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## Red Hawks keep streak alive

Red Hawks forward Nate Feir pops twine during a 7-2 victory over Holy Cross on Wednesday at Dysart Arena. Brett Yake scored two goals and Zach Boice and Feir each had a goal and two assists to lead the Hawks. Andrew Elia played superb in nets. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

## Lawrence outraged over changes

Says new name for RDLP is "not an option"

By Terrance Gavan

In a stunning response to Minden Hills Council's planned restructuring of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, and specifically RD Lawrence Place, Sharon Lawrence has threatened to pull her donated memorabilia, books, art and photos.

She entered into discussions with a lawyer in January, and this week Lawrence sent a registered letter to the Minden Hills Council listing her demands. In the lawyer's letter, Lawrence asks for the reinstatement of the Friends of RD Lawrence Place Committee; that \$9,000 raised at the "Great Green Garage Sales" be used for the professional set-up of the archive room and the protection of the donated Canadian collection; and that the RDLP displays, events, workshops, marketing and promotion, be executed in a professional manner at all times.

Sharon, the widow of the late Ron Lawrence, told *The Highlander* that she obviously has a huge stake in any decision to re-brand or restructure RDLP.

"Re-branding the RDLP is not an option!" said Lawrence in a highly-charged letter to the editor, received by *The Highlander* on Monday. "I gave a Literary Estate, and it was accepted as such by the Minden Hills Council. Fundraising was done in the name of RD Lawrence, for the RD Lawrence Place and the protection of the donated literary estate."

Lawrence further states that she "was never consulted" and "did not participate in, nor was privy to, any information concerning the rebranding of RD Lawrence Place, as suggested in a Minden Times article by spokesperson, acting director Laurie Carmount."

Lawrence, in an interview on Monday afternoon, says that the re-branding is antithetical to RDLP's original intent and mission statement, which states that: "RD Lawrence Place is dedicated to fostering a love of reading, promoting the art of writing, and deepening one's respect for our natural heritage. It will serve as

## New Haliburton condo targets local buyers

By Will Jones

With Granite Cove rising rapidly on the shores of Head Lake in Haliburton Village, developer Doug Gray was once again sitting in front of Dysart et al Council at its regular planning meeting on February 6. He was there with a bylaw amendment application that will enable him to build another condominium development within the Village.

Proposed for a site on the corner of Lake Avenue and Mountain Street, the new development will be a 24-unit, three storey condominium set back behind the properties that overlook Highland Street and the lake.

Council was in agreement that the new development was good for Haliburton Village and unanimously approved for processing the amendment of zoning bylaw 2005-120, subject a range of standard requirements, to enable Gray and

Muskoka D&M to move forward with the development.

"Through the marketing of Granite Cove, we've found that there are a lot of people who want this kind of living but for whom the price point at the current development is perhaps too high," explained Gray. "So, the units within this new building would be of lower cost."

Gray explained that while the new development, named Granite View, would be built using the same high energy efficiency insulated concrete form (ICF) construction methods, the size of the condos would be a little smaller and some of the 'added extras' such as heating in the underground garage would be omitted in order to keep the prices lower.

"At Granite Cove, the average price point of an apartment is around \$320,000," he said, "while we'd aim for a mid range of \$250,000 at Granite view, with some smaller units coming in at as low as \$199,000."

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an interactive learning facility, a writers' centre and a gathering place, reflecting the work and philosophy of RD Lawrence, one of Canada's foremost authors and naturalists."

Lawrence denied being consulted on certain specific changes. "I was not invited or asked to be a part of the decision," said Lawrence. "In fact, somebody else told me and suggested I pick up a copy of the Times." She said that any new name, including the Ron Lawrence Environment Museum, is not acceptable.

"I read that [Times article] and I phoned Brigitte Gall [Minden Hills councillor]," said Lawrence. "I told her that was absolutely unacceptable, and that he [Ron] never used that name except on newspaper articles early in his career." She added that all of her late husband's books were penned under RD Lawrence and not Ron.

For her part, Gall – who has replied with a letter of her own to *The Highlander* – says that Lawrence was involved in an early December meeting with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee (MHCCAC) – headed by Councillor Gall. In a telephone conversation on Tuesday afternoon, Gall said she was concerned over the growing impasse. But she said that Lawrence had been invited to sit in on meetings of the MHCCAC.

"It has long been known to the people who were involved and instrumental in bringing to fruition the RD Lawrence Place, that Sharon was unhappy with many facets of the operation and programming," says Gall. "So much so, that in a communication with myself and the Interim Director of the Centre in early December, Sharon made it clear that if her concerns were not addressed, she would be revoking the collection and the name of RD Lawrence Place."

Gall added that the committee met with Sharon on Dec 13, "to hear her concerns and discuss solutions. It was determined at that meeting that the first priority was to address the collection."

Gall said that neither she nor the committee members had been aware of Sharon's huge commitment to the name. She

added that members had discussed the possibility of name changes and one of the suggestions was the Ron Lawrence Environment Museum. It was discussed but nothing was decided," says Gall. She says that no decision has been made, adding that many things are still on the table and inviting Lawrence into the discussion.

"Let's have that conversation," says Gall. "It [the letter] seems a little preemptive, because things are still in play."

Gall added that Lawrence had been involved in further discussions regarding the restructuring and layoffs. "On the afternoon of Jan 19, I called Sharon to tell her about Council's decision to eliminate the two positions, and to reconfirm with her the larger plan for the restructuring and expanded positioning of RD Lawrence Place," says Gall. "In that conversation, I outlined that the literary component would be partnered with the library, and that RDLP would be restructured as an Environmental Museum/Science Centre – and that the collection and body of Ron's work would continue to be the foundation for RDLP."

Gall says that the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee is still open to suggestions and input, and would be open going forward.

Sharon Lawrence is naturally concerned about the direction and her future involvement with RD Lawrence Place. She is, she said, the keeper of husband Ron's estate and legacy, which she fears is being eroded by complacency and mismanagement.

"The RD Lawrence Place celebrates a Canadian author," added Lawrence. "He was totally about Canada. He was a promoter of Canada. People came from all over the world to see this wonderful heritage, and they go to Haliburton Forest to visit the wolf centre."

"I won't let them do it [rename RD Lawrence Place], and I hold the copyright for all the books... they're just going to have to give everything back," says Lawrence.

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# County news

## August Water Festival in jeopardy

By Terrance Gavan

John Teljeur, the front man for a proposed four-day event in Minden on the August long weekend, says the event is on life support.

Teljeur said he received an email on Tuesday night, telling him that “upon legal advice” Minden Hills Council could only support a one-year guarantee for the Minden International Conference for Water. The concert and environmental conference was slated for four days around the civic holiday on Aug 6.

“[The municipality] was advised by a solicitor that they can’t proceed past one year,” said Teljeur, in a phone interview on Wednesday. Teljeur said that a one-year guarantee will effectively kill the deal.

Minden Hills CAO, Gerry Morrison, said that they had only recently received that letter from their solicitor. He cautioned

that the matter had not yet been decided by Council, and that the letter is only a recommendation.

Previously, Teljeur told Council that the event could only move forward with a multi-year guarantee. At the Jan 26 Council meeting, Teljeur asked for an agreement from March 2012 to September 2016. Council told Teljeur that they could not ratify an agreement that exceeded their term in office.

On the phone yesterday, Teljeur said that he had talked to the promoter, Wolfgang Siebert, and the one-year cap is a no-fly zone. He was still hopeful that he could return to Council today (Feb 9).

Teljeur added that both he and The Director of Community Services and Recreation Manager, Rick Cox, had worked extensively on the concert planning. “It would be very disappointing to go through a year of work and find out it hinges on one lawyer’s decision,” said Teljeur. “I have asked that we be put back on the agenda for the Feb 9 meeting.

“If they’re not prepared to move past one year, I would ask, ‘is there a compromise?’ The promoter [Siebert] has laid his sword on the table, and asked what he could do to make it happen. I would like clarification from council... is there a compromise? I understand right now, that they can’t do anything more than a one-year deal and if that’s the case, there’s no point in presenting it.”

Cox, reached for comment on Wednesday, said that he had been in email contact with Teljeur. “I am hopeful that we can pull this out, but there’s not much juice left if that’s what Council has decided,” said Cox.

