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Congratulations Grads!

Photo by Mark Arike

After four years of hard work, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students received their diplomas at the June 27 commencement ceremony. Pictured above, left to right: Grade 12 students Taelor Campbell, Lily Coneybeare, Grace Diezel and Sara Stephenson. See page 23 for more of The Highlander's graduation coverage.

MNR puts halt to trap and relocation

Bear deaths could rise, says HHOA

By Mark Arike

As of May 1, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) cancelled the practice of trapping and relocating black bears through the Bear Wise program.

And that has grads like the Haliburton

Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) concerned.

"Our feeling is that if anything, it's going to lead to more bears killed unnecessarily than there were before," said Bill Hutson, president of the HHOA.

Hutson said his organization feels this way because now the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will likely end up shooting nuisance bears whereas the MNR would deal with them differently.

"I assume they [MNR] have come to an agreement with the OPP, which is fine, but

the OPP are not equipped nor experienced in dealing with these types of situations," said Hutson.

Although he hasn't heard any recent reports of residents shooting bears themselves, Hutson believes people will be forced to take matters into their own hands.

"I just expect that may be the direction they will have to go," he said. "If the police have something else going on, such as a major accident, I wouldn't expect a nuisance bear in somebody's yard to be high on the priority list."

"The landowner is going to be forced to deal with it, a lot more now than they had to in the past."

"I think most of our members are concerned by the public safety issues that are associated with limited response to nuisance bear problems," Hutson said, adding that he believes the trap and transfer program has worked to some degree.

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Back row, left to right: Councillors Larry Clarke and Ken Redpath, Reeve Barb Reid, Josh Bisschop, Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Bill Obee and Jim McMahon. Front row, left to right: Patti Tallman (HCDC), Donna Bisschop, deputy clerk Laura Cunliffe, MP Barry Devolin and Roy Haig.

Minden celebrates milestone

By Mark Arike

Local MP Barry Devolin joined Minden Hills council members and township staff on June 25 to celebrate the completion of upgrades to the Minden Riverwalk and S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

"Building the Riverwalk and upgrading the arena has created countless opportunities for residents in Minden Hills

to stay active," said Devolin. "The Government of Canada is proud to be a partner in these wonderful projects that will help contribute to a healthy, vibrant community."

The recent presentation was made along the Riverwalk at the final piece of signage.

In total, \$2,183,460 in improvements for both projects has been carried out. The governments of Canada and Ontario each contributed \$727,820 toward the projects through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program.

The Township of Minden Hills is using \$260,910 of its federal Gas Tax Fund allocation toward the Riverwalk project, bringing the Government of Canada's contribution to \$988,730. The township contributed the remaining \$466,910 toward the improvements.

The Government of Canada's contribution comes from the Economic Action Plan, which is providing approximately \$16 billion over two years to modernize a broad range of infrastructure. From 2010 to 2014, the Township of Minden Hills will also receive \$681,721.20 in federal Gas Tax funding.

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Algonquin Highlands to repair bridge

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council has approved an unbudgeted expense to secure the reopening of the Beech River Trail foot bridge by August at the latest.

The bridge has been closed since December due to safety concerns about its level of disrepair.

At their regular meeting on June 21, councillors voiced concern over repair delays. They approved funding so the bridge will be ready by the annual Stanhope Firefighters Association triathlon on August 18, if not sooner for the many hikers and cyclists who enjoy the trail.

"I think we all agree it's the right thing to do at this time," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is responsible for repairs to the bridge. In 1989 HCSA received a Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) land use permit for the bridge with no objection from the township subject to a "hold harmless" agreement between the township and HCSA. Under a 2009 MNR memorandum of understanding, HCSA must evaluate, inspect and maintain the bridge so long as they are using it and secure inspections by a qualified engineer when necessary or every five years, whichever is less.

