently serves about 10.5 million people. The call centres are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by trained personnel who are prepared to provide contact information to any service or agency that would be appropriate to each caller's particular situation and location.

The service is administered by The Ontario 211 Services Corporation, which was incorporated in 2008 to provide "leadership and accountability" for the system.

Stinson says that Aging Well Haliburton County has been in contact with the 211 people to obtain brochures and more information for general distribution, and they will make this available to the public at all libraries and other appropriate locations throughout the county shortly.

In the meantime individuals may go online and see the complete list of services that are included in the 211 referral base, at [www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca) or simply dial 211 on your phone to talk to an agent.

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# Highlander entertainment

## Jerry Lee Lewis tribute a Passion play

By Terrance Gavan

When it was over, after the crazy man had left the building, a scuffed, white baby grand piano sat legs akimbo on the Northern Lights stage.

One of its wooden struts was gone; the piano was resting at a 45-degree angle and parts of the baby grand were strewn around the stage. The right leg was gone — and so was the mad man.

Jerry Lee Lewis — aka Toronto musician Joe Passion — entered like a preacher and left... like a hurricane. He departed with a short bow, leaving his backup band, The Shakers, on stage alone playing what was left of a boogie woogie classic. They were all smiling.

Just like the crowd.

Last Friday night, a solid core of Lewis fans came to watch Passion and the Shakers revive one of the most eclectic and eccentric talents ever. They came away with some vivid memories and a history lesson. And the memory of that poor piano, struck down in its prime on the stage of the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Audiences at a Jerry Lee Lewis concert never had to be told that their guy had left the building, that he wouldn't be back. People knew instinctively that once Jerry Lee Lewis kicked his stool into submission and kicked the crap out of his piano... well, he wouldn't be back for another encore. No instrument? No encore.

Joe Passion, a wonderful boogie woogie piano player from the GTA, admits to a fundamental simpatico with the baying bracken from the Bayou, who was known to his friends, foes and fans alike only as "Killer."

Joe Passion was just that, last Friday night in Haliburton.



Joe Passion and The Shakers wowed the Haliburton crowd, at Northern Lights Pavilion last Friday night. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

## Food for thought

# Nest Egg Farm Curried Lamb Stew

By Will Jones

This is the first of a regular monthly column that will introduce you to local food producers through tasty recipes using in-season produce and products.

Nest Egg Farm is located on Duck Lake Road in the Blairhamptons, just west of Haliburton. Angel Taylor and her husband Richard have lived there since 1997 and operate an eight acre farm, which offers a variety of meat, eggs and vegetables for sale throughout the year.

On this relatively small property, the Taylors raise up to 300 chickens and 25 lambs each year. They grow garlic, squash, tomatoes, beans, potatoes and other crops, and keep hens for eggs.

Angel says, "We aren't farmers, but got into this because we care about how animals are raised and want to know what's in the food that we eat. We are also passionate advocates of the localization of food production."

The first six items in this stew are grown and produced on Angel's farm. And, she says in addition to lamb and chicken, she has locally-produced pork and beef in the freezer to see her and Richard through to next summer.

"We grow garlic, potatoes and squash to store, while our tomatoes are canned or frozen. Then of course there are eggs from our chickens, pickles, chili sauce, frozen rhubarb and homemade jams and jellies, too," she beams.

Nest Egg Farm sells produce year-round, although the type and quantity varies depending on the season. Angel says give her a call to find out what's available or, in summer, pop along to her stall at the Haliburton farmers' market.

For now, though, have a read, lick your lips and get cooking this wonderful winter stew recipe that Angel has provided.

Nest Egg Farm can be reached at (705) 286-4877.

*Nest Egg Farm Curried Lamb (or Chicken) & Vegetable Stew* Serves 4-6

- 1 lb cubed lamb shoulder, cut into one inch chunks
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 or more minced garlic cloves (to suit your taste)
- 1 quart of canned or frozen tomatoes
- 4 medium potatoes, washed and cubed
- 1 small butternut or buttercup squash, peeled and cubed
- 1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup dried apricots or raisins or chopped apple
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 tablespoon garam masala or curry powder
- 1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat the oil in a frying pan and brown the meat in it; then set the meat aside. Next, gently fry the onion and garlic in the same pan until lightly golden and fragrant. Add the cumin and curry powder or garam masala to the pan for the last minute or so, to release the flavours of the spices.