He added that Council wants to be careful, and that Siebert and the promoters need a multi-year guarantee to recoup expenses.

“It’s a conundrum right now,” said Cox.

Check for an update on Thursday afternoon at [haliburtonhighlander.ca](http://haliburtonhighlander.ca).

## Granite View launching

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“We can achieve that because the cost of the land was just one third of what we paid for the property on Head Lake. Add to that the fact that the building will be just three storeys, which puts you in a different building code, and the savings start to add up quickly.”

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, “We’re pretty ecstatic about it. The village needs more affordable housing for local people.”

Gray and his team have already met with neighbours of the proposed development and say that they have had good feedback.

He also told of the interest that he has experienced in these lower cost condominiums: “I have to say that if we offered it into the real estate market now, half of the units would be reserved immediately; that’s the kind of excitement we’re getting. And this is purely from local people having good things to say about Granite Cove.

“We have seen it in the past with our developments in Gravenhurst and now, in Haliburton, people are telling us that a lower price-point condos would be a good idea.”

Gray also stated that if all goes to plan, work would begin on the new development in late summer, so enabling him to bring his workforce, some of whom are local, from Granite Cove onto this new project.

This continuation of work for local trades is a boon to Haliburton’s economy, providing jobs throughout the winter, as is the potential for concrete for the Granite

View development to be sourced locally, just as it has been on the current Granite Cove development.

Pat Martin, Dysart’s Director of Planning and Development, advised council to approve the amendment for processing. She went on to list a series of background reports, including storm water management, a hydrogeology study and engineering plans for the internal sewer system, all of which would be required to support the progress of the project.


Gray assured her that they would be attended to in due course. The councilors thanked him for his time and for his continued interest in development in Haliburton.

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# Editorial opinion



## The RD Lawrence affair: don't mess with a legend

By Stephen Patrick

There is no question that the current controversy and ill feelings, regarding the plans for and the history of the RD Lawrence Place, are deeply unfortunate for all involved. Ron Lawrence was a greatly revered member of this community and he and his wife Sharon were passionate about the Haliburton Highlands. They were tireless in their efforts to help put the county on the map while Ron was still alive – and Sharon has continued these efforts since his death in 2003.

It's important also to remember just how generous the couple was to Haliburtonians of all stripes. The log house and property they lived in near Gooderham was a Mecca for RD Lawrence fans from all over the world. Their wolf compound, which eventually became the Wolf Centre at the Forest Reserve, was like a magnet to these pilgrims – and there were times when Ron and Sharon simply had to tell people they couldn't be available for yet another tour, or conversation. Ron was an active writer to the very end, churning out nature novels, histories of different species, even updating his enormous 1980s success, *A Natural History of Canada*, in the late 1990s.

Yet, if you were from here, and phoned Ron and Sharon, and said, for example, that friends were visiting, and could they see the wolves, and meet Ron, you were rarely turned down. When my spouse and I were bookstore owners in Haliburton in the 1980s, we held regular book-signings, in particular for the first edition of the *Natural History*. Ron was adamant that our fledgling business should reap the financial benefit of the signings: usually, authors are given a number of books to sign, the bookseller gets a percentage and the author the rest; not with Ron and Sharon Lawrence, not when a local business was involved.

The creation of RD Lawrence Place was, as Sharon points out, very much a community enterprise. It had the potential to be much, much more than some kind of shrine to Ron's memory. No Haliburtonian who was at the opening a few years back could have felt anything but enormous pride and excitement in the potential for the RDLP, and the community spirit, excellence and worldwide recognition it represented.

Here at *The Highlander*, friends and supporters of Sharon Lawrence and the RDLP, and of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, have asked us this week, in heartfelt terms, not to publish details of the dispute between her and Minden Hills. But we're a newspaper, and this is news. I understand the desire of these friends to protect all involved – but that's not going to happen by sweeping all the unpleasant details under the rug. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee, and the Council itself, owe it to the Lawrences' past, to their legacy, to this community and to the fans of RD Lawrence worldwide, to meet, talk and find a respectful and workable solution to the dispute as soon as possible.

### RIP Harvey Clarke

Harvey Clarke, a world-class curmudgeon and proud resident of Donald, died this past Sunday at age 82. Harvey was the original bed-rock Ontario Tory (although he had little to say for Mike Harris or Stephen Harper), a pioneer broadcaster and sales guy with CKEY in Toronto and a devoted husband and father. He expressed his wry and pointed view of the world for many years as a columnist in the *Haliburton Echo*, and as a stringer for the *Toronto Star*. His sense of irony at the foibles and machinations of politicians, local and national, was instructive and sharp and spared no one.

I was lucky to have counted him as a friend for many years and, as a once-upon-a-time neighbour on the mighty Burnt, came to know well his personal generosity and kindness. The varied mosaic of Haliburton County will be diminished by his absence.



## New normal?

By Bram Lebo

What if, to paraphrase Jack Nicholson's title line from the 1997 film, this is as cold as it gets? What if, to use an annoying but apt expression, this grey, tepid winter we're experiencing is the new normal?

It was certainly a question on our minds at *The Highlander* last week, as we took the audacious, perhaps foolhardy step under the circumstances, of declaring winter late but still arrived, only to watch it get cold feet and consider melting away for another year. It must be a question on many minds in the Highlands, particularly those tasked with figuring out how to keep a four-

season economic engine running when it's already down to two cylinders.

Indeed, Minden's effort to improve its snowmobile network and Sir Sam's significant investments in equipment may all come to naught, along with the work by everyone from restaurants to innkeepers to make the county more attractive to winter skiers, anglers, sledders and hikers. Without the frozen lakes and piles of snow, our charms become much more elusive; nobody goes on vacation for the smiles alone, assuming we can muster enough of them as we trudge through the slush. Then come summer, we'll have the water levels to deal with as well — no snow, and our "reservoir lakes" as the Parks people so kindly call them, will have trouble filling up.

It's the speed of the warming that's a problem. Twenty degrees, and we could plant palm trees, let loose the monkeys and compete with Costa Rica for tourists. But at this rate, all we get is a bear, strung out on a softly-frozen Six Mile Lake, having woken up early from hibernation. Talk about cold porridge for breakfast; the poor guy probably sniffed the warm air and imagined feasting on berries, only to nearly expire before being rescued.

We, on the other hand, will probably have to rescue ourselves. Whether a blip or part of a permanent trend, this winter's weather just reinforces something I've come to believe more and more the longer I live here: tourists are good, but you can't build an economy around them unless you're selling marijuana in the cafes.

A real economy is built around permanent residents, those who live here full time and who, though soggy winters may dampen their fun, still spend their time and their incomes locally, all year long. We should not be betting our welfare (and our headlines) on the weather.

Fortunately, with a new condominium development announced this week and municipal housing strategies popping up like squirrels on a melting snow bank, it seems we're heading, slowly, in the right direction. With strong leadership and careful planning we can build a more sustainable, more prosperous economy. If we're determined, there could very well be sunnier times ahead in the forecast.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Re-branding of RDLP not an option

Dear Editor:

First and foremost, I, Sharon Lawrence, was never consulted, did not participate in, nor was I privy to any information concerning the re-branding of RD Lawrence Place, as suggested in the Minden Times article by spokesperson, acting director Laurie Carmount.

The notion that the RD Lawrence Place needs to be re-branded, and that this gesture will somehow supply a “quick fix” to on-going problems is absolute nonsense. The mission statement, carefully word-crafted by the “Friends of RD Lawrence” in 2007 remains pertinent and applicable: “RD Lawrence Place is dedicated to fostering a love of reading, promoting the art of writing, and deepening one’s respect for our natural heritage. It will serve as an interactive learning facility, a writers’ centre and a gathering place, reflecting the work and philosophy of RD Lawrence, one of Canada’s foremost authors and naturalists.”

In the fall of 2006, spearheaded by Pauline Johnson and MHCC former Director Dianne Graham, the “Friends of RD Lawrence” committee was established. This eclectic group of motivated volunteers included educators, writers, trades people, environmentalists, media arts personnel as well as three members of the Minden Hills Council. This group had a vision for the donated Canadian literary collection as well as for the sustainable building that was to be constructed by 26 students from Fleming College.