"We're not here spending taxpayers' dollars necessarily on your bridge," Moffatt told HCSA delegates at the council meeting. "We're willing to facilitate keeping that

bridge open for our purposes which are different seasonally than yours are, so I think you're getting a pretty good deal here."

HCSA made some repairs to the bridge in July to address township concerns, but after meetings involving the MNR, HCSA posted bridge closure signs in December and committed to an engineering inspection and report. In absence of an engineer's report by April, the MNR officially closed the bridge.

At the June 21 council meeting, HCSA president Joachim Matysek said the engineer reported the bridge is sound but the top wear boards and portions of the first of two layers of decking need repair and the cribbing (stone support) needs to be topped up. Repairs could be done on each end of the bridge over two years at an estimated \$1,500 per year. HCSA proposed to complete the repairs accordingly unless the township shared costs.

Matysek acknowledged the township's need to have the popular bridge available year-round for hikers and cyclists as well as snowmobilers, but said HCSA receives its funding through permits issued during the winter season. For this reason and lack of volunteers in summer HCSA could not commit to starting repairs before late October.

Councillors voted to repair the entire top wear layer and the second layer where required and top up the cribbing with a contribution of \$1,500 from the HCSA.

Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle also recommended HCSA approach the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs for funding.



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The Beech River Trail foot bridge.

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Editorial opinion

MNR shoots from the hip

It seems these days you can't throw a stone without hitting a bear.

These creatures are everywhere. If you've not seen one directly, then likely you've seen evidence of their passing along the roads or in the yard. Unfortunately, bears are attracted to populated areas because the food is here. It's not their fault. It's instinct, curiosity and a fondness for leftovers.

Bears are innocent. They don't attack humans gratuitously, but if they feel threatened, or worse, their young are threatened, they will defend themselves. Again, it's instinct.

To protect people (and bears), the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) created the Bear Wise program to educate them on how to avoid attracting bears to their property. By revealing why bears do the things they do, it gives us the ability to change our behaviours to minimize the risk of contact.

To further education, the Bear Wise hotline was put in place for people to call when a bear is around. The MNR would send out officers to trap, tranquilize and transfer the bear to a safe location. However, this never really worked out as the Ministry had planned.

Inevitably, regardless of where the bear was transported, it would find its way back to populated areas. That's where the food is, after all.

After expending resources trying to relocate these bears, the MNR has finally had enough. They've taken a step back in their Bear Wise program. The hotline is still there for advice, however if there is a bear in your area, the MNR will no longer be sending out officers to trap it. In the event of an emergency, you will be told to contact the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Upon making that phone call to the OPP, you will be told either to contact the MNR, or, in the case of an emergency, you will be told you have the right to shoot the animal. The OPP, if they come out to the scene, will attempt to scare the animal off. If that fails, they'll shoot to kill on your behalf.

The Ministry has said that residents have

always had the right to shoot bears in emergency situations, but that

those situations do not include bears eating your garbage. Try telling a parent, whose child is in the house, that a bear munching on garbage in the back yard is not an emergency.

If the ministry won't come out and transport the bear and the OPP, if they come out, will likely just shoot it anyway, then why bother making the call at all? Might as well just shoot the animal, dig a hole and bury it.

What a waste.

Hunting restrictions and human activity has led to an overpopulation of bears. The only solution the MNR has suggested is to shoot stray bears, a rather random and potentially hazardous approach.

So the next question is: why not have a spring bear hunt?

Hunting is a big part of life in the Highlands. It's an economy driver, that's for certain.

And bear hunting is a big tourist draw. In the days of the old spring hunts, people travelled from as far as Europe to stalk these woods. Now they'd come from Asia, as well. That's revenue for the hospitality industry, the outdoors merchants, guides, and of course, the MNR's licensing program. It's an opportunity to make the best of a difficult situation.

Trapping and transporting never worked. With a spring hunt, the local bear population would be reduced to a manageable number. The MNR can control the number of licences awarded each season, ensuring the bears are not over-hunted.