Now, place the browned meat into a large pot that has a lid. Add the onions and garlic. Pour a little of the tomato juice (three or four tablespoons) from the canned tomatoes into the frying pan you just used. Scrape the frying pan with a wooden spoon, as you warm the liquid to loosen the good bits that still remain, and then pour

the liquid into the pot. Pop the tomatoes and apricots into the pot and put on the lid.

Bring the stew to a boil and then simmer on a low heat for about 45 minutes. Then, add the potatoes, squash and grated ginger and simmer for another hour or so, until the meat is tender when prodded with a fork.

If you want to reduce the liquid, take the lid off for the last 20 minutes of cooking; or, to thicken it quickly, mix two teaspoons of cornstarch with a cup of water, then stir it into the stew and cook until the sauce thickens. Season with salt and pepper to your taste.

Check back next month for more food for thought

# Highlander sports



Photo by R. Broil.

## Minden Ice races get green flag

### A late start but looking great for this weekend's event

By Terrance Gavan

A signature winter event in Minden, the Annual Magnum Ice Racing Series, fell prey last weekend to the vagaries of a so-far disappointing winter. Minden's Tom Prentice, the local event organizer, has been keeping the ice racing course, located in the Minden Fairgrounds, impeccably groomed and smooth for years. He says that keeping the course in shape this year — with multiple thaws, no snow and intermittent rain — is an ongoing challenge.

Last weekend, a lack of snow to build up the protective embankments forced organizers to postpone the start of the racing season until this weekend (Jan 28-29). Racing gets underway at 10 am on Saturday and at 12 noon on Sunday; each driver can enter three races on Saturday and two on Sunday.

"Yeah, it has been a challenge this season, but the track is ready to go," says Prentice, who says the course will be

safety-certified for the big opening weekend of the Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs (CASC) sanctioned event.

Prentice says that in spite of last week's postponement, all six weekend races in the series are still a go.

"We have two open weekends during the season and we'll just move last weekend's race into one of the open slots," says Prentice, who runs Tom Prentice & Sons Trucking. "We've had a big challenge over the snowbanks; they have to be a certain height. This will be the third day I've had one of my trucks hauling snow in, and the other night Larry Hewitt came and helped haul some snow for us."

Ice racing is exactly what it sounds like — rally cars going bumper to bumper and hub to hub on a track of glare ice. The track layout is plowed into a field, over and over, until the track is bordered by banks of snow several feet high and 10 to 15 feet deep. Then, the track is flooded with water repeatedly until a layer of ice a foot or more thick is built up.

This weekend Prentice says that the big stud class will not be running, but as the track sets up and with the aid of some low temperatures, he's hoping that they'll be able to run in the following weeks.

"The big studs, what we call the Menard Class racing, chew up the track, so this weekend we won't be running them," says Prentice. "All the other classes, street studs and rubber to ice will be running."

The six-weekend series brings a large contingent of racers to the Village of Minden, and Prentice says the numbers of racers just continue to grow each year.

"When we first started back in 1977, we were lucky to get 30 racers coming out," he says. "This weekend we've got a huge response, in excess of a 130 drivers. The registration is fantastic. We've got 18 new drivers this year."

Prentice says that drivers and families probably account for an influx of 300 visitors per weekend. That's not including the spectators and tourists who come out to snap photos and watch the craziness transpire.

Races start on Saturday, Jan 28 at 10 am and run until 4 pm; on Sunday the races get going at 12 noon and finish at 4 pm.

For a full calendar of the Magnum Ice Racing Series go to [casc.on.ca](http://casc.on.ca).



### Storm AE win first playoff game

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Storm Atom AE team defeated Gravenhurst 5-2 on Sunday at the Haliburton arena, in the first game of a best of five series. With some improved goaltending, Gravenhurst managed to keep the game close for the first half, but Highland Storm went ahead late in the second period — and then the goals started coming quickly in the third period. Jake O'Neill earned the hat trick while Nigel Smith scored two goals.