The “Friends” set goals and objectives, created a mission statement, fundraised, networked inside and outside the county, province and country, promoted, marketed, created a brochure and named the building the RD Lawrence Place. When Sheryl Loucks and Daniela Pagliaro were hired in January 2008, the “Friends” were suddenly terminated.

In January 2012, after discussion with a lawyer, I sent a registered letter to the Minden Hills Council. I requested three things:

- That a “Friends of RD Lawrence” Committee be reinstated.
- That the \$9,000 raised by volunteers at two “Great Green Garage Sales” be used for professional set up of the archive

room and the protection of the donated Canadian collection.

That the RDLP [programming be] executed in a professional manner at all times, and that there be a commitment to excellence.

The sustainable building was constructed to house the literary collection, memorabilia and personal belongings of RD Lawrence. The “literary collection” was accepted by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and the Minden Hills Council. Although the physical archives reside in Minden, the congeries were to be shared with the County of Haliburton, the province of Ontario, the Country of Canada and the world. The straw bale building is just the container for the collection.

This structure cannot be a museum building because it is an open concept space, the walls breathe and shed, windows open and close, there is no air conditioning for temperature control and there is a wetland to filter the grey water from the bathroom sink.

There are many limitations for this environmentally friendly space as far as programs, events, gatherings and meetings are concerned, but people in the Highlands are creative and innovative and solutions will be found. Ronald Douglas Lawrence was a Canadian explorer, a homesteader, an avid reader and artisan, and his many threads of interest can be extended to the museum, library and art gallery at the Cultural Centre. The RD Lawrence Place can be the mentor, tutor, and inspiration for the other disciplines. There needs to be more dialogue, communication and thoughtful discussion from interested stakeholders about the direction of RDLP.

Re-branding the RDLP is not an option! I gave a Literary Estate, and it was accepted as such by the Minden Hills Council. Fundraising was done in the name of RD Lawrence, for the RD Lawrence Place and the protection of the donated literary estate. I do not give permission to re-brand the building and use the name, The Ron Lawrence Environment Museum. To do so would require that the RD Lawrence Literary Estate, personal belongings and memorabilia be returned to me.

Sharon Lawrence, Minden

## Restructuring “most productive solution”

Dear Editor:

Early in December, Sharon Lawrence, benefactor to the RD Lawrence Place, was invited to meet with the members of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee (MHCCAC).

It has long been known to the people who were involved and instrumental in bringing to fruition the RDLP, that Sharon was unhappy with many facets of the operation and programming – so much so, that in a communication with myself and the Interim Director of the Centre in early December, Sharon made it clear that if her concerns were not addressed, she would be revoking the collection and the name of RD Lawrence.

The MHCCAC met with Sharon on December 13, to hear her concerns and discuss solutions. It was determined at that meeting that the first priority was to address the collection. The committee (comprised of six members) informed Sharon that plans were being set in place to address concerns which included the building, programming, and the community’s understanding of what RDLP is. This also included a discussion regarding the potential for broadening the appeal of RDLP, by putting more emphasis on the environmental side of the Ron Lawrence legacy. Proposed staffing changes could not be discussed as council had not yet been informed.

A recommendation from that committee came to council in a closed session to address the various concerns. It was determined at the council table that the most productive solution would be to restructure both the Museum and RDLP.

This, unfortunately, required two positions at the Centre to be eliminated, and the creation of one new full-time position for a senior curator with an environmental/natural sciences and heritage background. It was not an easy decision to come to – but everyone around that table agreed that this was the best way forward.

On the afternoon of Jan. 19, I called Sharon to tell her about council’s decision to eliminate the two positions, and to reconfirm with her the larger plan for the restructuring and expanded positioning of RDLP. In that conversation, I outlined that the literary component would be partnered with the library, that RDLP would be restructured as an Environmental Museum/Science Centre – and that the collection and body of Ron’s work would continue to be the foundation for RDLP. I also outlined the hope that other environmentally active organizations in the community would become involved in the process. Sharon agreed at that time, that this made sense – and seemed pleased with the hard work of everyone at the various tables to find a solution.

Other community members I spoke with were very enthusiastic to hear about the restructuring. They appreciated that keeping Ron’s literary work as a field biologist, his commitment to the environment and nature, and his conservational commitment as the foundation for RDLP — while also seeking recognition as an environmental museum — made sense.

At no time was I informed that Sharon was unhappy with the recommendation or the moving forward with the restructuring.

It is unfortunate that so much hard work, effort, and time spent on behalf of staff and volunteers to find a solution are now being torn apart publicly.


I feel it is important to note that the Deeds of Gift clearly state the collection is owned by the Minden Hills municipality, and were signed by Sharon on April 28, 2006 and November 24, 2009. The Advisory Committee, myself as Chair, and the Interim Director continue to remain committed to having ongoing discussions with Sharon regarding RDLP.

Brigitte Gall  
Chair, Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee

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TheOutsider

Bob bob bob



By Will Jones

The bob, bob, bob of the tip of my rod is hypnotic: the minnow working hard beneath. I stare at it, then out across the lake and then back to it: bob, bob, bob. Almost trance-inducing, it transports me to a state of relaxation, a moment of existence with nature, rather than in spite of it.

The trees on the far side of the lake – basswood, poplar, ash – stand naked, stark, their arrow straight trunks like a barcode, black against the snow-white surrounds. And, unique, each small group of trees that lines the shore has its own digital signature, just like the canned, boxed and bagged that line the shelves of the grocery store.

The lake itself is not big. I can see all sides. I know where other anglers have trod and I trace the meandering line of a single snowmobile across the white surface. The lengthening sun picks it out in shadow, a distinct line against the crystalline crust of yesterday’s powder.

But the sun is only fleeting; a sneaking glimpse behind the flat grey sky and soon my world rests easy again, quilted by cloud. There’s no harsh brightness, no dripping thaw or tingling cold that you expect on a clear day.

Dusk approaches, too. Like the lights being gradually dimmed. The snow slowly changes from white to grey to match the sky. Then, as if grasping at the twilight, there’s pink and mauve, both sky and snow glow, punctuated by the now black reminders of nature — the bare rock, dark silhouettes of trees, a solitary coyote wandering along the far shore.

Bob, bob, bob, still my minnow works.

The cold seeps into my being now. It brings with it a reality check but also a new meditative feel. Do my fingers really hurt? Or is that tingle a figment of my cooling mind? I imagine the ease with which explorers fall into the hypnotic effects of hypothermia. Feet are stamped for warmth and the minnow bobs more, the vibrations in my world causing ripples in his. Must stand still I tell myself, just not too still.

A sharp jab at the back of my neck as a breeze picks up, whipping small twisters of snow across the lake towards me. Like dancing children they skip and stop, then fall flat only to rise again elsewhere. I pull my jacket up around my ears and stare out across the white: the barcodes shudder, a blur that the checkout would struggle to read.

Bob, bob, bob, still my minnow works; he and his brother, dancing below their holes in the ice.

Still no predator to worry them.

With the breeze comes sound.

The whistle of air, quick through the shoreline barcode.

The drone of a far off snowmobile, making another meandering line on another winter white lake surface.

My lake is not some backwoods retreat. A road passes by and a third sound adds to my snowy meditation. Regular and soothing, the sound of car tires on a wet, snow-covered road; a swish that lasts longer than a few moments with the passing of each vehicle. A swish that seems to whisper ‘relax’, urging me to forget about my minnows, only then might I strike lucky.

I take heed and walk away from my rods; just 20 feet or so and I lie down. Staring straight at the darkening sky I look, listen and feel the winter around me and breathe deeply, pulling it inside. I think of nothing, my mind open and soaking up the present. I rejoice in now.

And then, as always, it happens: senses return, thoughts intrude. What if..?

I sit up and look, but the rods still go bob, bob, bob.

# Letters continued

## Canadians have no reason to feel superior

**Dear Editor:**

As the recent editorial implies, it is a mistake to assume that religion, culture or race was a prime factor for the murder of four females directed and carried out by the male patriarch of the doomed Shafia family.

The need for some men for control and power over the women in their relationships is at the root of the issue. Women in Canada, and all over the world, are systematically abused and killed by their intimate partners, and although many reasons are

offered, "she made me do it" is a common excuse. But there are others, and we read of them in the coverage of the Shafia trial.