While the thought of hunting bears may not appeal to everyone, the very real alternative is bears, still getting shot, being left to rot by the wayside and illegal hunting occurring under the guise of concocted 'emergency situations.' At least with a managed hunting program the economy gets a boost and bears stay out of your backyard.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Values at risk

Progressive Conservative always seemed to me like the perfect encapsulation of Canadian values — cautious and deliberative, but open to positive change.

Now we have the Conservatives in power in Ottawa. Sounds similar, but we're starting to learn how serious the differences are. Looks like Stephen Harper, the man who said "Canada is a northern European welfare state in the worst sense of the term," actually meant it. Ironic, when you consider that northern European welfare states have the highest standards of living and the happiest people in the world. Harper's agenda may not be so cryptic after all.

During the election campaign last year, I interviewed our Conservative MP for Canoe FM. Why, I asked him, is the federal government pursuing policies of harsher sentencing for certain crimes when all evidence indicates that such a course will actually lead to more crime? His answer: that's what people want.

That may be true, just as it is true that every toddler I know would like ice cream for breakfast, lunch and dinner. That doesn't make it a good idea.

I can't recall in my lifetime a government that had no interest in facts, no interest in actual people. You can argue, probably successfully, that the Liberals wasted just as much money when they were in power. But at least it was on social programs, NGO's, culture — spending that added to the quality of life of at least some Canadians. This new Conservative party seems far more interested in things, appearances, control.

In terms of governance, it's hard to avoid the feeling we've been duped. We were promised accountability, and instead have power and policy consolidated behind closed doors in the prime minister's office.

We were promised transparency, and instead we have a government negotiating a European free trade deal and US border security in virtual secrecy. The parliamentary budget officer can't even get information he is entitled to receive from the government by law.

We were promised greater democracy, in the form of free votes, yet parliament looks more and more like the assembly of trained seals Harper himself criticized. We were promised sound financial management, and got record deficits. We were promised civility and got puerile name-calling and debating tactics more appropriate for a kindergarten than a parliament. *I know you are but what am I?* is what passes for discourse nowadays.

This is not conservatism.

Conservatives believe in strong families, and so would support good wages and secure jobs, not throw people out of work and cut support programs in the middle of a recession. They believe in careful analysis and deliberation based on facts, not snap decisions made without listening to other points of view. They believe in a modest, measured foreign policy, not the good versus evil nonsense being peddled in Ottawa, and certainly not profligate spending of our tax dollars on overpriced, under-equipped shiny objects with no explained purpose.

Most of all, conservatives believe in being respectful: to others, to the rule of law, to good financial management, to the right to live one's life unmolested by the intrusion of government. What we have instead is a government that treats people with different points of view (sixty per cent of voters, by the way) as hostile, that seems to have an insatiable urge read our e-mails.

What this all adds up to is contempt. Contempt for citizens, for the law, for parliament, for democracy, for facts. It's government run by arrogant, sneering bullies — reminds me of those mean kids in school, the ones who would take your lunch just because they could.

Because of our first-past-the-post voting system, the only way to stop this long march and restore Canadian values is for the NDP and Liberals to merge so that vote-splitting no longer determines elections. I fear their hubris and self-interest will prevent that happening before the next contest.

But for all of us who hold Canadian values dear, including many who consider themselves conservative, a merger of the other parties is an imperative. We are experiencing an aberration, an infection of mean-spiritedness and anti-intellectualism (likely caught from Republicans in the US) that is wholly un-Canadian. Even former PC leaders are alarmed.

It's no longer a difference in policies between the parties; it's whether we want our country to be governed rationally and in our best interests as citizens, or recklessly and without forethought.

Sorry to be a downer on Canada Day, but history tells us to do something before we end up with a nation we no longer recognize.



By Bram Lebo

Correction

In the back page advertisement of last week's edition (The Highlander, Issue 37, June 21 2012) we misprinted the dates for Haliburton RPM's grand opening event. The correct dates are Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8. The Highlander regrets the error.