### Highland Storm Peewee AE beat Huntsville

Submitted by Sharon Haedicke

A lot of heart, and goals by Ryan Prentice, Jon Morrison and Mitch Billings fuelled the Highland Storm Peewee AE's 3-2 victory over the Huntsville Otters last week. The game ended their regular season.

The teams were well-matched, which made for some awesome hockey. The assists came from Jon Morrison, Alec Stoughton, Mitch Billings and Trevor Turner. The Storm Peewee AE team finished the season with 12 wins, 4 losses and 2 ties.

Join the Storm on Sunday, January 29 at 3:30 pm at Minden's SG Nesbitt Arena when the Highland Storm Peewee AE team takes on Oshawa in the first round of play-offs. The Highland Storm Peewee AE team is sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking.

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# Highlander sports

## Scotty Morrison Tourney next week

By Terrance Gavan

We should probably not forget, amidst the hoopla and the hyperbole that always greets the appearance of Lord Stanley's Cup, why the venerable old mug is back again in the Highlands next weekend.

Mainly, it's coming because a certain Highlander, former National Hockey League VP Scotty Morrison, has some pull when it comes to freeing up the hallowed icon. Morrison, a Highlander of the Year, used to run the show at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. He's a former Referee in Chief of the NHL, former CEO of the HHOF and — no surprise — he's a Hall of Famer.

He's also the guy with his name on the Fourth Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, which rolls into Minden and Haliburton next weekend — Feb 3-5. The proceeds from the tourney go to Community Care Haliburton County.

And that's the real story: Community Care does a lot of good work. And for more years than we can personally count, Morrison has been a vibrant presence at Community Care, an organization dedicated to the premise that seniors and people with disabilities ought to have support at home, so they can live at home.

There is an ethos extant at Community Care that states: seniors and people with disabilities living in Haliburton County have certain inalienable rights, such as access to Meals On Wheels, transportation, crisis support and management, and a place to go for camaraderie and recreation.

Scotty's charity hockey weekend is a major fundraiser for the organization. But it does not come together without a great deal of community input and support.

Hilary Elia is one of the Community Care workers from the front line of the tournament's organization for the past four years. She says that once Scotty signed on to be the face of the tourney, he also made it clear that he would be involved in the details and organization. It was his idea to bring the Cup

in year one and his idea to deliver a Hall of Fame collection of trophies and vintage sweaters from the Hall during the second annual event.

The highlight of the annual event is Scotty's Charity Dinner, which will be held this year at the Minden Community Centre on Friday, February 3 at 7 pm. It's a four course meal prepared by Rhubarb, and tickets are a steal at \$65 per plate.

The evening will feature shots across the bow courtesy of raucous emcee and ex-NHL ref Bryan Lewis. Guest Speaker is Mark Napier, the Executive Director of the NHL Alumni, and Stanley Cup Champion with both the Montreal Canadiens and Edmonton Oilers. There will also be a live auction of memorabilia and fine gifts donated from Haliburton businesses.

