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Lawrence demands removal of RD Lawrence name

Cultural Committee issues press release regarding history and plans for the future

By Terrance Gavan

Sharon Lawrence, wife of the late author RD Lawrence, has demanded that the name RD Lawrence Place be removed from the building that has housed the RD Lawrence archives since 2008. The request was delivered in an open letter to councilors and the Township of Minden Hills last Wednesday [Feb 21].

"I am absolutely appalled at the ongoing, wanton neglect, disrespect and disregard for the collection," wrote Lawrence. "RD Lawrence is considered a national treasure and this collection was donated to the township in good faith, and I entrusted its care to township staff. That trust has repeatedly been abused. I have since refused to bring other original works of art into the building as I feared the collection was, and continues to be, in jeopardy."

"The removal of the name RD Lawrence Place from the building, signage, all print media material and website leaves the sustainable building to be used at the township's discretion, however, to avoid further legal issues, the collection must be properly catalogued, maintained and preserved, and prior written permission must be obtained by the township from Sharon Lawrence for any further interest in use of the name RD Lawrence Place or any variation of the Lawrence name in any capacity."

Lawrence sent a registered letter to Minden Hills in January, detailing her dissatisfaction with the way the RD Lawrence collection was being handled. In that letter, she threatened to remove the memorabilia and artifacts from the museum unless something was done to safeguard the artifacts and books. She was told at that time that Minden Hills was the rightful owner of the collection; several documents were produced, indicating that Sharon Lawrence had indeed signed over the collection



Sheesham Crow started with some bluegrass fiddle and then moved on to a myriad array of musical instruments at the Razzamatatz Concert in Haliburton on Sunday. Finally Sheesham and his partner Lotus wowed the young audience with an hypnotic display of old syle hambone. Story on Page 3. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

and artifacts to Minden Hills as part of a deed of gift.

Lawrence has apparently ceded on that point and this most recent correspondence, copied to *The Highlander*, indicates that she is taking another, bolder tack.

"I accept that the Township of Minden Hills owns the literary collection, but not the name RD Lawrence or any copyright privileges for books, articles, print materials for said name," wrote Lawrence. "The name RD Lawrence Literary Collection, personal belongings and memorabilia may remain as the title and name of the collection for advertising purposes,

but that is all.

"Furthermore, the township must remove the copyrighted name RD Lawrence Place from the building within 30 days from the receipt of this letter. The use of RD Lawrence Place, RD Lawrence, Ronald Douglas Lawrence, Ron Lawrence, Lawrence, The Place, Place, Wolf Hollow, North Star Farm and Homestead, without express written permission, is hereby prohibited."

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RD Lawrence Place in Minden Hills.

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She added that the actual lettering for RD Lawrence Place on the building may be removed and placed in the archive room. She also demands that the name RD Lawrence Place be removed from all media materials, websites and signage, and that a sign on Bobcaygeon Road with the image of RD Lawrence and wolf Tundra be removed. “The copyright of this image belongs to Jim Wuepper,” wrote Lawrence. “His permission to use this image was never granted... and any further usage of this image must be granted by the photographer.”

Lawrence added that the original 2006 RD Lawrence Literary Collection, personal belongings and memorabilia could remain housed at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. “However,” wrote Lawrence, “this recent attempt to rebrand the collection/building without any discussion or permission is illegal under copyright law as well as disrespectful to the name RD Lawrence.”

Brigitte Gall, chair of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee, said that she and several Minden Hills councilors have been away at a municipal government conference and thus far have no response to Lawrence’s latest letter.

“We haven’t really had a chance yet to read the latest

correspondence,” said Gall on Wednesday. “What we do going forward will have to be addressed by councilors.”

The Cultural Centre Committee has issued a press release that outlines the RD Lawrence history, from their perspective, and how they plan to proceed from here.

The release, said Gall, answers some basic questions relating to the restructuring of the centre and RD Lawrence Place in particular. “For funding purposes, RD Lawrence Place needs to define itself,” said the release, received this week. “A museum is a building in which objects of historical or scientific interest are stored and exhibited. Recognizing the building houses a collection of RD Lawrence’s items, as well as others to be added in years that reflect the mandate, classifies it as a museum.”

Gall says that the statement was drawn up before councilors had received the most recent letter from Lawrence. “This process [restructuring] takes time,” says Gall. “We were feeling very positive about how quickly we were able to address the original issues and now we’re facing another letter. We will have to get together and take some time to assess this new letter.”

Until then, Gall said she will not be responding individually to Lawrence’s new demands.

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Sheesham and Lotus unplugged for kids

Concert cranks some whimsy with learning

Review — Razzamataz
Sunday, February 26

By Terrance Gavan

Quick! Where was the banjo invented?

If your synapses jerked you to a picture of Jon Voight on an Ozark Mountain porch, dueling some insane guitar riffs with a savant banjoist, then your best guess might be Tennessee or Arkansas. You are: a) way too old for a Razzamataz Concert; and b) you are wrong, wrong, wrong.

The banjo came from an African garden, specifically a dried out gourd, combined with a stretched gazelle hide, some cat gut and a branch. We know that because two musicians named Sheesham Crow and Lotus Wight told us, right there on stage at Haliburton's Northern Lights Pavilion last Sunday. Sheesham and Lotus are not only a great pair of musicians, but they are also a font of archival knowledge about things musical. They were in town as part of the popular Razzamataz kids series.

Sheesham and Lotus have been together since 1998. The first seven or so years they spent traveling North America with a bluegrass and roots band, and for the next six years they have combined as a rather odd couple that plays what they call "old time roots music."

They invite their audiences to trip with them down memory lane, to a time when a fiddle doubled as an iPod and an old contra-bass harmoniphoneum was as close as one could get to an Android cellphone.

Sheesham and Lotus preach old time music, and last Sunday they were preaching to the converted as an audience of over-sugared kids watched raptly as the two old guys juke, jived and jitterbugged some history into their truly wonderful and eclectic roots music.

They played fiddle, banjo, jaw harp, bones, and spoons, and they showed the kids how rap, blues and yes, even jazz emerged from the raw earth, mud, wood, skins and gourds of North America. From Africa of course. Repeat after me kids! "Africa!"

The highlight of the show featured no instruments. Sheesham and Crow ended the performance with an absolutely delightful and mesmerizing demonstration of the hambone.

Hambone? If you have to ask, Google it, because it cannot be explained in 20 words or less, or even in a 140 character Tweet. Hambone is all shucks, shunts and slow Georgia drawl.

Sheesham and Lotus showed all of the kids — even the kids dragging their kids — the basic moves, and for a solid 10 minutes every kid in the house opened up some very severe interpolations and extrapolations of hamboning.

The hambone slap of chest, hand and knee colliding in staccato and rapturous percussion is probably the first



Lotus Wight is one half of Sheesham and Lotus, a lively pair of artists that wowed the kids at Northern Lights Pavilion on Sunday. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

instrument early *Homo sapiens* paused to play. Watch that baboon or gorilla on your next trip to the zoo: they're not pounding their chest in anger; they're making beautiful music, y'all.

Just like Sheesham and Crow.

The next Razzamataz show, BABAR, will be on April 15 at YMCA Camp Wanakita. More information is available at razzamataz.ca.

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Editorial opinion



By Stephen Patrick

Politicians and planners and talk, talk, talk

The debate over the proposed \$80,000 cut to the county's Economic Development and Tourism Marketing Department at last week's council meeting was, despite its rancour, a positive development for all concerned, politicians and stakeholders alike.

This is because the anger the proposed cut has generated among the tourism business operators, and the politicians' defensive (but still open) response, mean that a substantive debate might just happen over just what kind of economic development and tourism marketing is really needed in the Highlands.

Right now, the apparent absence of any coherent development or tourism plan satisfies nobody. As Terrance Gavan reports on Page 6 of this issue, County Warden Murray Fearrey responded with some anger to an email campaign by Buttermilk Falls owners Dale and John Rider. The Riders decry the apparent decision not to replace current department director Bob Smith, and taking the \$80,000 out of the budget. "That's a complete farce," said the warden, referring to a suggestion that the department was being gutted.

In fact, the tourism stakeholders were surely reacting to what they see as a complete lack of a coherent marketing and economic development plan. The evidence? One after another, county councilors, including the warden, admitted that a plan was needed. "We have to look at the big picture," (Fearrey). "We haven't laid the plan or a commitment to fill the job," (Councilor Carol Moffatt). "Talking to stakeholders and getting a handle on what they think, is a good plan," (Councilor Cheryl Murdoch). "It's all in need of a new plan. We need a plan..." (Fearrey). "We really lack a plan," (Councilor Liz Daniels).

Here's a suggestion: get the stakeholders together, hash it out, and GET A PLAN!