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Photo of the week



Photo by Valerie Robinson

Local artist Walter Vanderwindt turned what would be an eyesore into a work of art. This former tree stump has been transformed into a wolf. **Submit your photo of the week to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca**

Why the changes to R.D. Lawrence Place?

Dear editor,

The 2012 tourist season has begun and promotional materials are now prominently displayed throughout the County of Haliburton.

I recently picked up the 2012 Destination Guide and the Arts Directory, both beautifully produced by Parker Pen and Pad. The phrase “a natural work of art” was prominently displayed on both front covers.

The Arts Directory lists many artisans working in visual and fine arts, performing arts, design and media arts, photographic arts, and it also lists studios, cooperatives, galleries, festivals, studio tours and the Haliburton School of the Arts, all accessible to the local artisan.

Literary Arts are also included in the directory. Writers of fiction, non-fiction, poets, playwrights, storytellers, columnists, journalists, reporters, editors, script writers, commercial writers, song writers, speech writers, historians, recorders and film makers, are all literary artisans. The Highlands has a large and eclectic group of talented people involved in the literary

discipline.

Writers tend to work in isolation and it is often difficult to identify them in our community, so it is important that there is a place or space to recognize and celebrate the literary genius in our County. These writers are the recorders of our unique heritage, culture and natural history.

In the past, the R.D. Lawrence Place was listed in the literary and the museum sections of the Arts Directory because the mission statement/mandate of the building includes both literary and natural history/heritage. The building is now listed under “Museums” only, and has suddenly become an “environmental and science museum.” How did this happen and why? Why would science and environment replace the literary arts and natural history/heritage at a cultural centre? We need to honour the literary artisans, people who paint with words and also create “a natural work of art.” How disheartening! How myopic!

Sharon Lawrence
Minden

The Outsider — Tourists; they're so funny

Following my comments about hockey a couple of weeks ago I have been avoiding eye contact with all large middle aged men and flinching instinctively when ladies of a certain age pass by. The reasons: granite-hard stares from the former and a backhander from the barber's wife.

“Don't you EVER write bad things about our Cody Hodgson,” she growled while smacking me crisply on the upper arm.

“OWW! Sorry, it was a j... OWW!” I got the message.

I realized I'd touched a nerve but how could I re-ingratiate myself with the locals? What could I write about that would bring us together once more? And then it came to me: tourists.

Like a blood transfusion, they pump new vitality into our little community each summer and for that we love them. But that doesn't mean we can't chuckle about them, too. We (I'm counting myself as local even if it won't be exactly true for another 25 years) like to poke fun at our summer visitors and their highfalutin' ways. And so, I'd like to take a moment or two to do just that, in the hope that it'll get me back on side with my buddies in the barber shop et al.

For starters, there are the cars. You can spot them a mile off. Gleaming sports coupes, brand new crossovers – those ones that can't decide whether to be a car or an SUV – even shiny electric hybrids. They are all spotlessly clean, less than

two years old, bedecked in expensive bike or kayak racks and probably crowding the rear view mirror of a local fellow who's doing a sedate 55 kilometres-per-hour in his beaten up Chevy pickup.

And there's the contrast. Us locals wouldn't be seen dead in a vehicle like that. To live in Haliburton County it's a prerequisite that you drive something that's 2005 or much older and that it is adorned not in sports equipment but an inch thick coating of dust, pine needles and mangled dragonflies. Oh, and we drive just slow enough to annoy anyone who happens to be behind us in a super shiny sports car.

But these tourists leave their four-wheeled air conditioned palaces once in a while, so how do we keep track of them while they're on foot? Well, it's easy. If they are dressed, they'll be clad in the type of thing we'd don only for a special occasion like a wedding – neatly pressed shorts, a clean shirt, leather sandals (with no socks) – or, if younger, designer attire that is brand new but made to look worn.