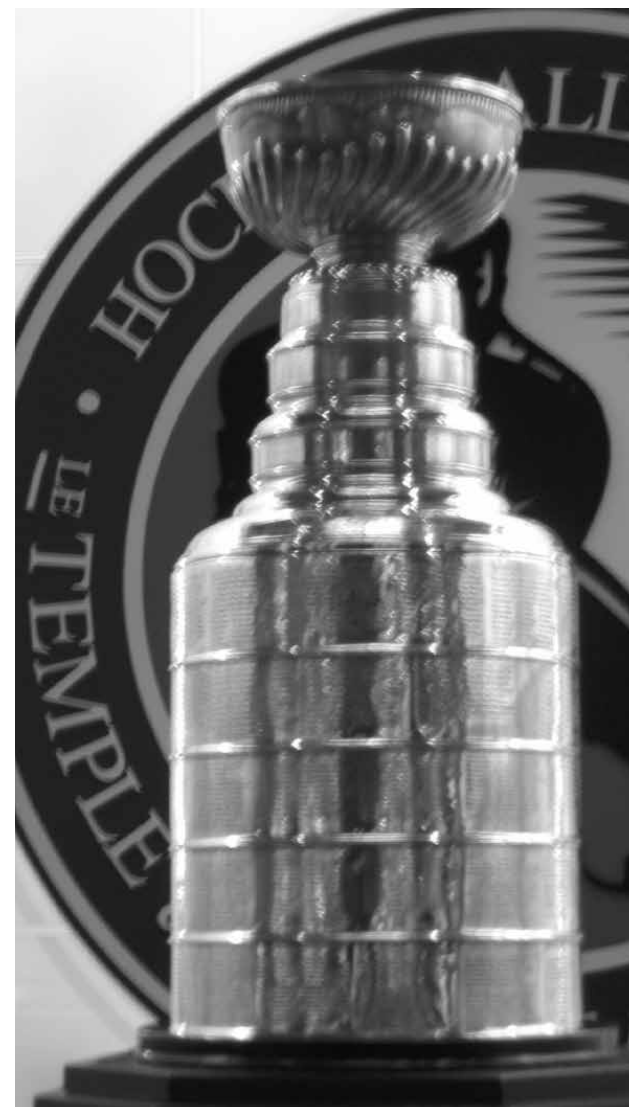
For three years, the Canadian Amputee hockey team has played a featured Saturday night match against the Ontario Provincial Police hockey team. This year, the organization committee decided instead to feature a hockey game between soldiers from CFB Borden and CFB Petawawa. They'll play in the charity event at Dysart Arena at 7 pm on Saturday evening; admission is whatever you feel like donating, remembering, of course, all that good work offered under the umbrella of Community Care.

Before the big game, the soldiers and the Stanley Cup will be available between 2 and 4 pm at the Haliburton Legion. Special guests also include former NHL officials Ron Wicks, Ray Scapinello and Bob Hodges.

Let's see, we think we might have forgotten something. Oh, right: the hockey.

The actual event is being organized by grasscreekhockey.com and will feature a great line-up of amateur teams in classes running the gamut, from open A and B divisions, over 40, 50-plus, 55-plus and a women's division. Register your team early to avoid disappointment. The entry fee is \$650 per squad.

Admission to all the games once again is by way of donation to Community Care, at both Dysart and SG Nesbitt Arenas on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Lord Stanley's cup. Photo courtesy of HHOF.



## Skyline Bonspiel a riotous success

By Terrance Gavan

The Haliburton Curling Club's signature spiel was a rousing success again this year, thanks in no small part to longstanding organizer Wayne Hussey and the many volunteers at the club who have consistently supported and made this bonspiel a labour of love.

This year, not a single Haliburton or Minden club finished in the money. The silverware went to visiting rinks.

President Rick Ashall chalked that up to 'good host syndrome.'

We know curlers, and we should not confuse a confluence of poor shots with any planning or bonhomie. We were there watching all four finals on Sunday afternoon, and local clubs were represented in each of the four divisions. Let's just say no quarter was given, and that the visiting rinks all earned their wins.

So the Haliburton TimbrMart A-Side, Haliburton Home Hardware B-Side, Curry Motors C-Side and Dawson Insurance D-Side trophies are all engraved, but none with local rinks this year.

Young guns skip, John Grant, is glued to the broom as he delivers his rock in the A-Side Final last Sunday at the Haliburton Curling Club. Grant's rink won.

Photo by Terrance Gavan.



# Sports opinion

## PardontheEruption



By Terrance Gavan

## Curling an Olympic event

We began our curling career in Manitoba and I can hear the staggering boos already, emanating from the surly confines of my new hometown curling club here in Haliburton. “Gavan, shut up about Manitoba curling! Ya’ daft beggar! If I hear the name Jeff Stoughton one more time, I’ll bean you with my bottle of 50.”

Hah. Fat chance. The day a curler wastes even a silly milliliter of amber liquid on something as trivial as retribution is the day Newt Gingrich enters a monastery. Yes, I said it. Curlers are a hard drinking, rummy lot.

Oh sure, they’ll tell you on TSN, ad nauseum, that stone cold hurlers are in much better shape these days. “It’s an Olympic event!” Balderdash. And hogswallop.