I realize that the economic development job is a tough one, and that no tourism marketing person can ever satisfy everyone. And results are also difficult to quantify. It's also been very difficult to arrive at a successful 'branding' strategy for the Highlands that works for everyone. We're a diverse, and occasionally quarrelsome bunch, which doesn't simplify matters. But county councilors should be commended on their willingness to listen; now perhaps is the time to roll up the sleeves and hammer it all out.

Palliative care and our continuing drive for excellence

The co-operative program between HHHS and SIRCH is one more example of how our health professionals and volunteers are so refreshingly proactive and imaginative when it comes to tackling the difficult issues of 21st century health care. [See article on Page 11 of this issue.]

Respectful, compassionate, and efficient palliative care, in hospice, hospital, and long-term care settings, will increasingly become a necessary part of our overall health care system. Our population is aging rapidly, the average entry age for LTC facilities is rising all the time, and, guess what, we're all going to die, or 'pass', as the current euphemism would have it. (Pass where? Or what?). Congratulations to all who've worked so hard to make this new program happen. And, memo to the Ministry of Health, this is a program conceived and funded entirely in the Highlands. Your approval is kindly anticipated.



By Bram Lebo

Four little silos

Warden Murray Fearrey hit the nail on the head when he said we need a plan for economic development in the county. His comments were in the context of a discussion at council about plans to cut \$80,000 from the Economic Development and Tourism Department budget, a move that has resulted in vocal complaints from local business owners and tourism operators.

The \$80,000 in itself is irrelevant — it's results that matter; if we can achieve our objectives with less, all the better. Objectives, then, may be a good place to start.

But whose objectives? As Fearrey correctly notes, there are four little silos, or municipalities, in the Highlands, five if you include the county itself. Are the economic development objectives of these five entities complementary? Coordinated with each other to maximize the results of each effort? Or are we working at cross purposes and spreading our scarce resources too thinly to have an impact on the wider world?

The overall objective is not in dispute: increase money coming into the county, thereby creating jobs and prosperity. The more complicated part is the strategy to achieve those objectives: the how.

Tourism is a big part of the how, but not the only part. Another is putting efforts into attracting permanent residents, a different but valuable strategy. Other parts of economic development include attracting businesses, and projects like cultural events and TV/film production; and government investment, including infrastructure, capital grants and subsidies to business. It is questionable therefore whether tourism should have a special status among these various forms of economic development, rather than being seen as one of several, integrated components.

Then there are the tactics; how best to spend money for maximum effect. The destination guide, as reported this week, is an attractive and widely-distributed inducement to visit the Highlands; attending trade shows boosts pride in the county. But how would these activities compare, dollar invested for dollar of output, with other tactics like a social media and SEO campaign? We need to evaluate each of the tactics used at the county and municipal levels for their costs compared to results; the inclusion of coupons in this year's destination guide is one inspired way to do that. We also need to get it right; websites can be expensive brochures if not fine-tuned and marketed well.

But overall, to maximize the effect of these strategies and tactics, they must be coordinated. If Minden is investing its energy in attracting retirees, the county must make healthcare a priority; if Algonquin Highlands is focused on adventure and ecotourism, the county should assist with tourism promotion. What the county should not do is to market hospitals and service clubs to tourists and white water rafting and snowboarding to seniors; the municipalities should also ensure that their messages are complementary, consistent and mutually-reinforcing.

A good economic development plan would look at the county as a whole and have clear, measurable objectives. In consultation with the municipalities, the county would develop strategies for each of the economic development components: tourism, residency, attracting and facilitating business, and attracting government investment. It would ensure that efforts are not duplicated and that strategies, tactics and messages are consistent between all levels of government. It would coordinate with other stakeholders such as HCDC and the Chamber of Commerce, and key local businesses, to cover all the bases — but just once; no duplication of effort, all ducks in a row. It would ensure that choices are made, sometimes reluctantly, because not everything can be a priority when resources are limited; tough decisions must be made.

It seems almost inconceivable that this level of coordination could occur without someone in charge. One of the ironies of having five governments serving just 17,000 permanent residents is that you sometimes need more people to create efficiencies, to make sure everyone's paddling in the same direction. Whether that person can be found without hiring is a challenge for council, but with the county's economic development director departing shortly, now is a perfect time to consider how to move forward. If council can achieve its economic development objectives (perhaps in need of defining) while still saving \$80,000 in taxpayer money, their irate stakeholders would have little to complain about.

But as those business owners noted, council must be cautious about the false economy of saving money if that spending would lead to measurable and meaningful growth. That county councillors don't seem to know what output they get from which input indicates that economic development objectives, strategies and tactics need better definition and measurement.

As Warden Fearrey said, it's time for council and the municipalities to come up with a plan.

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Letters to the Editor

Neighbours not consulted on Granite View condos

Dear Editor:

In your February 9 edition, there is an article by Will Jones re New Haliburton Condos. In it he states, “Gray and his team have already met with neighbours of the proposed development and say that they have good feedback.”

I write with great certainty that this sentence is misleading. I understand that there was contact with owners/neighbours at numbers 1, 9 and 16 Lake Avenue, but there was no meeting with property owners at numbers 15 & 17 Lake Avenue, nor with the owners of number 609 Mountain Street (next to the proposed development), number 602 Mountain Street (across from the proposed development), nor with 566, 562 and 560 Mountain Street. Numbers 561 and 559 Mountain Street are rented properties and the residents expressed concerns, as did the property owners at 3 Brohm Drive.

All who were not contacted by Mr. Gray or his team share similar, serious concerns about the proposed development (Granite View) and the effect it may have on their property. As neighbours, they wish that they too had been contacted.

Barb Morrow
Haliburton

A respectful response to the letter from Johanna Herzog Bareiss

Dear Editor:

Your defence of Windover Road residents and indirectly of the Minden street maintenance department is commendable.

In this matter I take refuge in the advice of a wise grandfather: “Never dispute with a lady.”

I am your servant

Unsteady Eddie, Ed Braithwaite
Minden

The Outsider — Buying time!

And so it’s begun: my English vacation and the realization that you don’t know what you’ve got ’till it’s gone.

We’re in London, centre of the world when it comes to many things but especially shopping and shops that my lovely wife likes. She has always had a bit of a habit. Not the sort that monks wear (although she may try one on for size) but an addiction to window shopping and, during our 15 years living in the Big Smoke, I was dragged along on regular excursions to Covent Garden, Kensington High Street, Shoreditch, Oxford Street, Portobello Market... you name it. Her reasoning behind taking me being that she struggled to find that perfect dress or pair of jeans and she needed a second opinion; even if that opinion came from a miserable, moping, moaning man who’d rather be pulling his toe nails out with a pair of pliers than standing outside of the fifteenth changing room of the day! You get the picture.

And so, I’m sure you’ll appreciate the fact that moving to Haliburton County was quite a lifestyle change for us and especially her.

With the greatest of respect to the store owners on Highland Street, we’ve gone from living 15 minutes away from a retail Mecca to being two and a half hours away from what she’d think of as a good day’s window shopping. And there you have it, the first affirmation that you don’t know what you’ve got ’till it (or Haliburton County) has

Hire hard working, penny-pinching Canadians to advise government

Dear Editor:

We now have two consultants making their recommendations to the Feds on how to acquire more revenue from us already drained Canadians.

Their idea is to add the HST to groceries, education and health care. This would add \$398 million in revenue. How ironic coming from consultants who in my opinion overcharge for their services. Such an initiative would not hurt their pocket books as they would recoup such from their clients which the majority of the time is us — the taxpayer!

Who would this have an impact on? Well, how about seniors on fixed federal pensions. As we all age we require more health care services. One can exercise and take supplements to assist and slow down this aging process, but unexpected serious illnesses can change our lifestyles no matter how careful we are.

We are told families should eat more healthy foods, but if food is taxed people will be buying cheaper foods in order to make their dollar stretch further.

Winter driving made possible

Dear Editor:

I never worry about not being able to reach my planned destination and that’s because I know that the local township crews keep our local roads and highways safe to drive in the winter and year-round. What I worry more about is other drivers and their lack of driving skill in challenging weather.

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gone: after mere days in London I crave the sedate pace of rural Canadian life, and the distinct lack of high-end fashion outlets that Haliburton and Minden boast. I miss the wearying slog up Highland Street and back down York Street that takes a full 20 minutes on a bad day. I yearn to walk into a store and see the friendly face of just that, a friend, rather than a beautiful but incredibly bored young assistant who believes they should be on a catwalk rather than a shop floor.

But then again, I shouldn’t moan about my previous life and my lovely wife’s penchant for window shopping.

As already explained, our all-too-regular trips into the heart of London were to window shop. You see, the term “to window shop” is defined in most good dictionaries as “to spend time browsing shops and the goods in their windows with no intent to buy.”

I now realize that for that very reason I should have been thankful.