Men of every country, race, class, culture, religion and profession do this. In this country, over 500 shelters are overflowing with women and children fleeing abuse. Effective support and particularly prevention is still insufficient, and 'helpers', sometimes pastors or other professionals, not infrequently still tell women their abuse would stop if they would just be better wives and mothers. Or daughters.

This happens in Canada, within the entire cross section of

the population. Canadians have no reason to feel superior; our statistics in this issue are as shameful here as they are globally, in developed countries or otherwise. A shelter system is simply a Band-aid over a deep and pervasive Canadian problem. Societal change, education, parenting skills and awareness are also required.

**Margery Cartwright, Haliburton**  
Former board member and shelter volunteer, Second Stage Housing, London, Ontario

## A pool is not a job

**Dear Editor:**

I would like to begin by stating some things for the record:

- 1) I love pools.
- 2) Our county is home to hundreds of lakes.
- 3) Driving in the winter sucks.

These things are true. Infer from them what you will.

And here is something that is not true: building a pool would create jobs. I've seen it stated many places, but this claim is straight-up false.

A pool would employ people, I don't dispute that. There would be lifeguards and cleaning staff and general maintenance. And probably a whole board just to decide how to run things. So yes, there would be jobs.

What upsets me is the word 'create'. Governments don't create anything. They redistribute. They take money from one place and put it in another. Which is fine. Great, really, when it is done right. When it allows me to go to the doctor without thinking about the bill. But it doesn't create a thing.

And creating is what matters. Creating is what leads to jobs and growth and wealth. Places that create have jobs. Places that don't, don't.

Vineyards create wine. They grow the grapes, they ferment the juice, and when the bottles leave money comes back. A brewery does the same with beer. Beer leaves and money comes back.

Factories create products. Widgets leave, money comes back.

Mining and forestry create raw materials. Trees and rocks leave and money comes back.

When money comes back, people get paid, and when people get paid they pay for things. They buy homes and they shop at local businesses, and their kids look forward to working in the area instead of jumping ship for more welcoming markets.

Create a few things and everybody does better.

But aside from a few artists and artisans, Haliburton does very little creating. We sit and wait for the cottagers to arrive, and we hope that they leave enough money behind for us to make it through winter. And when they don't, we hope that the government will redistribute a little more cash in our direction.

But this is not sustainable or desirable. We shouldn't live at the whims of tourists and politicians.

I would love a pool. Swimming is great sport and it is great for your health, but swimming doesn't solve any of the county's problems. A pool is just another outstretched hand at budget time.

If the county wants to spend its limited resources it should invest in creating. It should fund a project that actually creates jobs and brings wealth to the area.

A vineyard. A sugar bush. A brewery. A bakery. These are things that create, and they are things that counties all around us have.

And they are things that we could have if we focused on investment instead of redistribution.

I'd love to go for a swim in the middle of winter. But I'd rather go to work.

**Douglas Howat**  
Haliburton

## Icy sidewalks and roads a real danger

**Dear Editor:**

Last week I had the misfortune of having to be in Toronto for several days. The city made me feel very much at home – the roads there are almost as bad as those in Minden. There is a difference – I could leave my vehicle and walk without fear of falling.

The ice in front of many Minden establishments invites a nasty fall which would have consequences for both myself and the property owner.

Recently I had occasion to visit someone living on Windover Road. That is the new area near the hospital. It

needs to be close to the emergency room.

Had I slipped there I would not have stopped until reaching the river. With any luck I might cross the bridge and slide all the way to Highway 35.

These are disgustingly unsafe conditions. Surely the property owners can afford to spread salt or sand, or would they rather sit on their backsides and complain about the lack of customers?

Outrageous!

**Unsteady Eddie Braithwaite**  
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# Highlander arts

## State of the Arts



By Victoria Ward

### Celebrities, social media and the poer of criticism

I took a course in Art criticism when I was at university. It had an unfortunate title like, 'Criticism: Deconstruction, the Fourth Wall and Audience Expectations'. I think five people enrolled. I was one of them but I didn't last long because I realized that I had to spend most of my time reading about art instead of creating it.

I wanted to do both actually, so I dropped the criticism course, thinking that I would pick up the historic and academic ideas somewhere else. But I think had I stayed with that course I probably would have become a lot savvier about the arts in general.

In the last few years, there has been strong discussion in the media about the media, and its own use and relevance. Specifically, what is being hotly contested is the importance of criticism and its impact on the arts.

A stunning example is that, in the last decade, Broadway musicals have packed houses and made gazillions of dollars without any help from the critics. Take the show based on Spiderman. With an original, award-winning director, Julie Taymor, music by the world's biggest rock band, U2, and a brand that printed money, you would have thought you had the best show ever. In fact, it turned out to be universally and viciously panned by the critics. It was delayed by injuries and poor management, opened during a recession amid huge controversy, and yet it packed houses and continues to run. Are we that interested in a disaster? What gives?

The New York critics used to have the power to kill or make shows a boffo success virtually at will. Not anymore. A theatre director I know worked on the Spiderman script (along with half of the NY writing world) and was in New York when Spiderman opened. When asked how the show could fill seats even though it was a disaster, he speculated, "Most art-related activities have failing audience bases which are aging. Twitter is the key to most rapid-fire successes in that it is the word of mouth amplified. Social media and celebrity are the only things people like to refer to as some guarantor of being noticed. The Times still is huge in NY, but critics are only a voice, not the voice."

What makes or breaks a show now isn't a well-written, professional piece of criticism, it's an online review by some celebrity who happened to drop by and take it in. Or the celebrity mentions it during a TV talk show appearance.

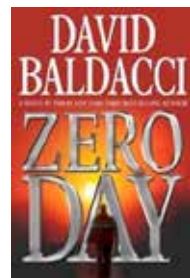
What is distressing about all this isn't that big budget musicals are not being properly evaluated, or that someone who spends most of their time in a gym with a personal trainer is pretending to know anything about art, but that the world of art criticism was caught so off guard.

Do art snobs really have their heads in the sand? Are they just waiting for the world to get back to normal, a world where an education, reading and three-dimensional thinking is actually valued? Perhaps.

Had I continued my more academic courses, I would have learned that in a cyclical economy, the voices of reason and elucidation get drowned out occasionally by superficiality and the general noise of mediocrity. We stop listening or watching something difficult and instead rely on a star system: two stars — meh, three stars — pretty fun but could have been better, four stars — Colin Firth, five stars — if you don't see this you might as well be in a coma.

Maybe we get tired. Just the idea of Twitter exhausts many people I know. Things change. I would think that if you loved the arts and wrote about it, it shouldn't matter about the impact in the general public because really, you are writing for yourself most of the time. You will have an impact, because the artist you have written about reads your writing and either feels overjoyed that they aren't just creating in some void, or they think you're an idiot.

Either way, art criticism is undergoing a transformation and I for one am very interested in where it goes. I love writing and I love art — combine them and it's a five star experience!



## 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 February 6 – 12.

### HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Zero Day* by David Baldacci
2. *The Drop* by Michael Connelly
3. *The Litigators* by John Grisham
4. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer
5. *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson

### HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

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

Neither the HCPL top fiction or top non-fiction lists have changed much in the past week, but one point of interest is *Currency Wars: The Making of the Next Global Crisis* by James Rickards. This title has been gaining popularity both at the Haliburton County Public Library and on an international scale.

The financial crisis has prompted a lot of people to pay closer attention to the stock market, as well as to their own personal finances (also exemplified by #4 on our list: *The Wealthy Barber* by David Chilton). Currency wars, according to Rickards, are "fought as a series of competitive devaluations of one country's currency against others. They are one of the most destructive and feared outcomes in international economics. Left unchecked, the new currency wars could lead to a crisis worse than the panic of 2008." The book itself is a mix economic history, network science, and sociology — all of which inform the potential for this outcome.

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## Community Care scores with charity hockey benefit

By Terrance Gavan

A number of integral programs currently being run out of the Community Care Haliburton County offices would not be possible without the assistance of the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament.

And according to Hilary Elia, who helps to run this gigantic adventure – four years and counting – the tourney would never have seen the light of day were it not for a true Highlander of the Year, Scotty Morrison. We could simply do what Scotty pleads for every year: remove him from the limelight. That's what the NHL Hall of Famer would like.