Did Canada pull a fast one or what? We got the IOC Board of Governors drunk on Newfie Screech and sold them a big load of hooley in the back of a beaver swamp. How in the

heck did we do it? A game played on ice without the aid of runners, edges or blades. A game that features huge chunks of granite thrown in anger at opponents. Propelling these 128 pound rocks down the ice are two sweepers wielding brooms. Brooms! Brooms!

You can’t tell me that someone on the International Olympic Committee didn’t get bought, big time. C’mon Count Inchoate, come clean. What was it? A lifetime supply of Hudson’s Bay Beluga Caviar; 90 gallons of Crown Royal; the deed to a Maple Syrup Ranch; a 25 percent interest in the Toronto Maple Leafs?

Curling should never have been considered. You are never, ever going to convince me that this decision was arrived at by a sober judiciary. No, I’m pretty sure they were hijacked and locked in the deliberation room and forced to survive for two weeks on a wheelbarrow full of funny mushrooms and a gross of BC brownies.

Or maybe, just maybe, it was the ghost of old Belos Wanleschuk that inspired the craziness.

We were sitting in the Minnedosa Curling club during a bonspiel back in 1981. Boris Wanleschuk was a wee bit tipsy moving toward our table. The old man looks sternly into our bloodshot eyes, belches, and tells us conspiratorially that he’s

had a revelation, while he was writing his name in the snow in the middle of an empty wheat field.

Wanleschuk, Manitoba Brier Champ in 1971-72-73 and 74 looked at us and said, “I was out there, boys, writing my name in the snow, when the Northern Lights started talkin’ to me,” said old Belos, who was 79 at the time. “Lads!” and he slapped our table so hard that he knocked over every bottle of Club beer on the slab, “We’re goin’ to see this old game in the Winter Olympics one day.”

It was a grand opportunity for a four-man spit take, but in Manitoba old curlers are grandfathered from scorn and sarcasm. We protect our elders in Manitoba.

We sat and nodded. We took it in. We did not smile. We nodded wisely. But on the way home, we laughed and laughed and laughed. I remember John’s cogent appraisal.

“Imagine — curling, an Olympic sport. I can see it now. Four fat drunks from Portage La Prairie standing on top of a podium that suddenly collapses under the collective weight of their beer guts and bloated egos.”

As true now as it was back then.

I hear ya. Swearing at me. Now quit it, I’m old.

I’m a curling legend.

I think I’ve earned your respect.

## Hawks win eighth straight against Norwood

## Yake scores a pair in 4-1 victory

By Terrance Gavan

Big wheel keeps on turnin’ and the Red Hawks keep on churnin’.

The varsity Hawks hockey team may be rollin’ on a river, but they’re not having an unprecedented year. Yes, they’re undefeated in Kawartha play, but they’ve been here before; last year, as a matter of fact. So, going into the exam break, they must once again be thinking of running the table and finishing a perfect 12-0.

Last Wednesday, the Hawks beat Norwood Knights. The 4-1 victory over the 5-2-1 Knights puts them atop the league, at eight wins and no losses. They’re tied with Holy Cross Crusaders who are also 8-0. Coach Ron Yake’s job is to keep his team centered and focused.

They brought that undivided attention to the Norwood rink last week.

“[Norwood] plays a very defensive style and works very hard in their own end,” said Yake. “That’s only their second loss this year, and they play a very well-positioned game. “We had more chances and we took the play to them for most of the game.”

Brett Yake – Ron’s son – scored two goals and Aaron Hillier scored one. Newcomer defenseman Drake Montgomery scored his first goal of the season. “We were happy to see him get that first goal,” said Yake. “He’s a solid defensive player, and it’s nice to see him score one.”

The Hawks have the next two weeks off before sliding into the second semester on February 3. An undefeated season is within their grasp. However, coaches Yake and Bruce Griffith are not luxuriating in the neon bath

and two prestigious tournament victories. Their job is to ensure the club is ready for each game. But, as teachers, they’re also there to teach a little history, intertwined with some hockey math.