Returning to London on vacation (to her shopping nirvana) my lovely wife is a changed woman, and I can’t say that it’s for the better.

On the very first afternoon we took a stroll across the park nearby where we were staying only to find ourselves outside a small ladies fashion store, a shop she had frequented many times in the past and for the most part declined to buy

Young families must have both parents working in order to make ends meet. However, there are costs associated in providing daycare or after school programs for their children in order for the parents to work. One must evaluate expenses in child care in relation to income to find that balance. It is not feasible to put out more than one is making.

Perhaps politicians should travel economy on flights, drive a Volkswagen, mini, or other type of cheaper mode of travel instead of limos. Perhaps they should eat at McDonalds, Wendy’s, Subway or other cheaper establishments rather than those elaborate costly restaurants. Perhaps we Canadians should get the same perks politicians receive in order to have a level playing field. Perhaps a good idea is to hire the hard working, penny pinching, coupon-saving Canadian to advise the government on how to run our country in a more feasible economic manner.

Beverly MacDuff
Goderham

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Haliburton

anything.

“I’m just going to pop in here and have a look,” she said sweetly.

Fifteen minutes later she’d emptied my wallet and our good friend Tony’s too, in a buying spree of unparalleled swiftness, guile and expense that left both me and him not knowing quite what had hit us.

The next day she gave me a day off. We had a pleasant reunion with old friends and warm, flat beer – a little too much warm flat beer. I now realise it was merely a ploy, a diversion tactic to dull my senses and ensure that in my groggy state I’d struggle to put up a good argument against visiting her old stomping grounds in the heart of London.

And so it was that I trailed along behind her as she blazed a trail through Selfridges, Liberty’s and a host of other stores that specialise in relieving folks of their hard earned cash, with a new-found ability to spend, spend, spend.

How I longed for that old, five-hour window shopping experience, which may have worn out a bit of shoe leather but was always light on the wallet. How I wished that she was struggling to find that perfect dress. How I craved the old days, of those shopping trips that I’d whinged and whined about so much.

But that’s the thing isn’t it? You just don’t know what you’ve got ’till it’s gone.



By Will Jones

County news

Council to cut tourism budget

Gets flak from stakeholders

By Terrance Gavan

Tourism is a priority for the Haliburton Highlands and local stakeholders are not happy with a proposed \$80,000 cut in the tourism and economic development budget.

County Council decided in their January meeting to reassess the tourism allocations, and especially salary for the soon-to-be-vacated director position, currently held by Bob Smith who retires in April.

That decision irked Dale Rider – of Buttermilk Falls Resort – so much that she replied with a targeted email campaign to the Warden and councilors, with copies sent to a number of area stakeholders, bureaucrats, residents and this newspaper.

“Late last year, county council decided to reorganize the Economic Development and Tourism Marketing Department and eliminate the ED part,” writes Rider. “It decided to focus on Tourism Marketing and that when Bob Smith retired, a marketing person would be hired. With the current economic environment, this was a very timely idea and many of us were excited to hear this.

“In January’s draft budget discussions there was a 7 to 1 show of hands to take \$80,000 out of the tourism budget (it wasn’t a formal vote). There now seems to be confusion among County councilors whether that show of hands was to just reduce the overall tourism budget (which I firmly disagree with) like other departments, or to specifically eliminate the job.”

That prompted responses and further emails to council in support of Rider’s assertions.

“Is there anyone awake on this council?” asked WRD Cottage Rental owner Bill Dewey in a terse and effusive reprimand. “What in blazes are you people thinking about? The last time I checked, this county was tourism driven.

“Get with the program and do what you are elected to do, which is to get us all through another summer season of prosperity with enough money left over to get us all through

another six months of winter despair. Cutting the tourism budget by \$80,000 is not the way to do it.”

The cut is the crucial talking point in the campaign, and as Rider pointed out, the confusion is compounded by council’s hesitation in deciding on a replacement for Smith’s position.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who was the lone dissenter on the budget cut in January, said that she was in favour of keeping the \$80,000 in the budget. She maintained that once the money is gone, it would be extremely difficult to get it back.

“The argument is that if we don’t put the 80,000 bucks back, we’ll lose it,” Warden Murray Fearrey said in response to Moffatt, last Wednesday. He added that decisions also have to be made regarding the Hwy 35 information booth, which suffered a 30-35 percent loss in calls and visits last season.

“We hired Bob in 2005, when we had a push on economic development,” said Fearrey. He explained that the tourism and development department now has three staffers instead of the one it had back then.

Then Fearrey took the bold step of responding to the email campaign and the 20 or so stakeholders and residents who sent emails to council.

“We’re not gutting the tourism budget,” said Fearrey, in direct response to the stakeholders. “That’s a complete farce. I’m not fond of the email campaign that’s going on. We need to have another community forum with the stakeholders.

“We have four organizations [the four municipalities] spending money on tourism and we have advertisers going in a different direction, so we have four little silos doing their own thing. So we need to look at it. We have to look at the big picture.”

Fearrey said that taking the \$80,000 out of the budget would not preclude the hiring of an interim replacement for Smith. “If we have to take \$30,000 out of reserves (to hire someone for part of the year) then we can do that. I think we all need to get on the same page here and make this right.”

Moffatt said there is some confusion around the \$80,000 and

the emails are an indication that people are upset. “There is a perception and the \$80,000 is seen as a cut,” added Moffatt. “We haven’t laid the plan or a commitment to fill [Smith’s] job.

“We have to work with the stakeholders and fill that job. I’m afraid that if we don’t, it may just fade away. The email campaign is there because people are passionate about this.”

Minden Hills Deputy Reeve, Cheryl Murdoch said, “We’ve come to the crossroads where change is inevitable. Talking to stakeholders and getting a handle on what they think is a good plan.”

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said the current economic development and tourism paradigm is broken. “The promotion is top-heavy,” said Reid. “The old way is not working. Don’t spend \$100,000 on something that’s going to take a half million to fix. Until we have a consult with our tourism coordinator we don’t even know what her capacity is, and if she can do [the job].”

“It’s either that [cut the budget] or we raise taxes,” said Fearrey. “It’s all in need of a new plan. We need a plan and then we have to hire someone later on.”

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen said that their council was developing a strategic plan and asked if county might consider its own plan, something that was contemplated several years ago.

“We really lack a plan,” Danielsen said. “And it’s the lack of a plan that’s creating these ongoing problems.”

Moffatt was adamant in her lone support of maintaining the \$80,000 in the 2012 budget and also noted that many of the county’s websites were in need of a severe retrofit, another tourism and economic development expenditure. “Our websites are a disaster,” said Moffatt.

Fearrey concurred, and most of the councilors agreed that pulling reserve money out for website upgrades would be a good idea. But

with budget restrictions ongoing in 2012 and the expectation of severe belt-tightening, it seems unlikely that council would be in favour of retaining the \$80,000, emails or no emails.

Bill Dewey

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County news

Council refuses subsidy for low-income housing project

By Terrance Gavan

A delegation from Places for People Haliburton County appeared before County Council last Wednesday requesting support for an affordable housing duplex in Carnarvon.

“We are a private landlord and to make affordable housing available we would need a subsidy,” said Places for People Director Fay Martin. “Carnarvon has a side-by-side unit right now and rent supplement is crucial. Without it we can’t make it work. We are working on a very short timeline and we need our offer in by March 1.”

She told county councilors that time was of the essence, as the group was very close to closing on the offer. She told council that the purchase is being facilitated by an anonymous donor. She added that this was an excellent opportunity for Haliburton County to show their support for affordable housing in the Highlands.

County Warden Murray Fearrey said that while he was in favour of Places for People and their general mission statement to provide low income families with affordable housing, this time he could not in good conscience support the project.

Fearrey said that several issues concerned him, uppermost being the location. Carnarvon, explained Fearrey, was not within walking distance of grocery stores, shops, schools or a hospital.

Another specific stumbling block mentioned by several councilors was an estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 per annum for rent subsidies that would be charged to the county’s budget. “It’s hard to determine right now what rent-geared-to-income would be,” said Fearrey. “You all know that we care about housing, but we’ve already committed to a large housing project [in Haliburton].”

“I’m putting thumbs down because people would have to drive everywhere they go, and they are not close to amenities,” Fearrey said.

Martin replied that a car was almost a basic necessity no matter where you’re located in Haliburton County.

Carol Moffatt, Reeve of Algonquin Highlands, said that Carnarvon is small, but it does have access to shopping.

Liz Danielson, Deputy Reeve of Algonquin Highlands, said that there is a place to shop, but it’s not an affordable place to shop. She added, “I’ve seen that unit and there’s a vast

difference in the two units, a difference in quality of the two areas.”

“Probably it’s superior to what they’re living in today,” said Martin. “I think you should cut us some slack, because we’re the only one dealing with affordable housing for young families.”