Locals, on the other hand, remain stoically loyal to the plaid shirt. It may have short sleeves, which means that we have cut the long ones off at the shoulder, and it'll most definitely be missing a couple of buttons – added ventilation, I say.

Suntans are also very important identification traits, too. The tourist will undoubtedly turn up for a week at the cottage

Health cuts shameful

Dear Mr. Premier,

I am writing because of the proposed cuts to an anaesthetists pay for his/her presence during operations for cataract surgery to make sure the patient is properly sedated so they will not move during surgery. Movement of the patient can make the difference between vision and blindness. It has been suggested that an anaesthetist be paid \$60.00 per cataract surgery, which is said to take twenty minutes. It should be remembered that there is prep time before the surgery and should there be any complications the anaesthetist is there for the long haul so the patient will be safe.

My massage therapist is paid \$40 for a half hour massage. Though she is one of the best, I think that most would agree an anaesthetist needs a little more training to do their job!

My husband is due to have cataract surgery in September. At this point there is no assurance that there will be an anaesthetist present or if the procedure will take place at all. He is greatly in need of this surgery to correct what is becoming a serious lack of sight in one eye.

We have been informed that we will not even be allowed to pay for the difference between what the government is willing to pay and what an anaesthetist would normally be paid so we may know that his surgery will proceed without any difficulties.

My question to you, Mr. Premier, is to ask what right you have to put my husband's ability to see at risk? My next question is, do you not realize that you will probably need cataract surgery at some point as you age? Do you not want to be sure that you have a safe surgery?

I feel that the cuts that are being suggested/implemented are outrageous.

My respect for you and your minister of health has hit an all time low. Cutting these services strikes at the aging, some of the most vulnerable people in our society. A society is only as great as the way it treats “the least of these”.

You should be ashamed of yourself for cutting health care services as a way to balance your budget, which has gotten out of hand because of the ill-advised spending of your government. We all have or will have a need for the care of a good physician/hospital at some point in our lives. Make your cuts to balance your budget someplace else, but not on the backs of the sick and elderly.

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By Will Jones

already sporting a tan the colour of which matches the luxurious golden hue of Grade One maple syrup as the sunlight catches it while being drizzled on a perfect pancake. It will be all over, too.

Me, on the other hand, my tan is a glorious range of browns, reds and white, like some kind of Haliburton County team jersey. In fact, if I take off my plaid shirt I actually look like I'm wearing a skin tight T-shirt, a white one with fake chest hairs sewn on. I believe I have what is colloquially termed a farmer's tan. And damn proud of it I am, too.

I could go on, pointing out many other hilarious tourist quirks like the sparkly paint finish of their speed boats or the way they call houses the size of rail terminals cottages, but I'm beginning to feel that they are easy meat and I don't want to get these sensitive folks from the city all upset now, do I.

And so, I'll leave it there. Hopefully having brought one or two local folks back around to my side. It won't be hard to tell because ladies of a certain age will stop attacking me and those big chaps will go back to ignoring me.

Did I mention just how much I love hockey? Go Kings!

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *What makes you proud to live in Canada?*



Mari Simms

Although I was born in Italy I consider myself a Canadian first. Canada is the best country in the world, great freedom and more natural beauty than any other place I have ever seen.

Mark Sucharda

The human rights and the equality of all our peoples. I have been to such places as South Africa and Columbia and it is so wonderful to be able to walk and talk freely and enjoy this beautiful country we love.



Sheila & Allan Atkinson

We are from England and it is marvellous that you have a special day such as this. You all seem to have so much pride in being Canadian. The closest we have is St Georges Day or the 60th anniversary for our Queen.

Valerie Hoxie

We have great freedom to be ourselves as individuals and do the many things we love in a great country. We have OHIP and we are a diverse country that works.



Verna McKeever

We are so fortunate to have our freedom of speech and to be able to travel freely all over this land. We can do all the things that we please without fear of anything.