The math? Oh, that’s easy: a final won-loss tally of 12-0, 11-1 or 10-2 equals 0-0 as soon as the season ends. No, it’s not algebra; call it the sudden death quotient.

The history lesson could be summed up in a familiar quote. “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”

Last year the Hawks completed the season sweep, but lost in the sudden death Kawartha league semi-finals. They were eliminated from contention and a berth in COSSA.

Most of the guys from that team are gone. But some veterans remain, and remember how a full season came down to a single game. They remember a sluggish start and they remember falling behind 3-0. The 3-2 loss should serve as a reminder that the season is a footnote.

So, every game, the coaches remind their players to place perspective on the past. “We have four games left and we’ll be facing some tough teams,” said Yake.

Right after the exam break, the Hawks host IE Weldon February 6 in the Barn at 7:15 pm. Then on February 8 the Hawks face off at home against the Holy Cross Crusaders for another Dysart Barn clash. Game time is 3:40 pm. Their final two games of the season are against the 7-1 Fenelon Falcons and Adam Scott, who sport a 1-7 record.

Brett Yake leads the league in goals scored and is second in scoring, at 23 points – 13 goals and 10 assists. Holy Cross’s Cam Milligan leads the league with 11 goals and 13 assists. Jordan Howe, a very pleasant surprise this season, is in a three-way tie for third place in scoring, with 5 goals and 13 assists for 18 points.

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## Hockey girls split two, clinch berth

By Terrance Gavan

Coach Dan Marsden and his Red Hawk girls hockey squad will have to wait until after exams to determine where they stand.

After two games against IE Weldon on Wednesday, and St. Peter’s on Thursday (Januray 11-12), the Hawks know they’ll be involved in the Kawartha playoffs. Their record sits at 4-1 and that places them in second spot in the league standings, one game behind the mighty AAA St. Peter’s Saints. They play Adam Scott on the road February 9 in their final regular season tilt.

The Hawks beat IE Weldon 3-2 last Wednesday and then fell 6-2 on Thursday to St. Peters. Marsden said that it would be nice to finish at 5-1, setting up a better playoff pairing, but that it’s going to be a dogfight wherever they place. “We have lots of parity in the league between Weldon, TASS [Thomas A Stewart], Adam Scott and us,” said Marsden.

Marsden’s daughter Connor tended the crease in both games last week, pressed into service last Thursday when her counterpart, Jillian Mayhew, succumbed to a knee problem.

Marsden said that St. Pete’s remains the team to beat. However it’s an AAA school, and will not take part in the AA COSSA tourney.

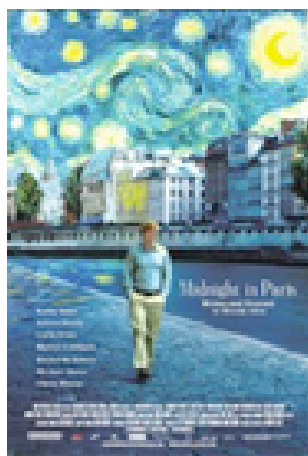
“We met St. Pete’s, and they’re a very good team,” said Marsden. “Probably 90 to 95 percent of their girls also play rep hockey. They handle the puck well, cycle the puck well, and have great hands. All the same it was a good game for us.”

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## Sports This Weekend

### A weekend of hockey and skiing

#### Second Annual Friday Night Lights

Hal High teacher Bruce Griffith says the Second Annual Friday Night Lights Nordic Challenge is on. JDH teacher and passionate cross country guru, Blake Paton, is the race course supervisor. The event runs from 7 pm to 9 pm; skiers will rally at the Glebe Park clubhouse, located just behind Fleming College. Last year's event was a blast, but spectators are warned to dress warmly.

#### Highland Storm Hockey Atoms

The Highland Storm Atom AEs begin their playoffs against Oshawa Atoms on Sunday (January 29) at the Minden Arena. Game time is 3:30 pm. The Atoms finished their season at 12-4-2.

#### Bantams

The Highland Storm Bantams begin their playoff run in Minden versus Orono at the SG Nesbitt Arena, at 3:30 pm on Saturday, January 28.