“Carnarvon has a tremendous sense of community,” said Moffatt. “There are lots of people who are from the Algonquin Highlands and there are possible ride shares available.”

Moffatt added that Algonquin Highlands would love to explore a Places for People project and inquired if Martin and the group had investigated Dorset as a possible location. Martin said that right now, they were concentrating on Carnarvon and getting a deal done there.

In the end, County Council voted to opt out of supporting the initiative, stating that the time frame was narrow, and that rent-to-income estimates and projected payouts would complicate the 2012 budgetary process.

Martin said Tuesday that they would be moving ahead without county’s support. See story in this section.

Places for People buys property in Carnarvon

Group charges ahead despite lack of financial support from council

By Terrance Gavan

Places for People forged ahead with a new property purchase in Carnarvon, despite the County of Haliburton’s refusal to provide rent subsidies for the residence. Council nixed any monetary support to the Places for People initiative at their Feb 22 council meeting.

“The Board is very happy to report that we are the proud owners of a second property [the first is on George Street in Haliburton], at 1006 West Road in the village of Carnarvon,” said Places for People President, Fay Martin.

“We take possession on March 22,” said Martin. “The property became available through a power of sale and is excellent value for the purchase price.”

She adds that the new premises will require very little renovation to retrofit into a side-by-side duplex consisting of two 1,200 square foot apartments.

One is an old (c. 1930s) brick, 4-square 2-storey farm house, well maintained over the years, with a large newer kitchen added. The other is an attached two-storey granny flat built on in the 1990s.

“The most recent owners had put in a lot of upgrades to

make it quite energy efficient, and added a wrap-around porch that is very attractive,” says Martin. “It sits on an acre of flat property, right across Hwy 35 from the Mill Pond and the garden centre.”

The announcement comes after a disappointing meeting with County Council says Martin, but she is optimistic that the PFP board will be able to manage the purchase and control of the property without any financial assistance from Haliburton County Council.

“The acquisition process was challenging and very quick,” says Martin. “The County opted not to grant us assurance of a rent supplement [see story in this section], which meant that we needed to revisit our operating budget to assure our investor [a private individual from the community who wishes to remain anonymous] that we could manage the mortgage.”

Rent supplements bridge the gap between what the tenants can afford to pay and the asking rent for the property, \$1074 per month, per unit.

Martin says that because the purchase price was extremely friendly, they hope to offset those rent costs with fundraising in the community to help facilitate a large down payment.

“We decided that we will charge whatever rent we want, without going to a rent-geared-to-income program,” says Martin. “We’re obviously not going to charge \$1,074. We decided to keep tenants’ rents to a third of their earnings or based on their housing allowance if they’re on assistance.”

But since these PFP units – by definition — have to be self-sustaining, with rents fully covering mortgage payments, they

will need to fundraise through the community, just as they did for the Haliburton property.

“We have to buy down the mortgage so the rents do in fact carry the mortgage,” says Martin. She says that the units will require only a small renovation expense, compared to the retrofit on the George Street property which ended up totaling in the neighbourhood of \$95,000.

“These units are different, says Martin. “The reno costs are very small and there’s no rule saying that we can’t raise money to down-pay the mortgage.”

She said that the PFP board decided to go forward, “knowing that without some government investment, we cannot afford to rent to the poorest of the poor.

“However, we have devised a way to be able to rent to people whose income is just a bit below the county median, likely the working poor. This is a large group of people in our community, for whom few supports and services are available. Providing affordable housing to this population is well within our mission and mandate.”

Of course, now the real work begins for the Places for People organizing committee.

“We need to fund-raise to pay down the mortgage to the point where the rent revenue can sustain it over time,” says Martin. “The amount will be no more than we fund-raised to pay for the renovations at 19 George, which we cleared in about a year, so we think this is an achievable goal.”

With some luck, says Martin, new tenants should be ensconced in the side-by-side units by June.

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Highlander arts

Hot off the press: 2012 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide

50,000 copies of free tourism publication set for distribution

By Mark Arike

After months of preparation, the County of Haliburton's Tourism and Marketing Department and Parker Pad & Printing are proud to announce the release of the 2012 Haliburton Highlands Destination Guide.

A total of 50,000 copies were printed earlier this week and are set to hit shelves across the County and the province. Copies are already being handed out at The Outdoor Adventure Show in Toronto, which runs through this weekend.

This year's 72-page guide places an emphasis on the County's slogan 'A Natural Work of Art' and features sections on experience tours, camping, the arts, events in all seasons, local accommodators and more. In an attempt to promote the four seasons equally, two different covers have been utilized – one with a photograph of a kayaker and the other with a skier lounging in an Adirondack chair on a snow-covered dock. Two thirds of the guides feature the spring/summer cover while the remaining one-third are for the fall/winter season.

Other new additions include a fold-out centre spread

highlighting each of the County's four municipalities and townships, while the back inside cover contains a two-page fold-out map of the Haliburton Highlands. Special offers have also been included in some of the advertisements, and QR (Quick Response) codes can be found throughout.

A total of 94 advertisers participated in this year's edition.

To enhance the guide's overall attractiveness, a number of high-quality photographs were used after a call for entries was put out by the county's tourism department soon after the project commenced. Several entries were received and, of those, photos from the following individuals and organizations were selected:

Kathleen Bowser, Kasey Bull, Sian Cox, Tammy Donaldson, Linda Middleton, Janis Parker, Corey Pietryszyn, Theodore Smith, Tim Tofflemire, Lyn Winans, Camp Can-Aqua, Haliburton School of the Arts, Highlands Summer Festival and Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

During the current year, guides will go to provincial tourism information centres across the province; consumer shows in the Greater Toronto Area; selected Ontario Chambers of Commerce; and local information outlets and businesses within the Haliburton Highlands. Hundreds of guides are also mailed out in response to website and telephone queries to an international clientele, by the Haliburton Highlands Tourism staff.



Summer and Winter covers for the 2012 Destination Guide.

State of the Arts — Shades of Orwell: Stalin 1, Composer 0 —



By Victoria Ward

Dimitri Shostakovich was a composer who tragically was forced to work and achieve greatness while under the iron fist of Stalin's 1930s/40s Russia. He was a brilliant music student who rose quickly through the ranks to official state composer, only to be ridiculed, banned and tormented at the whim of that country's totalitarian regime.

His Symphony #5 is considered one of the finest examples of modern composition. Written as a response to his first denunciation by Stalin, it attempts to convey the full measure of sorrow felt by the mass executions Stalin carried out throughout the late 30s. Shostakovich kept composing but he became a political football for the Politburo, and was lauded and denounced several times in his career while watching his colleagues disappear one by one. He lived in terror.

When he met fellow Russian composer Nabokov (who had luckily fled the country and landed in NYC) in 1949, he was still under Stalin's thumb and unable to express the love he felt toward the music of the denounced composer, Igor Stravinsky. For this he was deemed just a tool of the Soviet regime and dismissed in most western circles. He felt ashamed and hurt for the rest of his life until his death in 1971.

Reading about the tragedy of an artist's life such as Shostakovich's always puts me in my place. I can't possibly compare my bad luck with galleries and grants when in fact I

am allowed to say and create what I want.

This country is not, thankfully, Stalinist Russia and I cite Shostakovich's story more as a parable here not a parallel. However, several recent incidents have caused me to wonder what on Earth is happening to the progressive society I was raised in.

First off, at the Tarragon Theatre in Toronto, a play by the stalwart actor/writer Michael Healey has been shelved because it might cause too much controversy. The play obliquely references Prime Minister Stephen Harper and some of his hard-line conservative policies. The artistic director Richard Rose, no stranger to controversial theatre himself, was one of several cautionary voices who stopped the production of a play that might insult the PMO.

I also noted an incident at Canada Reads, where a judge referred to Carmen Aguirre, author of *Something Fierce* (memoirs of her parents' involvement in revolutionary Chile), as a terrorist who should be deported.

The federal government has shown outright hostility toward the hard work of environmental groups by equating them with white supremacists for their audacity to question the current pro-Gateway Pipeline mandate.

Are we still a free society or not? I made a brief tour on Facebook of the many cultural workers I know: artists, writers, administrators, producers etc, and their conversation regarding these events is definitely one of shock, fear and disbelief. The trembling is palpable.

With a recession in full swing, galleries and theatres in trouble, artists flocking to jobs, who will be left to defend the

arts? The hypocrisy about censorship, or in these cases implied censorship, is that if the state thinks it can use the art to make money and maintain power then it will turn a blind eye to work that could be outrageously offensive.

Video games for example, are a perfectly acceptable part of our culture and rarely censored. I've played *Grand Theft Auto*, and admittedly it was kind of fun, but it does promote violence, rape, torture, humiliation, unbridled consumerism and general misogyny so lurid as to make much hardcore pornography seem romantic. But our governments approve of it, clearly; it makes money and is part of a larger corporate agenda — it's an entertainment commodity that is a part of a system set up to make as much profit as possible.