Shooting bears last resort

Continued from page 1

Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer for the MNR, said they will continue to offer support to local police – either from bear technicians or other trained staff and service providers – when dealing with emergency situations involving bears.

“[The] MNR will continue to support local police at their request in emergency bear situations,” said Kowalski. “The police have always been the first responders in a life-threatening emergency – that hasn’t changed.”

Sandy Adams, media relations officer for the Haliburton Highlands OPP, says shooting a bear is a last resort taken by police.

“We try and scare it if we can to get it out of the area,” said Adams.

In recent weeks, the local OPP have experienced a rise in the number of calls about nuisance bears.

“I think people believe that this program is cancelled, so they don’t try calling the MNR bear hotline, which is where they need to start,” said Adams. “Those people are the ones who are the experts and have the information...”

The toll-free bear reporting line will continue to operate 24/7 from April to November and a comprehensive website with tips to assist Ontarians is available, said Kowalski.

Since April 1, there have been 62 occurrences reported in the MNR’s Bancroft district (which covers Haliburton County). This is up from 46 occurrences this time last year.

Kowalski said the MNR decided to cancel the trap and relocate program for several reasons.

“Trap and relocate was generally ineffective with adult bears,” she said. “Science indicated they usually return to the areas they were removed from.”

The Ministry conducted a review of how the MNR delivers programs and services to Ontarians as part of a transformation plan announced in the budget. Bear Wise was part of that review.

“Under certain circumstances the public

will be advised of their right to kill a bear in defence of their property,” said Kowalski. “This is a last resort and only when a bear is damaging property of value – which does not include garbage.”

Kowalski said that nowadays, the public is more informed about nuisance bears.

“Awareness of the [Bear Wise] program is high and many municipalities have good, robust Bear Wise strategies in place,” she said. “The public is better educated about what to do when they encounter a bear. In this regard, the Bear Wise program has achieved its goals.”

Kowalski added that the responsibility for managing human-bear conflicts is shared between the province, local governments and residents.

In Hutson’s opinion, the situation with nuisance bears took a turn for the worse when the spring bear hunt was cancelled in Ontario in 1999.

“When they disallowed the spring bear hunt, that’s what’s made some of the problems worse than they were before,” he said.

Hutson says the HHOA would like to see the spring hunt reinstated for several reasons – tourism and employment being two of those.

“It [the cancellation] hit northern Ontario quite hard... that of course was our big attraction for hunters mostly out of the province and from the United States,” he said.

Kowalski said since the spring hunt was cancelled, the fall hunt has been expanded and roughly the same number of bears are being harvested yearly.

“There are close to 22,000 fall bear hunting licenses sold yearly,” she said. “This is roughly the same as annual license sales before the cancellation of the spring bear hunt.”

Kowalski said the nuisance bear review committee determined there was no correlation between the cancellation of the spring bear hunt and the increase in human-bear interactions.

“We know that when natural bear foods are poor there tend to be more calls about



Photo by Gary Handlen

problem bears and vice versa,” she said. “That was the case in years there was a spring bear hunt, too.”

The MNR established the Bear Wise program in 2004 with a mandate to increase public awareness about bears and why they do what they do.

In the local district there are two bear technicians. The MNR’s annual budget from Bancroft district varies and there is no

allocation to Haliburton specifically, said Kowalski.

Those who have a nuisance bear on their property are encouraged to call the bear reporting line at 1-866-514-2327 for advice on how to deal with the problem. Information can also be found on the MNR’s website.

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Municipal news

Highlands East encouraged to amend Official Plan

By Mark Arike

Chris Jones, planner for Meridian Planning Consultants Inc., has suggested that the Municipality of Highlands East amend their official plan to ensure the role of resource-based recreation development is clearly identified.

"We have seen quite strong growth on our residential, recreation side of the equation," Jones told councillors at their June 12 meeting. "That's basically our cottagers – the non-resident population."