Scotty eschews the neon bask and the lit stage. He is a self-effacing, quiet and polite guy. But once a year, here in Haliburton, Scotty absolutely shines.

For three years, Scotty has brought the Stanley Cup to Haliburton as part of the three-day charity tournament. The one year he didn't bring the Cup, he raided the vintage sweater room and the secondary trophy emporium at the Hockey Hall of Fame. For all the really entrenched and rabid hockey fans in the county, that display in the Haliburton Legion was an endless source of stories and memories.

This year the Benefit dinner, held at the Minden Community Centre on Friday evening, sold out. Again. The Friday night auction, featuring a signed jersey and stick from Cody Hodgson, a signed plaque from Matt Duchene and another Vancouver Canucks jersey signed by Robbie Luongo, raised approximately \$1,800.

The theme of this year's tournament centred on Canada's military, and the brave young men and women who every day, on war-torn fields, go out and carry on.

At the dinner, Colonel Louis Meloche was presented with a Canadiens sweater. He returned the favour with a pair of beautiful plaques honoring the troops.

As usual, emcee Bryan Lewis, an old crony of Scotty's and a former NHL official, kept the evening going between courses with some well-placed jabs at his old boss, former Referee-in-Chief, Scotty Morrison.

Guest speaker and National Hockey League Alumni Director, Mark Napier, who has traveled with Lewis and comedian Rick Mercer to visit the troops in Afghanistan, told some pithy



The Haliburton Bone Thugs won the open category championship at the Scotty Morrison Tournament. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

and poignant stories about the NHLA's ball hockey tour of Afghanistan bases. "Still undefeated," says the two-time Stanley Cup winner.

Elia says that it takes nine months to get the tournament together. This year she says she was privileged to meet with the troops and set up the Saturday night exhibition between Camp Borden and Camp Petawawa. That was a great game, supplemented by alumni players Napier and Troy Crowder, and officiated by legends Lewis, Bob Hodges, Ray Scapinello and Ron Wicks.

"We were very successful," says Elia. "Each year we've tried to make it bigger and better and our volunteers and the people and businesses in this community have been very generous."

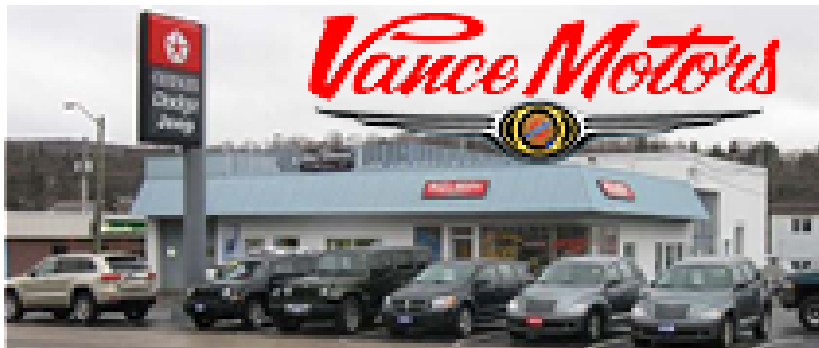
The tally has grown each year: year one raised \$18,000, rising to \$21,000 in year two

and approximately \$30,000 last year.

"We're hoping to exceed that this year," says Elia, who adds that the final tally has not yet been calculated. "It's a massive fundraiser and it takes nine months to organize. Scotty works his magic getting guys like Bob Hodges, Bryan Lewis, and Mark Napier."

This year, 19 teams in several categories were registered for the hockey tournament. In fact the home team Bone Thugs won the A-Side final on Sunday afternoon, in an exciting contest.

And naturally, Scotty Morrison was there at the bitter end to present the Thugs with their trophy.



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# Highlander business

## New GM at Pinestone

By Stephen Patrick

Mario Chavez, four days on the job as the Pinestone Resort's new General Manager, tells the Highlander, "It is a big challenge, but I've always liked challenges. The property has so much potential; everywhere I look I see the potential for success."

Chavez took over on January 30 from Frank Vismeg, who stepped down a few weeks ago. Vismeg's wife, Director of Operations Sonja Radunovic-Vismeg, will stay on the job, reporting to Chavez.

For over 30 years, the Pinestone has been a centerpiece for Haliburton County's tourism industry, as well as being an important institution for residents and cottagers alike. It's a major employer, and the home to a wide variety of large and small community events, from Chamber dinners to Rotary meetings to weddings. It hosts conferences for national and international companies, and is a constant supporter of local charities. The Resort also brings in popular night-club acts throughout the year, and, as Chavez says, "I'm aware of how much we mean to this community, and we need the community to help us build our identity."

"We need to get the right clients here, and get our marketing going in the right direction. I am going to make sure our name is out there, through proper branding, and by using social media in a big way."

Chavez has more than 20 years experience with large convention hotels as well as with large (and successful) resorts. His last resort posting was as general manager of the

Catalonia Bavaro Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

A native of Mexico, he's married to a Canadian and they have one daughter, currently in school in Hamilton, Ontario. His Canadian experience in management includes stints at the Marriott Hotels and Resorts in Toronto, and the Starwood Hotels in Hamilton.

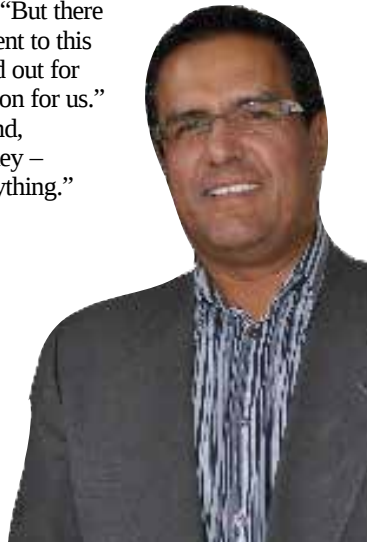
Chavez is determined to contribute to the push to find appropriate branding for both the Resort and the county itself. He points out that if he had two or three successful competitors in the county, resorts of the same style and size of the Pinestone, he could find out what makes them work. "But there is nothing really equivalent to this resort, so we need to find out for ourselves the best direction for us."

And he adds, "In the end, customer service is the key – customer service is everything."

### Mario Chavez

General Manager

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The following is a summary from the meeting of Dysart et al Council on February 6, 2012

### Car wash for Haliburton

A rezoning application to enable the construction of a car wash, on a portion of the property at the corner of Industrial Park Road and Mallard Road in Haliburton Village, has been approved for processing by Dysart et al Council. The land is owned by numbered company 2244587 Ontario Inc (represented by Ms A. Gordon) and is currently used by Bell Canada to store equipment.

### Martinwood lots need revision

A severance proposal to create five new residential lots on the border of Martinwood Golf Course has been sent back to the applicant following discussion at Council. Director of Planning and Development, Pat Martin, stated that the council supported

the severance proposal for the property owned by Michael Wade Construction, subject to certain constraints. She advised that in its current form, the proposal would require an environmental impact assessment to gauge the effect on deer wintering habitat. However if the lots were to be redesigned slightly larger, then the environmental assessment would not be necessary.

### Store for Abbey Gardens

An application to rezone a portion of the Hewitt property bordering Highway 118 and Freedom Fifty Five Drive, changing it from rural residential to highway commercial, has been approved for processing by Dysart et al Council. This rezoning will enable Abbey Gardens Community Trust to develop the land and build an agricultural, heritage and resource centre, plus an office, restaurant and retail store. The site is on the front of the property, on which the Trust has already planted a community garden.

## Minden and Haliburton, great Canadian places

By Terrance Gavan

Haliburton's Rails End Gallery and Minden's Boardwalk are sharing some rarefied air with iconic Canadian landmarks such as Winnipeg's Portage and Main, Algonquin Provincial Park, Toronto's Parkdale neighborhood, the Old Port of Montreal and City Market in Saint John, NB.

Both Haliburton County attractions have been nominated and now occupy spots on the Great Places in Canada website.

Laurie Jones, the Director of the Rails End, said Saturday that it's an exciting initiative. A press release from Jones espouses the history and raison d'être of the historic railroad station which has been marvelously restored through the efforts of a community.