But a play in a small theatre that makes a fraction of what the Chinese bootleg copy of *Grand Theft Auto* makes in one day, by a writer who is not a household name and which will be seen by possibly 2,000 people if the company is lucky? Sorry, no way, it might be offensive, shelve it.

You may argue that the Tarragon practiced self-censorship, but in their defense, they depend on significant subsidies from government and private business so it was more likely a decision based on survival.

Dimitri Shostakovich continued regardless of his circumstances. He created great work because that is what an artist does. He was, however, the man described by Nabokov in the above quote. Winston Smith from Orwell's 1984 he was not, but the double speak he had to live through made his tragic life a symbol of what we must never repeat.

Highlander arts

Blues Bash coming to Minden

B3 Blues Bash, March 10 at 8 pm
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Submitted by George Farrell

Hammond B3 Blues and Jazz maestro Lance Anderson is coming to the Dominion Hotel in Minden to start off the spring break with a bang. Anderson is a very talented, classically trained musician who has played in the Blues and R&B scene in Toronto for the past 20 years, and has been nominated five times for the Maple Blues Keyboard Player of the Year award.

An active composer and arranger for both TV and film, Anderson is the producer of the self-titled debut album for the group Leahy, which went platinum and won that group multiple Junos and Canadian Country Music Association awards. Anderson has also produced for Garth Hudson (The Band) and has recently performed music from The Last Waltz soundtrack at music festivals.

The March 10 gig will also feature Mike Sloski, Canada's top Roots/Blues drummer. Sloski is a founding member of Manteca and has also played with the Lincolns, the Arrows and Bruce Cockburn. The Anderson-Sloski collaboration led to the CD Footwork, a real gem, and one of the best albums anywhere to feature the Hammond B3 organ. This is the first time that a B3 will be lugged to the Highlands. Special guest, the very talented local musician Stan Russell, will be on electric bass and also contribute some gritty guitar.

Dominion proprietor Shawn Chamberlin says "I'm really excited about this event. It's not every day we get musicians of this calibre in the Highlands."

The B3 Blues Bash promises to be a fabulous instrumental and vocal experience where you can get up and boogie, or sit back with your friends on the Dominion's new comfy chairs.



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By Penny Brown

Planting Pansy

Dear Pansy,

Don't give up on something you love. Find another way to do it.

Some doctors suggest you take an over-the-counter anti-inflammatory such as Alleve an hour before you begin the activity. That may be of help to you and it's certainly worth trying.

There are also some adjustments to make in the way you plant. The first one that comes to mind is a knee pad. Knee pads are made of dense foam and they are washable and light weight, so you can move yours along as you move. Knee pads are available in most dollar stores and they can make a real difference in your tolerance and comfort because they provide a cushion for your knees.

Another consideration is the gardening tools you use. The long handled ones are far less stressful on your body than the short ones. A lot of gardening jobs can be done standing up—which saves your back and your knees. Check out your local hardware store and see what looks good to you. You can also find real bargains online and at garage sales.

For the work that must be done on your knees, be sure all your tools are in a basket or bag that you move along as you move. Save yourself the effort and stress of getting up and down more often than is necessary to get the job done.

You might also consider finding a gardening buddy. Agree to do both your garden and your friend's and figure out a way to use each of your skills to make the most of your partnership. Working together will decrease the physical strain for each of you.

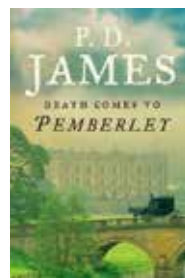
I am also reminded of a patient I had who had similar complaints to yours and decided to completely change her garden because of it. She planted everything in pots. Big ones, small ones, huge ones—whatever she could find and use. Because she was using pots, she was able to do all the work standing up. Then she placed the pots in her garden.

Some of the pots were half buried. Others were tilted slightly. A few she placed on rocks so there was a variety of heights and positions.

The final effect was stunning—and she was able to pursue her love of gardening throughout her life.

One more thing. After gardening, take a hot bath or shower. Take it easy. And enjoy the spring as you always have. It's on its way.

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



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 27 – March 4.

HCPL's TOP 5 FICTION

1. *Death Comes To Pemberley* by PD James
2. *Zero Day* by David Baldacci
3. *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson
4. *11/22/63* by Stephen King
5. *The Accident* by Linwood Barclay

HCPL's TOP 5 NON-FICTION

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

New to HCPL's top fiction list is *11/22/63* by Stephen King, a novel in which a school teacher travels back in time to stop the assassination of JFK, creating an alternate history where the former president is unscathed. King is as prolific of a writer as they come so it has been interesting to see how much his writing has evolved over the years.

The New York Times says it best: "King's books have a far stronger real-world component than they used to, even when he deals with premises rooted in science fiction. And he has lately written with more heart and soul, leaving the phantasmagorical grisliness behind. Perhaps it's the gravity of the Kennedy assassination that makes this new book so well grounded, but in any case *11/22/63* does not lay on the terror tricks."

Thus, if you have never been a fan of Stephen King because he has long been classified as a horror writer, you may want to give him another chance with this new title. It's available in print and talking book formats at your library.

Library News

Check out our March Break Children's Programming! It's "Kids Can Grow" for children aged 2 to 7 years — bringing art, nature and fun together! Programs run on: March 14 – at Minden Branch from 10:30 to 11:30 am, March 15 – at Dysart Branch from 10:30 to 11:30 am, March 16 – at Wilberforce Branch from 1 to 2 pm.

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Highlander health

SIRCH and HHHS join forces for innovative palliative care

Lead nurse says atmosphere a 'great improvement' for patients and families

By Stephen Patrick

The Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services has joined forces with the SIRCH hospice and palliative care program in order to provide Highlands residents with the best possible care as they near the end of life.

Last fall, the HHHS board approved phase two of the palliative care program. Phase one saw a dedicated palliative care room established at the Haliburton hospital in the old maternity room. Phase two will see the construction of another palliative care suite at the hospital, with a separate outside entrance, a multi-purpose family room and kitchen. Both rooms are designed to be home-like, not hospital-like.

Although the cost of the phase two facility will be raised locally by the HHHS Foundation, the Ministry of Health still has to approve the construction, and that approval has yet to come down the pipe. But HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush is confident the decision will be positive. "We hope to have a decision by the end of March," Rosebush said this week.

"The phase one room has proven the need for this type of care," Rosebush told The Highlander. "It's been in use 90 percent of the time, and the response of families and loved ones has been very positive."

Regarding the co-operative program with SIRCH, Rosebush said, "this is an innovative and unusually close partnership in that they provide hospice support and we provide the medical care. It's a very exciting development for both organizations."

Marilyn Rydberg is SIRCH's manager of hospice services, and in charge of developing the program. "Part of my role will be to look at what are our needs, and what kind of training is needed. My role is to develop a program where hospice volunteers will be involved in supporting the family at the hospital as well as at home.

"We're already finding that we're getting numerous referrals from the hospital when someone's discharged and can go home with the expectation that we'll be



The Phase One palliative care suite at the Haliburton Hospital. Photo by Stephen Patrick.

involved, which is another benefit of the cooperation between the HHHS and ourselves. The palliative care rooms are an extension of what SIRCH is doing, so our goal is not to make it a separate program, but one that flows from one to another. A person diagnosed with a life-threatening illness often goes home from hospital, then into palliative care, and our team will support that family throughout the process, thus minimizing the number of people coming into your life at the end-of-life period."

Rydberg has over 20 years experience in palliative care and gained her basic training in England in the early 1990s. "The Brits have been in the forefront of palliative and hospice care for decades," says Rydberg, "so it was a great place for me to learn. And as far as I know, this cooperative program hasn't been tried before, at least not in this setting, and it really is exciting. The doctors and the hospital staff are all very supportive

of the program, and the phase two facility will be even more family and client friendly.

"The separate entrance, the home-like atmosphere, are very important. Death is such a taboo in our society.

No one wants to talk about it, but our volunteers are trained to help families deal with it. The volunteer often becomes the conduit for family members to communicate with each other because the spouse, or daughter, doesn't want to admit what is really happening."

Lead palliative care nurse Deb Bain says you can feel the difference for families in the phase one facility. "The atmosphere really helps the patient, and the families. It's such a great improvement from the traditional hospital bed."

The HHHS Foundation hopes to begin a fund raising campaign in late spring or early summer, once Ministry approval is received.

Marilyn Rydberg
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Left: Myrtle Beach ocean lifeguards, with Cassidy Zilla, centre front. Right: Zilla speaks with a co-worker. Photos submitted.

Cassidy Zilla takes on the world

By Erin Lynch

Cassidy Zilla is a courageous and confident young woman, ready to take on any challenges that life presents to her. At 23 years old, the Highlands resident has experienced wildly different cultures, geography and near-death experiences.