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## OBITUARIES



### Lenore Wright

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Tuesday afternoon, January 17, 2012 in her 71st year. Lenore will be missed by her husband and best friend, Edward.

Loving daughter of the late Randal and Vera Davy. Dear sister of Roy (Audrey) Chatson, Margaret (Cecil) Coates, Audrey (John) Warren, Beverley Mitchell, Dorothy (John) Sjolholm and Randel (Nancy) Davy. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and extended family. Lenore and Edward have shared a wonderful life in Haliburton for over 25 years.

#### Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Saturday morning, January 21, 2012 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery Haliburton, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy donations to Christian Childrens Fund or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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### Bernard 'Barney' Wilson

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday afternoon, January 18, 2012 in his 90th year. Beloved husband of Robin Wilson. Loving father of Heather (Ray Sullivan), Ralph (Donna), Brent Flood (Melanie) and Loran Upton (Lairn Allin). Fondly remembered by his eleven grandchildren. Predeceased by his sister Barbara and his brother Ralph. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews and his extended family. Barney was a graduate of Guelph University as an Agricultural Scientist. He worked with Del Monte Foods, Harris Seed, Fruit & Vegetable Association, founder of Flowers Canada and was Chair of the Ontario Food Terminal. Barney was a volunteer for Haliburton County Food Box and was a friend of the Frost Centre. Barney and Robin shared a passion for gardening, entertaining and dancing.

#### Memorial Service & Reception

Friends were invited to call at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday morning, January 25, 2012 for a Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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### Friday - 27

- Family Literacy Day, presented by the Haliburton Public Library and supported by the RD Lawrence Centre, Haliburton (10:30 am) & Minden (2 pm) Public Libraries, literacy specialist Beverlea Jackson reads children's book *Bear Snores On*, free family event includes activities and games, [culturalcentreinfo@mindenhill.ca](mailto:culturalcentreinfo@mindenhill.ca), [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com)
- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941
- Fish & Chips dinner at the Minden Legion Branch 636, 5 pm to 7 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, [jjcsloan@gmail.com](mailto:jjcsloan@gmail.com)
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
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### Saturday 28 - March 17

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- Karaoke, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, [jjcsloan@gmail.com](mailto:jjcsloan@gmail.com)

### Sunday - 29

- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 8 am to 11 am, (705) 448-2221, [jandreamweaver@aol.com](mailto:jandreamweaver@aol.com)
- The Marigolds in Concert presented by the Haliburton County Folk Society, Amelia and the Mayor opening, 2 pm, Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, \$23 (or \$17 for Folk Society Members/youth) HST included, tickets available at The Photoshop in Haliburton and Organic Times in Minden or call (705) 754-3655 to reserve, [www.halburtonfolk.com](http://www.halburtonfolk.com), [www.themarigolds.ca/index.php](http://www.themarigolds.ca/index.php)
- FREE Public Skating - Dysart Arena, Haliburton, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, Ray, (705) 457-2083, [miscio@dysartatet.ca](mailto:miscio@dysartatet.ca)

### Monday - 30

- Cribbage Night, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm
- Cloggers, Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 7 pm, \$1, all ages welcome
- Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7 pm to 10 pm, [admin@lakesidebaptist.ca](mailto:admin@lakesidebaptist.ca)
- Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida, (705) 457-2941
- Haliburton County Table Tennis Club meets every Monday, 8 pm to 9 pm, St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton. Come out for great fun, even better exercise and meet terrific people! Just bring your gym shoes - we provide everything else including Robo-Pong THE ROBOT! Mary or Jeff Martin, (705) 457-2260
- Bid Euchre, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, [jandreamweaver@aol.com](mailto:jandreamweaver@aol.com)

### Tuesday - 31

- Baby Morning - Minden Early Years Centre, 144 Bobcaygeon Road, continuing for 6 weeks, 10 am to 11 am, special programming for parents with babies each Tuesday, topics could include infant massage, making baby food, sleep routines, book making, etc., (705) 286-1770, [oeyominden@bellnet.ca](mailto:oeyominden@bellnet.ca)
- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7 pm to