"Even if you know quite a bit about Dysart's public art gallery you will, no doubt, find the details enlightening and inspiring," says Jones. Her release adds that, "A short video by our friends at Highland Media Arts wraps up the entry. So go ahead, add your voice to this national recognition program."

Jones says that the most popular places will be eligible for national recognition by a panel of judges from the Canadian Institute of Planners.

Both the Riverwalk and Rails End are listed in the Public Spaces category. The other two categories include

Neighbourhoods and Streets.

The Boardwalk is extolled as a local landmark and lauded for its groundbreaking initiative. "The Minden Waterfront is a scenic environment and is one of the many highlights of the town. It has significant potential to become an integral part of the arts scene and provide educational opportunities for youth.

"The work done in Minden and Haliburton shows that it is possible to promote walking and improve walkability in small rural communities. We have been recognized as leading the way for other small, rural communities."

The prizes consist of VIA Rail travel vouchers, Mountain Equipment Co-op gift cards, feature articles in Up! Magazine, and Roots gift cards. Jones is calling for everyone in Haliburton County to vote to support the venue or venues of their choice.



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# Senior highlanders

## Aging Well

### Tricks and treats for stiff fingers

Dear Penny,

The arthritis in my hands is getting worse and my fingers don't work as well as they used to. It's harder to do things like fasten buttons and peel potatoes. My feet are hurting too. Do you have any suggestions?

Unhandy

Dear Unhandy,

When your hands are painful or stiff, many of the activities you took for granted much of your life can be difficult or even impossible to do. Happily, I have several suggestions that may help significantly.

For starters, you can easily do away with buttons. Have a friend sew the button hole closed and sew the button on top, over the closing.

Once that's done, a Velcro patch can be sewn on the back side, under the button, to fasten your sweater.

Remember, you'll need both sides of the Velcro to make it stick together.

Velcro works for almost any closing so you can use it on skirts, jackets, pants, or what have you. Velcro closures don't need fine hand control and I think you'll be happy with the fix. Replace eye and hook closings with Velcro too.

For zippers, add a ribbon or knotted shoelace and they will be easier to grip and close.

Shoelaces on shoes, however, can also be tricky to manage with stiff fingers. If your shoes don't have Velcro closings, you can get elasticized laces at a shoe store or pharmacy. Have someone tie the bow and double the knot tightly so it stays put. Using a long-handled shoehorn to slide in, you can slip on the shoe like a loafer.

The kitchen offers a lot of challenges for arthritic hands. While a battery-operated peeler is a good tool for arthritic hands, at the risk of sounding "way out there" I'm going to suggest you stop peeling your potatoes. Buy the thin-skinned potatoes, wash them and leave it at that. If you find you often need to slice your potatoes, the dollar stores sometimes sell an inexpensive "mandolin" or slicer that does the job nicely, without stressing your fingers. Of course, a food processor works too.

Opening bottles is one of the biggest problems when hands are not strong. Black and Decker makes an electric gizmo that opens almost any jar. Then too, a simple rubber-disk "bottle opener" available in a dollar store may help. Dollar stores also sell very inexpensive non-

slip pads that help open jars. I've never been a fan of the V-shaped openers with the serrated edges, because it seems to me they take more effort than they save. If you're still at a loss, call your Community Care office and they'll direct you.

The best tool I've ever found for opening bottles looks a bit like a plastic can opener without the sharp metal prong. Instead, it has two small plastic teeth that slip under the edge of the lid and break the suction seal, which releases the top like magic.

An electric can opener helps open cans. And when it comes to using other kitchen tools, the best ones have fat rubber handles: OXO is a good brand and Dycem makes a whole range of non-slip products that help in the kitchen; there are many others you can find wherever kitchen tools are sold. For example, a suction cup grater is good for grating cheese as well as vegetables, chocolates and nuts.

As for your feet, I covered buying shoes in an earlier column and will repeat it for you soon, because the shoes you choose can make a serious difference to arthritic feet.

By the way, be sure to keep your hands warm in this cold weather. It really does help.



By Penny Brown

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## RRSPs: The Basics Part II

By Susan Lee

Time is often an overlooked benefit of investments. The longer you have your money invested, the more it will grow; inside RRSPs, that growth is tax sheltered until withdrawals are eventually made.

Without an RRSP, if you have \$1,000 to invest and it earns 5% interest income, you would have to add \$50 interest income to your next tax return and pay tax on it. If we assume a tax bracket of 35%, you would pay \$17.50 in tax from your \$1,050 total, leaving \$1,032.50 to invest for the following year; the gain on that investment, \$51.63 at a 5% rate of return, would be taxable too.

When an investment is tax-sheltered in an RRSP, you do not have to claim the earnings on your tax return until you withdraw from the RRSP. In this scenario, \$1,000 invested in the RRSP would earn the same \$50, but with the tax shelter the whole amount is available to earn income the following year: \$1,000 plus \$50 = 1,050, reinvested at 5% = \$52.50.

So when we compare both:

Regular investment after 2 years (no tax shelter)  
1,000 + (50 - 17.50) + (51.63 - 18.07) = \$1,066.06

RRSP investment after two years (tax sheltered)  
1,000 + 50 + 52.50 = \$1,102.50

As you can see, the RRSP has the potential to grow larger. If you invested \$1,000 every year in an RRSP, at 5% and assuming an income tax rate of 35%, after 20 years you would have \$34,719 — \$6,259 more than had you invested in a non-tax sheltered account.

The rate of return of the investment is also a big factor when considering the long term — for example, 20 years. With the same example above, but with the RRSP funds earning 8%, your investment would have grown an additional \$14,704, to a balance of \$49,423 over the same time period.

The biggest factor in making savings grow is getting the investment started early. For example, if a person invested 1,000 per year for 20 years at 8%, and then stopped contributing but continued to let the investment grow for another 20 years, the investment would be worth \$230,358. The sooner you start, the less you have to invest.

Please note that when you do withdraw from your RRSP, it doesn't matter how the income was earned, whether it was a capital gain, dividend or interest: it is all taxed as income, including the principal (because tax on that was deferred in the year you contributed). So though your investments will grow tax-sheltered, that benefit will eventually come to an end when you withdraw, normally after retirement. The thinking is that your tax rate will be lower in retirement, but that is not always the case.

Revenue Canada has modified RRSPs over the years and now you can borrow from them up to \$25,000 as a down payment on a home, if you qualify, as well as \$15,000 under a Lifelong Learning Plan to be used towards education, again if you qualify.

No matter what stage you are at — just getting started, 10 years away from retiring or already retired — review your plan with a professional to make sure it is structured to match your goals and needs and that it is taxed efficiently.

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# Highlander sports



Nick Hunter sets up in the Slott. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

## Red Hawks win streak extended

Hawks move to 9-0 in Kawartha League play

By Terrance Gavan

The Hal High Red Hawks entered part three of their extended Kawartha varsity schedule on Monday night, showing nary a hint of rust or wobble in the wake of the high school exam break.

The Hawks beat a severely undermanned IE Weldon Wildcat varsity club 8-1, in what turned out to be more like a heavy practice than a game for the now 9-0 Hawks.

The biggest game of the season and the de facto battle for first place happened Wednesday, against the 8-0 Holy Cross Crusaders.

The Hawks wrap up their season with two road games, against Fenelon Falls on Monday (Feb 13), and in Peterborough against Adam Scott next Thursday (Feb 16). Fenelon Falls was 7-1 and Adam Scott had a 1-7 record in Kawartha Hockey League play after the exam break.

Last Monday, the injury-riddled Wildcats brought two goalies and eight skaters to the Dysart Barn, and they were heavily outbid by a full roster of eager Red Hawks who skated their way back into pre-exam break form by the midway point of the first period. The period ended 6-0 and the Hawks extended their lead to 8-0 after two frames.

The Wildcats changed goaltenders in the middle of the second period and the Hawks coaching staff, Ron Yake and Bruce Griffith, instituted a mandatory three pass rule, and then upped that ante to a five pass rule when the undermanned Weldon Wildcats began showing signs of severe fatigue in the final frame.

Several rookie Red Hawks received extended ice time on Monday, and goalie Zach Harrison notched the win. In a side note, Harrison also notched a 4-1 victory tending the crease for the Haliburton Bone Thugs in the A-side (Men's Open) final of the Scotty Morrison tournament last Sunday afternoon.