An excellent swimmer, Zilla left Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in grade 11 to swim competitively in Myrtle Beach on a swimming scholarship. She has always had a passion for swimming. Her family vacationed and owned property in Myrtle Beach and she swam for the local team in the summer. The chance to swim year round was a great opportunity for her.

Not many teenagers would be adventurous enough to leave their small town to move to another area of the continent. But travel was something that came naturally to her family. Originally from Calgary, Alberta, they moved to Muscat, in the Sultanate of Oman, when Cassidy was just 11 years old. Her parents taught at an Arabic school that she also attended.

"Going to school there was a true cultural experience because it was not an international school, but an Islamic school. It was very strict. There were public punishments and young females were treated differently. Many of my friends were to be married at the age of 12 through arranged marriages," says Cassidy.

After two years of living in the Middle East they returned to Canada, settling in the Highlands where her grandparents lived.

When Cassidy made the move to Myrtle Beach her mother took some time off from HHSS to join her (both her parents are high school teachers). Not a fan of winter, Cassidy settled into a life of swimming and the beach. In grade 12 she decided she wanted to be an ocean lifeguard. She would watch the lifeguards perched on their chairs, admired by the entire beach community; a lifeguard is a figure of authority like a police officer or a firefighter.

She applied at different agencies but it wasn't until the owner of a life guarding company saw her swim that she

was offered a job. She was one of the youngest people ever hired in Myrtle Beach as an ocean lifeguard, a feat made more remarkable since the profession is male dominated. But she was a faster swimmer than all her male counterparts, which certainly helped.

"You have to train pretty hard," says Zilla, who says she had to prove herself. Her co-workers were men. "There is the idea you had to be a beefy guy, especially when it is necessary to save people three times your size."

And prove herself she did. Last year Zilla was awarded Lifeguard of the Year in Myrtle Beach. She was the first female ever to win the coveted award.

To be an ocean lifeguard she had to pass vigorous swim tests. These included the ability to run from the beach through a series of obstacles into the ocean, swim a distance parallel to shore and then run back in record time.

But besides the physical challenges that life guarding presents there are emotional trials as well. Cassidy remembers a horrific incident that took place her first season as a lifeguard: an older female was in distress; people brought her onto the beach and Cassidy had to perform CPR on the woman, who was overweight, naked, and dying. "She was blue in the face. She didn't make it."

Her children were there. I had to take total control of the situation. It was a horrible day," recalls Cassidy.

"It was a lot for an 18-year-old to deal with. After the incident, I had to sit with myself for a while."

Being an ocean lifeguard is a challenging and high-pressure job. Because of constantly-changing conditions like the weather, currents, tides, waves and marine

life, you need to live in the moment, and make decisions if the ocean is safe for swimming or not.

"People go missing, boats capsize, bodies float up onto the beach. I learned to read the water for sharks. Sharks

migrate based on currents and schools of roaming fish," says Zilla.

Although she witnessed two shark attacks in the seven seasons she was an ocean lifeguard on Myrtle Beach, Cassidy Zilla says the biggest dangers to beach visitors are rip currents and undertows.

"You have no control over the ocean. Even the best swimmers can be pulled out. It's easy to become scared if you don't know what to do. You can panic and then drown," says Zilla.

There were many situations she found frightening. "There were several times when I was worried whether I would make it back to shore. Fortunately there is always other lifeguards to back you up."

Zilla told *The Highlander* of one incident

where a young man and his son were caught in a rip current. "Half way back I wondered if I could save these two. The pressure of people depending on you is huge, and that pressure sometimes helps you save people and get safely back to shore," says Zilla. "And in this case I did."

The lifeguarding season runs from April to August and involves working every day of the summer from 5 am to 5 pm. A self-professed beach bum, Cassidy says there were times when she was sick of the beach, long shifts with no days off. A large part of her job was customer service as the company she worked for rented chairs and umbrellas to beach patrons. It could be exhausting, says Zilla, who confesses there were days she prayed for rain or high waves that would cause the beach to be closed.

Zilla, who has recently graduated from Sir Sanford Fleming with a diploma in drug and alcohol counseling, says it's time for something new as she leans towards not returning for a season as an ocean lifeguard. "All good things come to an end," says Zilla, "I really thrive at working in emergency situations. It's a true calling, responding in the moment. Being an ocean lifeguard gave me the confidence to be the woman I am in all aspects of my life."

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Highlander sports



Tanner Ballantyne jostles with Vikings in the crease. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

Hawks crunch Cobourg West two straight in semis

Hal High plays for Kawartha crown today

By Terrance Gavan

A pair of wins over Cobourg West Vikings – last Thursday and on Monday night – popped the cork on another ‘Champagne season’ for the untied, unbowed and unbeaten Haliburton High Red Hawks shinny squad.

The Hawks beat Cobourg 4-1 last Thursday and won 8-3 on Monday night here in Haliburton to complete a semi-final sweep over the eighth place Vikings.

Hawks play for the Kawartha championship this afternoon in the Dysart Barn – game time is 1:45 pm – against either Fenelon Falls Falcons, St. Mary’s Cobourg or Holy Cross Crusaders.

The Kawartha final is for bragging rights, seeding and pride, because both Kawartha finalists move on to the COSSA championship tournament in Belleville next Tuesday. But after an ouster in the semi-finals during another unbeaten season last year, you may bet your ‘bippy’ – apologies Rowan and Martin – that the Hawks will be thinking about unfinished business; and adding another Kawartha banner to the collection.

On Monday night, the Hawks flew the coop in a hurry, opening the scoring in a blink on a sweet swift tally by the league’s leading scorer, Brett Yake, just nine seconds into the

game. Yake and his linemate Jordan Howe combined for two goals and two assists respectively.

And lest we come to think of the Hawks as a one trick, one line pony, the whole team followed Yake’s lead, scoring three more unanswered goals from Tanner Hamilton, Chris Hall and Nick Hunter (eventual game winner), taking a 4-0 advantage into the second period.

The Vikings made it close, narrowing the lead to 4-2, as the Hawks lapsed into a second period self-induced coma. It’s something coaches Ron Yake and Bruce Griffith have seen on occasion throughout the course of this long, triple-tiered season.

“Well, the difference in the first I think was we caught them with some bus legs and that got us going, especially with that first goal off the opening face off,” said Yake, after the game. “And then we fell asleep a little bit – due a little to a 4-0 lead – and they came back in the second to make it 4-2, and now that next goal is very important. Depending on who scores it’s a 4-3 or 5-2 game, and we were lucky enough to get that fifth goal, or it could have been a different game.”

And while Yake has learned to rely on two set lines through the course of the season, he explained how three kids really set the tone for the Hawks.

“We had a line of Nate Feir, Kieran Poropat and Nick Hunter and they had a really good game,” said Yake. “And the defense played solid again and controlled the puck and moving the puck really well out of our own zone.”

Of course senior goaltenders, Andy Elia and Zach Harrison, were both lights out for the Hawks in this series. Harrison picked up the victory in Cobourg on Thursday and Elia turned aside some key shots when the Vikings pressed in the second period.

Nick Hunter led all scorers with two goals and an assist, while Nate Feir and Tanner Hamilton each added a goal and two assists. Chris Hall and Chad Larue scored the other two Hawk goals, while Drake Montgomery, Aaron Hillier and Poropat each earned assists.

Since both Kawartha teams advance to COSSA, Yake and his team will be guaranteed a trip to Belleville on Tuesday for the four team final.

“We feel confident going into Thursday’s game,” said Yake. “We’ve had a tremendous season and we’ll just hope to keep it going later this week.”

Bench Bits: It was interesting to note that only four Cobourg West players came out to shake hands with the Hawks after the game. The rest made a beeline to their dressing room right after the claxon sounded.

“Well that’s not what we like to see in high school, and one of the lessons we learn in sports is to deal with the disappointment, shake hands,” said Yake. “I know our teams have had to do it and it’s hard.”

Yake said the Cobourg coach apologized and told Yake that the situation would be addressed. Long bus ride home, we’re guessing.


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Highlander sports

Pardon the Eruption

Hodgson shuffles off to Buffalo

We may now say it with oomph.

Alain Vigneault and Mike Gillis won't have Cody Hodgson to kick around like a duct tape soccer ball in a Brazilian barrio any more. The Vancouver Canucks brass, coach, Vigneault and the GM, Gillis, finally pulled the plug on Haliburton's Cody Hodgson.

Hodgson, in spite of his plausible status as a bona fide first or second line 70-80 points per year guy, and his recent candidacy for rookie of the year, has been less than widely accepted by the Vancouver Canucks front office since he landed on their doorstep as their first round choice – tenth overall — in 2008.