- 10 pm, (705) 754-1457, [carolstamp@sympatico.ca](mailto:carolstamp@sympatico.ca)
- Pool League, Dominion Hotel, Minden, open to all, (705) 286-5035

### FEBRUARY

#### 3-5

- 4th Annual Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament, Minden & Haliburton Community Centres, [www.grasscreekhockey.com](http://www.grasscreekhockey.com) to register a team, (705) 457-2941, [hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com](mailto:hilary@communitycarehaliburton.com)

#### Wednesday - 1

- Family Math Night sponsored by the Ontario Early Years, Wednesdays from February 1 to March 7, Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 5 pm to 7 pm, fun-filled family program where children use everyday materials and games to learn math, while parents gain confidence to help their children understand math, free family dinner each week, free take home surprise each week, (705) 286-4625, [oeycjackson@bellnet.ca](mailto:oeycjackson@bellnet.ca)
- Art & Tea, Rails End Gallery, for adults who like to talk about art and drink tea
- Community Drumming/Rhythm Circle, Rails End Gallery, 7:30 pm to 9 pm
- Story Circle, Gooderham Public Library, Pine Street, Gooderham, 11:30 am, (705) 457-2241 or (705) 447-3163
- Darts, Haliburton Legion Branch 129, 7:30 pm
- Darts, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7:30 pm, (705) 448-2221, [jandreamweaver@aol.com](mailto:jandreamweaver@aol.com)
- Lunch Time Meat Draw, Minden Legion Branch 636, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, [jjcsloan@gmail.com](mailto:jjcsloan@gmail.com)
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#### Thursday - 2

- Minden Health Care Auxiliary General Meeting, Thursday, February 2, Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest, 1:30 pm, new members, both male and female, are welcome, contact Judith (705) 489-2943
- Adult's Only Skate, every Thursday, Dysart Arena, 11 am to 12:30 noon (except Feb 9 & Mar 8 times will be 12 noon to 1:30 pm and on Mar 15 times will be from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, \$2 per person, contact Ray, (705) 457-2083
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- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
- Euchre Nights, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm

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 Email details to [louise@haliburtonhighlander.ca](mailto:louise@haliburtonhighlander.ca) by Mondays at noon.

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## ACROSS

1. Support
5. Amtrak depots (abbr.)
9. Map book
14. Tibetan priest
15. Cleveland's state
16. Brownish gray
17. Positive votes
18. Agrees silently
19. See eye to eye
20. Resume
22. Semester
23. Make certain
24. Skiing hill
28. At any \_\_\_\_
30. FDR's wife
34. 19th letters
37. Conclude
39. Spanish waterway
40. Counts calories
41. Showed the way

## DOWN

1. Location
2. Silklike cloth
42. Unreadable
45. Ringlet
47. Everlasting
48. Unusual
50. Measuring device
52. Undergo genetic alteration
56. Vocalist \_\_\_\_ Turner
59. Regarded highly
61. Sharp
63. Malicious look
64. Melody
65. Newspapers and TV, e.g.
66. On a cruise
67. Elm or pine
68. Construct
69. Writing table
70. Gels

3. Prophetic signs
4. Grazing ground
5. 14-line poem
6. Commandment start
7. Helpers
8. Help!
9. \_\_\_\_ snail's pace (2 wds.)
10. Wrestling duo (2 wds.)
11. Entice
12. Mimic
13. Look
21. Retirees' accts.
25. Mailbox item
26. Bullring shouts
27. \_\_\_\_ capita
29. Safe to eat
31. River in Egypt
32. Wallet fillers
33. Cincinnati baseballers
34. \_\_\_\_ Canal
35. River sediment
36. Cobbler's concern
38. Snaky fish
40. Clock face
43. Inconsistent
44. Large antelope
45. Test answer
46. Quizzes again
49. US rail service
51. \_\_\_\_ Witherspoon of "Sweet Home Alabama"
53. Love, in Florence
54. Dogma
55. Borders
56. Docile
57. Bakery employee
58. Unclothed
60. Visualizes
62. Break a fast
63. Chap

		5	9		1	6		
6		1				3		4
8								7
	1		3	7	9		5	
	6		2	4	8		7	
1								5
2		8				1		3
		4	6		5	2		

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