Kieran Poropat and Jordan Howe both scored two goals, Ryan Hunter had a goal and two assists, and Brett Yake scored once and added an assist to lead the Hawks. Single tallies went to Nate Feir and Chris Hall. Aaron Hillier and Zach Boice each had two assists, while Carson Roberts, Nick Hunter,

Tanner Ballantyne and Tanner Hamilton added single helpers.

After the game, Yake said that his players accepted, without question, the order to slow down play in the second and third periods. He called it commendable.

"We came out strong and we scored six quick ones and I said there's a three pass rule and then a five pass rule and to their credit the guys did it," said Yake. And that decision was probably responsible for a very quick game, a contest that resulted in only five minor penalties.

Yake also gave props to the Weldon coaches and the players, who struggled bravely in spite of that glaring lack of skaters.

"Credit goes to those guys," smiled Yake.

"They had a good group of skaters, just not enough bodies. They just had a hard time putting together enough guys tonight."

Yake added that it served to reintroduce the Hawks to a game situation just a day and a half removed from the Holy Cross game here on Wednesday. "The positive side is we haven't been playing for a while so it gave our guys a chance to go out and skate and move around," said Yake. "We'll bring a little more to the rink on Wednesday against Holy Cross."

Yake says that the first four teams get a first round bye in the Kawartha playoffs, while teams 5 through 12 play a one-game elimination.

Then it gets a little complicated in the second round, says Yake.

"The eight remaining teams head into a two-game showdown," he explains. The top four teams go on the road for the quarter finals and then return home for the second game. In the event of a tie, the teams play five-minute overtimes to decide the series.

"That's better than a one-game showdown," smiles Yake, perhaps recalling the Hawks ouster last spring in a semi-final sudden-death game. "This way you've got at least one chance to have a bad game, and if you do you have an opportunity to come back."

That two-game home at home series is scheduled for Feb 27 and 28. The Kawartha semi-finals are slated for Thursday, March 1. As in past years, two teams from Kawartha advance to the COSSA tourney.

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# Highlander sports



By Terrance Gavan

But talk, people, please!  
Canadian Olympian Clara Hughes has been urging Canadians to do just that in a series of Bell Canada/CTV ads. And because we are enamored of photogenic and athletic redheads from the Peg, we shall comply.  
Hughes was at Scotiabank Place for the Leafs-Senators game last Saturday night. She was there as spokeswoman for the Bell Let’s Talk campaign. The campaign urges all Canadians to talk about mental illness. She was also wearing the purple bracelet, an emblem for the Do It For Daron (DIFD) campaign.  
“Daron’s parents, assistant coach for the Senators Luke Richardson and his wife Stephanie, joined Hughes for a ceremonial puck drop,” writes The Ottawa Citizen’s Chloe Fedio. “The game’s youth mental health awareness theme played out with ads between plays, in which Hughes declares that she too battled depression.”  
Luke and Stephanie were there, representing the DIFD campaign, a national initiative aimed at addressing youth suicide. Their daughter Daron Richardson took her own life in the family home on Nov 13, 2010. She was 14.  
Luke, Stephanie and friends erected a website, doitfordaron.com, in the hope that young people all over Canada might have a place to go to talk — before they act; Daron Richardson kept her feelings bundled.

## PardontheEruption Things I learn from Clara Hughes

Two young, Canadian women — vivacious, outgoing and beautiful, joined by a virtual umbilical cord. They share an Achilles Heel and a disease.  
“Even someone like me that can seem really strong — I’m so vulnerable. I’m so human... This is something that I will face for the rest of my life,” Hughes told The Citizen. “I thought that life would be great and it would just continue to go the way it was — in this amazing direction,” said Hughes. “I was miserable. I didn’t know how to change what I was doing because I was just in such a bad place.”  
So, “let’s talk”. That’s what Hughes has been telling people on television. Because it’s clearly an important facet of Clara’s own story. Talking, that is.  
“When I first told my story, there were a lot of people that said, ‘Whoa. Wasn’t it risky to talk about that?’ I don’t want that to be a question in anybody’s mind,” Hughes said on Saturday. “It’s not anything to be ashamed of. I hope I can be an example for people.”  
Unfortunately, outing your own mental illness in Canada is still a chancy proposition. It’s tough in the City and it’s even tougher in small towns.  
Want to stop a conversation real quick in Haliburton County? Try this out at the curling club post-match nosh: “Oh, that reminds me of a story I was discussing with my psychiatrist last week.”  
Oh, yes we did. Do that. Let’s just say that the conversation died just like it does in an old western. You know, when John Wayne walks through the swinging doors of the local saloon, and the room goes suddenly and eerily quiet. Thankfully, there are no gunslingers named ‘Twitch-Fingered’ Brannigan at the Haliburton Curling

Club. It might have ended badly.  
We are told from a young age that these things, these topics, these conversations are verboten. How young? Try 10, or 11. Try 12, or 13. And then, yes, try 14. Try being the beautiful young women with the world on a string at Ashbury College in Ottawa, talking with friends about the inane things teens do. But never once broaching the one conversation that haunts your every waking moment.  
Knowing that you can’t talk about those things that are making you crazy. Because? Well, because we are taught that those things just are not said. Not said at grade school or at home. Or at McKecks or at the gym. Hell, we’re not even supposed to tell our doctor. Shhhhhh!  
“When I got the opportunity to be part of this campaign and to share the story of the struggles I’ve gone through, I realized it’s even more important than sharing the victories I’ve had,” says Clara Hughes. “We all go through things and you don’t get through things alone. I want to tell people that.”  
What’s wrong with us? Why can’t we talk? And why should we care about the real crazy people? The ones who can’t grasp the importance of the shared moment; those closed minds who snigger at the very mention of depression. Oh, you’re out there, hard cases. Eyes narrowed, heads shaking. Embarrassed.  
We’ve seen it first hand.  
So maybe? A little less judgment. Glass houses and all. And maybe “A little time, love and tenderness,” would not go unnoticed.  
Cos’ people?  
We’re talkin’.

## Rocking hard at Todd’s Independent mixed spiel

By Terrance Gavan

Thanks to Bob Johnston and his hard working group of volunteers, the annual Todd’s Independent Mixed Bonspiel was a roaring success.  
The Glen Smith rink edged out Moe Welch’s foursome in an exciting A-Side final that went down to the last rock. Welch had the hammer and an open takeout with the game tied in the final end. Welch’s rock was hijacked by a Roswell alien or a poltergeist, and simply refused to comply with the skip’s orders for a hit, stick and the win. Instead, the rock drifted by Smith’s stone in the eight foot.  
Welch, who hosts a curling show on Canoe FM, may try to tell a different story on this week’s program. Take any improvisational asides with a grain of salt; Moe missed miserably. But the smile on his mug at the end of the game bears testament to his good will, good sportsmanship and humility. We could all take a lesson from Welch. That’s a life

lesson; not a curling lesson by the way.  
Glen Smith, a very polite and genteel young man, refused to gloat or take any credit. He apologized to Welch as the shot drifted narrow — or wide — of the mark, and slid slowly to the bumper.  
The self-effacing Smith gave credit to the Welch team as he accepted the A-Side Todd’s Independent Event Trophy and the steaks during the presentation. Funny thing, too: he didn’t sound too sorry.  
Haliburton’s Larry Holden and his rink won the Phyllis Woodcock Trophy, claiming the B-side Final over the Heather Riley rink.  
Two visiting rinks played off for the C-Side. Brian Rutherford beat Craig Thomas to capture the Subway Trophy, and in the D-Side event, Bruce Morris defeated Haliburton’s Don Critchley to win the Marilyn Hawley-Remax Event Trophy.

## Storm Atom AEs lose and tie with Georgian Shores

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Highland Storm Atom AE team played two away games against the Georgian Shores team in the Thornbury arena on Saturday and Sunday. The Storm lost the first game 4-1 with a lone goal scored by Jake O’Neill. The team played well but had a little bad luck and could not capitalize on the power play.  
The Storm team played their best defensive game of the year in their second game, earning one point from a 2-2 tie.  
The Storm defense was excellent in blocking a number of shots. Jake O’Neill scored the first goal of the game early in the first period, and then the Storm defense shut down the Georgian Shores attack until late in the second period, when a Georgian Shores player was able to shoot one in from the slot area.  
Georgian Shores scored a second goal with four minutes left in the game, but O’Neill equalized it with two minutes left to play.  
No one could score in overtime and Georgian Shores enjoyed an obvious hometown advantage in the two games. The Storm team is looking forward to playing two games against them in Minden next weekend on home turf.