Hodgson was just traded to Buffalo for big winger Zack Kassian. To be more precise it was Hodgson and defenceman Alex Sulzer to the Sabres for Kassian and defenceman Marc-Andre Gagnani.

Hodgson did not even get the benefit of a phone call from the GM or the coach. Typical. The Vancouver front office proved classless with this talented CHL Player of the Year, and junior gold medalist from the moment they acquired him, and now, true to form, they were unbelievably crass at the end.

Hodgson told TSN in an interview just 25 minutes after the trade was announced that he was headed back to the hotel in Phoenix when a teammate told him that he had been traded.

That's right. Hodgson heard about the biggest trade of the day in a Sun City parking lot. From a tweet and a text on a buddy's phone. That's an absolutely unpardonable goodbye. It turns out that his sister, who answered the phone from TSN looking for a reaction probably found out about the trade well before her brother.

And as bad as Cody must feel about being traded from a Stanley Cup contender to the struggling Sabres, he must be just

a little relieved to see the back end of VieGillis, a two headed west coast monster and slayer of dreams. The shoddy goodbye is typical of this Vancouver front office, which has never been fair, honest or supportive of their number one pick from 2008.

Hodgson sounded absolutely deflated on the phone to TSN on Monday. He had already been talking with his family in Markham.

As one of about four promising rookie players vying for the Calder this year, Hodgson was not expected to be in the trade deadline mix on Monday.

But there he was, the unexpected darling of a less-than-stellar trade day.

James Duthie, TSN's anchor of a bland Trade Deadline Spectacular, asked Hodgson how he felt.

"I don't know what to think, I'm still in shock right now," said Hodgson. "I've talked to my family and... well, they know I'll be closer to them. Vancouver's a great city and their fans are passionate about hockey. It's tough."

Hodgson sounded like a kid who had just been told that Wayne Gretzky is an alien. "I really don't know what to think right now... I'm, umm, excited," said Hodgson, unconvincingly, before reflecting on the team he was leaving. "Yeah, they're a good team, well-built from goaltender out and they're a good group of guys. It's a really weird feeling."

Duthie then told Hodgson that the TSN brain trust were busy trying to figure out just when a rookie of the year candidate had been traded at the deadline. Try never.

This is the same team that kept a rookie of the year candidate down to 10 minutes of playing time per game. And the same team that literally mismanaged, mishandled and misdiagnosed a damn good hockey player from the 'git go' to the 'giddyup'.

The same team that had to apologize to the Hodgson family and support team for a laborious and well.

Documented misdiagnosis of Cody's back problems, which kept him on the outer fringes of an NHL career for two years, before Hodgson decided to take matters into his own hands.

The good news for Hodgson's family and friends in Toronto is the fact that they'll be able to pop down to see Hodgson on a whim. And Cody will be close to a support system — his family and friends in Markham — who have stood by him through the roller coaster ride from hell in Van City.

He will be deprived of a deep playoff run, but he will be ensconced in a city that should, and will, embrace this young kid, who in spite of the turmoil and dross, has shone in Vancouver as a solid young man and a rising young star of the future.

Iain McIntyre, Vancouver Sun columnist, summed up the trade as a win for Buffalo fans and coach Lindy Ruff.

"The most immediate challenge will be to replace Hodgson as the key component on the second-unit power play, which is dramatically better than last season and one of the reasons these Canucks could be better than last year's team," wrote McIntyre. "The Canucks' other short-term challenge will be making their rabid, excitable fans believe the team is better without Hodgson."

We know one thing.

Hodgson is better off without the Vancouver Canucks.



By Terrance Gavan

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Storm Peewee A's go up 1-0 over Huntsville

Submitted by Kareena Crofts

Dr Ed Smolen Family Dentistry's Peewee A's started their Muskoka-Parry Sound League playoffs last Sunday, Feb 26, against the Huntsville Otters in Huntsville. The first game was on the big ice, and the Otters took a while to get into the game.

The first goal was scored by the Storm's Mark Saville, assisted by Ethan Keefer and Kyle Cooper. Matt Wilbee scored the second, assisted by Greg Crofts and Chase Burden.

The Otters came back, however, and by the second period it was a tie game, 3-3, with our third goal coming from Max MacNaull, assisted by Chris Thompson. Both teams were now playing hard but it looked like the Storm was having a little trouble covering the big ice. Nevertheless, they pulled ahead, making it 4-3 at the end of the second with a goal by Burden, assisted by Wilbee and Thompson.

With both teams playing hard now and pretty much matching each other goal for goal, it left the fans wondering what was going to happen in the third.

The teams came out, and from the face-off the Storm took the puck. Within 57 seconds they had scored two goals to make it 6-3. The goals were by Thompson, assisted by Burden and Wilbee, and a beauty by Andrew Hall from the blue line, assisted by Cooper. So the Storm go up 1-0 in the best 2 out of 3 series: next game is Sunday Mar 4 at 1:30 pm in Haliburton.

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Highlander sports



Brigitta Hicks, Jillian Mayhew, Christine Darlington and McKenzie Hill competed at the OFSAA Nordic Championships on the streets of Huntsville last week. Photo courtesy of Brigitta Hicks.

Red Hawk Nordic women race in downtown Huntsville

By Terrance Gavan

Four young women from Hal High proved their mettle at the OFSAA Nordic ski meet held in Huntsville last week (Feb 23-24). The Hal High women finished strongly, with senior skier Jillian Mayhew placing 45th in the women’s individual event. Also finishing were Brigitta Hicks (74), McKenzie Hill (109) and Christine Darlington (115). All skied well. The Hawks placed 17th in the 25 team senior event individual races held at Arrowhead Provincial Park trails.

The relay races venue was transferred to the town of Huntsville, marking the first time the relays have run in a

relatively ‘urban’ setting. Echoing some X-Games transitions, the town of Huntsville decided to bring the exciting relay events to the village. A remarkable video documents the transition of Huntsville’s main streets into a venue for the relays on Friday; find the link on our website at haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Well over 250 loads of snow were trucked in and placed in downtown Huntsville. They built the trucked snow into a very competitive and challenging 800 metre track.

The women finished with a time of 11:29 in their first heat, but did not qualify for the finals heats. They finished 13th in the 25 team field.



Nichole Honderich finishes a head-and-arm throw with a pin in her semi-final match. Photo by Paul Klose.

Hawks shine at COSSA wrestling finals

Toth wins COSSA gold medal

Submitted by Paul Klose

On Feb 23, the Hal High wrestling team competed at the 2012 COSSA Wrestling Championships held in Lindsay. Over 200 of the best wrestlers from Central Ontario participated at the event. Thirteen Red Hawks qualified for the extremely competitive tournament.

At the end of the day, 11 HHSS wrestlers ranked among the top four in their weight class. The HHSS women’s team had a particularly successful tournament. With all points combined, they placed second among all COSSA schools. Liz Toth lead the team with a perfect record, earning the COSSA gold.

Coaches Klose and Fockler are extremely proud of the entire team for their performances at the tournament. Over the next week the team will work to prepare six Haliburton wrestlers for the OFSAA Championships, to be held at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough on March 5-7.

Congratulations to Lily Coneybeare, Nichole Honderich, Liz Toth, Bailey Walker, Keith Burley and Zane Zondervan on earning a berth to the provincial championships.

Women’s Results

- Gold Medal: Liz Toth (64 kg)
- Silver Medal: Kayla Gardiner (47.5 kg), Bailey Walker (54 kg), Lily Coneybeare (67.5 kg)
- Bronze Medal: Nichole Honderich (44 kg)
- 4th Place: Caitlyn Griffin (51 kg), Maia O’Sullivan (57.5 kg), Jenn Woolcott (61 kg)

Men’s Results

- Silver Medal: Keith Burley (83 kg)
- Bronze Medal: Zane Zondervan (77 kg)
- 4th Place: Mark Christie (95 kg)

Storm Bantam A’s and Midgets go down 2–0

By Stephen Patrick

The Floyd Hall Insurance Highland Storm Bantam A’s, despite playing their best hockey of the season, fell twice over the weekend to the Twin Centre Stars in semi-final OMHA playdown action. The Haliburton Timbr-Mart Midgets also lost their first two games to the Tavistock Titans.

In a Saturday night tussle, the Bantam A’s outplayed the Stars by a wide margin for two periods, but came away with just one goal, scored by Braydin Hollows, unassisted, with under a minute to go in the second period. The Storm out-shot the Stars by a 2–1 margin, but their goalie played a great positional game and foiled the Storm shooters time after time.

In the third period the Storm continued their fast-paced, energetic play, but the Twin Centre boys managed to score twice to make it 2–1. In the last two minutes of the game the Storm had at least five chances to tie it, but simply couldn’t find the back of the net.

In game two on Sunday, the Storm battled the Stars again with fast breaking play and aggressive forechecking, but the story, in the first period at least, was the same: no goals. And in the second the Storm ran into penalty trouble, and the Stars made it 1–0 just four minutes in, and in the last two minutes added two more for a 3–0 lead.

In the third period, the Storm came back with Curtis Ballantyne getting a pretty goal at the eight minute mark, but

after a flurry of Storm penalties, the Stars made it 4–1 and took a 2–0 lead in the series.

Still, the Bantam A boys know just how well they played, and look forward to game three this Saturday, down in Wellesley, and hopefully survive to play game four on Sunday in St. Clements.

The Storm Midgets also played very well in their two games versus Tavistock in their semi-final playdown, but also dropped both games, 3–2 and 5–3. The first game was a heart-breaker, with a Storm goal that would have tied the game at 2 disallowed by an early ref whistle, a mistake the ref in question clearly regretted.

The Midgets now travel to Tavistock for games on Saturday, and hopefully Sunday as well.

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MARCH 1 TO 9 EVENTS

Thursday – 1

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- Cardiff Kinder Group, Point in Time, Cardiff Elementary School, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, Dawn Hurd, (705) 457-5345, ext 311
- 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, rmiscio@dysartat.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 – 2

- World Day of Prayer Celebration, Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, Minden, 2 pm, theme – "Let Justice Prevail", service written by the women of Malaysia, everyone welcome
- 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
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- Play Pool! Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1:30 pm,

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- Ham/Scalloped Dinner, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 5 pm to 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Jam Session, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

Saturday – 3

- Meat Draw, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Karaoke, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 2 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com

Sunday – 4

- Retro Sunday, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 1 pm to 6 pm, free pool, retro drink prices, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
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Monday – 5

- Parent Child Mother Goose, Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre (ending Monday, April 30), 10 am to 11 am, for parents and children (newborn to 2.5 years) learning rhymes, songs and stories together, enjoy a friendly and relaxed morning of fun and learning, register with OEYC at (705) 286-4625 or (705) 457-2989, offered in partnership with Point in Time
- 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+,

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Tuesday – 6

- 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, oeycminden@bellnet.ca
- Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9 am to 12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Doug, (705) 489-3850
- Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4 pm to 5 pm, admission by donation to Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library
- Executive Meeting, Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, 7 pm, (705) 448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
- Euchre Night, West Guilford Recreation Centre, 7 pm to 10 pm, (705) 754-1457, carolstamp@sympatico.ca

Wednesday – 7

- 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@bellnet.ca

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Iced Hell on Wheels.

The Magnum Ice Race Championship is run each year between January and March at one track, at the Minden Fairgrounds. The race season is highly dependent on weather. Races are run on Saturday and Sunday and continue this weekend. Photos by Terrance Gavan.

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1. Army meal
5. Chip dip
10. Very much (2 wds.)
14. Tooth discomfort
15. More frosty
16. Aft
17. Imitation diamond
19. Steak order
20. Sub finder
21. Absurdity
23. Steal
26. Rodents
27. Book leaf
30. Apollo agcy.
32. Say
36. Hullabaloo
37. For fear that
38. Gambling hall
39. Cooking vessel
40. Mrs. Roosevelt

DOWN

42. Water barrier
43. Rembrandt, e.g.
45. Undersized animal
46. Flying hero
47. Glitches
48. Remain undecided
49. Choir singer
50. ____ Scotia
52. Skyrocket
54. Apache chief
58. Hi
62. Bloodhound's clue
63. Detachment
66. Gawk
67. Frighten
68. Present!
69. Legal paper
70. Bargain events
71. Finds a sum

DOWN

1. The Red Planet
2. Reverberate
3. Leg part
4. Branch of Congress
5. Brother's sib
6. Play a part
7. MGM's symbol
8. Spanish title
9. Sports site
10. Stops
11. Slim
12. Boat paddles
13. Sycamore or oak
18. Memorable period
22. Mouse ____ Little
24. Prepared to propose
25. Leisure
27. Daddies
28. Decorate
29. Must, informally
31. Gaze steadily
33. ____ wave
34. Make into law
35. Juliet's love
37. Instruction
38. Owned apartment
41. Convent dwellers
44. Disregarded
48. ____ Anderson of "Baywatch"
49. R&B singer ____ Franklin
51. Passport endorsements
53. Caught ya!
54. Bad's opposite
55. Rim
56. Function
57. Milky stone
59. Committed perjury
60. British nobleman
61. Singles
64. Common verb
65. Kitchen and parlor (abbr.)

Impaired driver had kids in box of pickup truck

From the OPP

Last Thursday [Feb 23], police officers from Haliburton Highlands and the OPP's Central Region Snowmobile, ATV and Vessel Enforcement Unit (SAVE) arrested Steven Legedza, 38, of Hamilton on DUI charges. He was taken into custody when officers observed a pickup truck in Dorset, carrying children in the box portion of the vehicle. When the officers approached Legedza, they determined that he had been consuming alcohol.

Then, on Feb 25, a police officer from

the Haliburton Highlands detachment was injured after an ATV driver fled a routine spot check at Hwy 118 and Stanhope Road. Benjamin DeCarlo, 27, of Algonquin Highlands was stopped at 8 pm. After a brief conversation with the officer, the driver fled on his ATV, dragging the officer across the highway. DeCarlo was apprehended a short time later and taken into custody. The officer was taken to Minden Hospital, where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released. DeCarlo is charged with assault with a weapon, assault of an officer and failure to remain at the scene of an accident.

Both accused are to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden, on April 4.



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Highlander life

HHOA teams up with Yours Outdoors and Out to Learn

Submitted by Barrie Martin

In a continuing effort to strengthen its programming and tourism potential, the HHOA has partnered with Yours Outdoors and Out to Learn. The new partnership combines the wealth of experience of the two companies with the resources of the HHOA to increase visibility and programming potential for all partners.

"We must make better use of our facility and assets to foster the wise use and sustainability of our natural resources and healthy ecosystems," said Bill Hutson, HHOA President. "More education programs will also increase the use of our visitor centre and property, and contribute to the long term viability of our organization. It is our intention to develop and implement an education plan to insure that our full potential can be realized."

Yours Outdoors offers unique learning vacations and outdoor adventures that explore the natural and cultural heritage of Haliburton County. The company is owned by Barry Martin, a Highlands resident who co-founded the Haliburton Trails and Tours Network.

Out to Learn, a division of Glenside Ecological Services Limited, is a local company that provides experiential education for learners of all ages and curriculum-based learning for schools. Out to Learn works with a variety of organizations to plan and implement Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp, Junior Naturalists Camp, and the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival.

"The combined experience, expertise, and resources of these two companies and the HHOA will result in dynamic educational programming that will attract schools, tourists, and seasonal and permanent residents" said HHOA Vice President, John Teljeur. "We are very excited about the potential of this public-private partnership and what it means for the future of the HHOA."

Paul Heaven, President of Glenside Ecological Services notes, "While we will be focusing on the longer term development of HHOA education programming and facilities, we will be making use of the Fish Hatchery in the short term. For example, the Junior Naturalist program (Haliburton) will be held at the Hatchery this summer. In April, Irene Heaven, who is teaching the Environmental and Natural Resource Studies dual credit course offered by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Fleming College, will be taking 22 students to the Fish Hatchery to learn about the role that the hatchery plays in fisheries management."

Carlin gets controversial MS treatment

Expects continued improvement

By Stephen Patrick

Sarah Carlin underwent the controversial "liberation procedure" for multiple sclerosis sufferers this week at the Albany Medical Clinic in New York. In an email to friends, she reports significant progress. "All went very well yesterday. I could feel the love of all my friends around me and focused on that as the doctors worked on me, and as I fell in and out of sleep in the recovery room.

"I'm seeing progress in every area. The tight muscles in my back released almost immediately – what a relief! My hands are better, I can feel the floor with my feet, and I walked a lot yesterday without trouble. My balance is improving, but my right hip is still unsteady. I expect I'll continue to see improvement over the next month – more so because I'm going to take full advantage of it all. I don't just walk to the

hotel lobby; I do walking lunges all the way!"

The Patient News design supervisor has lived with the disease since 2003, but its progression has been markedly more rapid in the last year. "Three years ago I could walk any distance I wanted to, and now I can walk two kilometers max – and then my hip just stops working, and I have a problem with coordination in my knees and ankles," she told The Highlander a month ago.

Her friends and Patient News colleagues, along with Karen Frybort and the McKecks Blue Line, put on a wild and crazy fundraiser for her a few weeks ago that raised some \$4,000 towards the cost of the experimental, and expensive treatment.

The procedure was developed by Italian researcher Dr. Paolo Zamboni in 2009. MS patients are treated by having balloon angioplasty in their neck veins. The hypothesis is that by increasing blood flow to the brain, MS symptoms are reduced.

Sarah Carlin should be home in Haliburton within the week.

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