## Storm Pee wee As sweep series vs Durham Crusaders

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Dr Ed Smolen’s Family Dentistry Pee wee As traveled to Whitby for their third game against the Durham Crusaders last Saturday, playing on a much bigger ice surface than our boys are used to.  
Jake Bull, assisted by Mark Saville and Matt Wilbee, started the scoring in the first period, but the Crusaders promptly tied it up.  
The Storm scored two more goals in the second period, the first by Wilbee unassisted, the second by Kyle Cooper assisted by Andrew Hall and Bull. The Crusaders were

determined to stay in the series but the Storm was more determined to end it.  
The Crusaders managed two more goals but the Storm boys got three more in the third: Chris Thompson assisted by Wilbee, then another by Cooper with Josh Boice and Hall, then Greg Crofts assisted by Devyn Prentice and Saville.  
The final score was a 6-3 win for the Storm, which gave them a three-game sweep to take this series. Parker Smolen was in net for most of the game and Ryan Hannah for part of the third. We are now waiting to see who we will meet for the semi-finals in the OMHA playdowns.

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### In Loving Memory Harvey Martin Clarke

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at the age of 82.

Harvey was born in London, Ontario and will be sorely missed by his loving wife Ethel and children Kevin (deceased) (Anne), Janet (Randy), Greg (Kerry), Murray "Mic" (Donna), Sharon (Mike), and grandchildren Matthew, Taryn, Daniel, Leanne, Kelsey, Andrew, Stuart and Lindsay.

Many thanks to the doctors, nurses and care providers for all there help and support.

A Private Gathering was held for the immediate family members. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) or to the charity of your choice and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0  
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## February 2012

### Thursday – 9

- 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

- FREE Public Skating – Dysart Arena, Haliburton, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, Ray (705) 457-2083, rmisio@dysartatetel.ca
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
- Euchre Nights, Minden Legion Branch 636, 7:30 pm
- Bid Euchre, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941

### Friday – 10

- Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1pm, for seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults 18+, Ida (705) 457-2941
- Fish & Chips dinner at the Minden Legion Branch 636, 5 pm to 7 pm, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jicsloan@gmail.com
- Bid Euchre, Minden Community Centre, 1 pm to 4 pm, Bev, (705) 286-3085
- Play Pool! Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1:30 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Jam Session, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

### Saturday – 11

- Lochlin Community Centre Spaghetti Dinner, seating's 4:30 pm or 5:45 pm, adults \$10, children under 12 \$6, children under 4 free, call Leitha, (705) 286-1398, or Helen, (705) 286-6087
- Meat Draw, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Tall Pines Snowmobile Club Poker Rally
- Valentine's Dance, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 9 pm to close, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Open Mike Nite, Dominion Hotel, Minden, 8 pm, (705) 286-5035, shawn@light.on.ca

### Sunday – 12

- LA Breakfast, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 8 am to 12 noon, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Country Music Jamboree, SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, 1 pm to 5 pm, join the Country Hot Flashes & Cold Shoulders, showcase your talent at the Open

Mic and enjoy old fashioned square dancing, admission \$7, dinner provided by Minden Lioness at 5 pm (shepherd's pie/mixed veggies and black forest dessert) \$6, proceeds to the Aldridge and Alton Family who lost their home to fire

### Monday – 13

- Cribbage Night, Minden Legion Branch, 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
- 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, 6 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
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### Tuesday – 14

- 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, oeycominden@telnet.ca
- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7 pm to 10 pm, (705) 754-1457, carolstamp@sympatico.ca
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library
- Pool League, Dominion Hotel, Minden, open to all, (705) 286-5035

### Wednesday – 15

- Fit Kids Minden, Minden Community Centre, Fridays, February 3 to March 2, 10 am to 10:45 am, for parents with children 2-6 years, enjoy physical activity that is sure to energize you and your child, for more information or to register call 705-286-1770 or 705-286-4625, oeycparented@telnet.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
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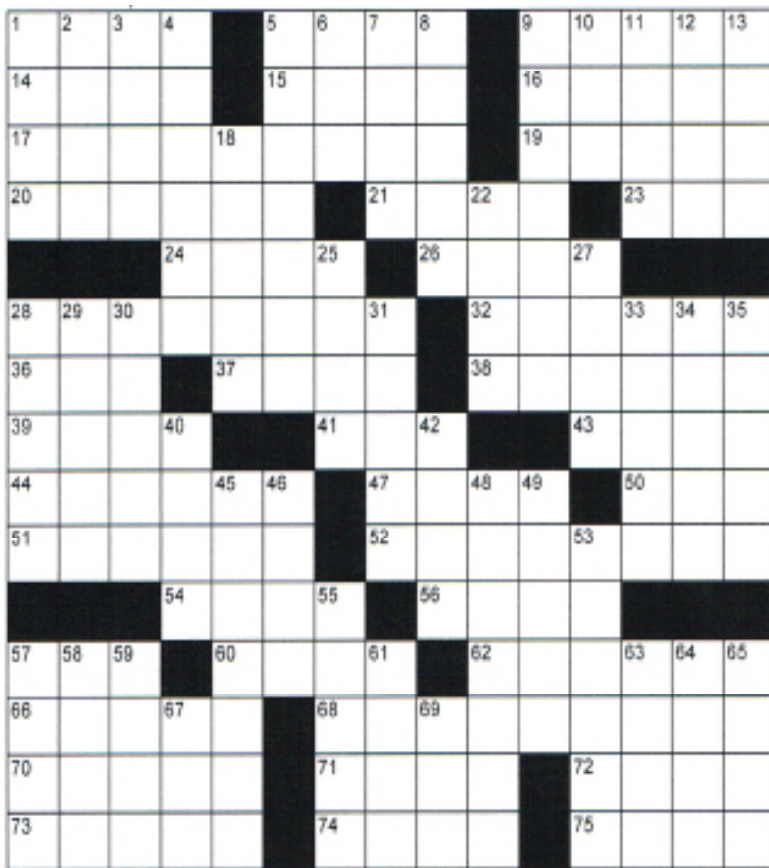
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# Highlander puzzles

Check back next week for the solutions



## ACROSS

1. Close loudly
5. Go-getter
9. Highway exits
14. Marco \_\_\_\_
15. Jealousy
16. Make jubilant
17. Spoken of earlier
19. Family car
20. Emits vapor
21. Fasting season
23. Boston time zone (abbr.)
24. Debtor's burden
26. Chamber
28. Coniferous evergreen (2 wds.)
32. Serious plays
36. Keats' "before"
37. Wild attempt
38. Madrid matron
39. Chore

41. Batter's stat
43. Placard
44. Storage spots
47. Actor \_\_\_\_ Idle
50. Bring to court
51. School assignment
52. Calamity
54. Coin opening
56. Narrow opening
57. Curvy letter
60. Follow orders
62. Coliseums
66. Astounding
68. Pacifist Christian branch
70. Hawk's weapon
71. Begged
72. Thicken
73. Range
74. Spanish cheers
75. Skirt bottoms

## DOWN

1. Health clubs
2. Hay place
3. Sunburn soother
4. Group's mood
5. Sweet course
6. "\_\_\_\_ Clear Day..."
7. Satan's specialty
8. Actress Winona \_\_\_\_
9. Renovate
10. Pub drink
11. Concocted
12. Sch. groups
13. Dispatched
18. Gives forth
22. Head gestures
25. At hand
27. Supplies workers
28. Flower part
29. Wrathful
30. Robins' homes
31. Receded
33. Slightly wet
34. Debate
35. More rational
40. Smooch
42. Purple flower
45. Fragrant liquid
46. Uppity person
48. Oahu and Maui
49. Nile city
53. Foul smell
55. Musical pace
57. Devours
58. Hit
59. Grain tower
61. Holler
63. African river
64. Energy source
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69. Born

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