Jones pointed out that this element of growth has been

responsible for creating approximately 80 new dwellings in the county in the last 10 years – which translates to a \$6 million per year investment.

Jones recently attended a planning meeting with the County where he spoke on behalf of the interests of the municipality. He said despite the fact that the municipality doesn't offer a full-service settlement area like Minden or Haliburton and is a rural municipality, it is important to recognize non-residential growth statistics.

"When you have a community growth dynamic that has your recreation-related housing really outpacing your resident population... that's an important characteristic that should be flushed out or at least thought about," he said.

Jones said a definition for resource-based recreation development should be determined.

Through his update to the Official Plan, Jones has worked to provide "policy articulation and clarity" to what resource-based recreation really is.

"It does represent detached dwellings and shoreline areas," he said.

The updates will also ensure consistency with the current Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the County's Official Plan.

In addition to his proposed amendment, Jones highlighted suggested changes that have been received from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) and the County of Haliburton.

Council has reviewed and received the final draft of the Official Plan and posted it to the municipality's website (www.highlandseast.ca) for a 30-day period before going forward with a bylaw to adopt the amendment. The amendment will then be forwarded to the County for approval.

Dysart council June 25 – Briefs

Support for water group

Dysart council resolved to write a letter in support of the work of the Coalition for Equitable Water flow (CEWF) at its June 25 meeting. The decision followed a presentation by CEWF co-chair Martin Rist, who outlined the work that the organisation is doing to try to bring to the attention of both provincial and federal governments the instability of water levels in the Trent River watershed and the detrimental effect this has on a wide variety of issues.

BIA expansion to go ahead

Following a survey of 18 businesses that would be brought into the Haliburton village Business Improvement Area (BIA), the BIA announced on June 25 that the expansion of the area will go ahead. The expanded area will extend from the downtown core west to County Road 1, north to Sunnyside Street, east to Pine Street and south to Mountain Street. The expansion will not come into effect until 2013.

Rails End summer successes

Trash and Treasures, the yard sale organized by the Rails End Gallery, raised \$700 towards community arts planning and the gallery saw over 200 visitors during the day of the sale. Next up is the Rails End's major summer event, the Haliburton Arts and Crafts Festival on July 27-29.

Streetscape work going well

Public Works Director Brian Nicholson used the June 25 Dysart council meeting to convey his gratitude to both contractors and business owners on Highland Street who have been involved in the streetscape improvements.

"All the overhead cables and poles are now gone and the work was done with the minimum of disruption," he said. "Everyone involved in the project deserves a huge thanks for the professional job, and the patience of business owners and the public has been great, too."

Building permits up from 2011

By Mark Arike

The Municipality of Highlands East is up over half a million dollars in building permits from this time last year.

Randy Dunsmore, chief building official and bylaw officer, reported that 58 permits have been issued since Jan. 1 versus last year's 41.

"Do you see this continuing?" asked Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall.

"I'm thinking it's not [going to continue]," Dunsmore said. "I think people are just getting an early start."

A total of 189 inspections have been conducted as of the June 5 report. One illegal construction report was issued.

"We're trying to curb the illegal building," said Dunsmore.



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Municipal news

New docking and mooring bylaw in effect

By Lisa Harrison

The new Algonquin Highlands docking and mooring bylaw was passed by council at its regular meeting on June 21.

"I think it certainly addresses some of the concerns of the cottage associations in particular zones," said Mitch O'Grady, chief building officer and bylaw enforcement officer, who developed the bylaw with chief administrative officer Angie Bird.

Councillors also passed a second bylaw appointing dockmasters at Little Hawk and Kawagama lakes as an additional measure.

The new docking and mooring bylaw was created in response to concerns from property owners at Big Hawk, Little Hawk and Kawagama lakes via the Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association.

Some boaters have been contravening the 1982 bylaw prohibiting overnight parking at public docking facilities. Due to lack of enforcement manpower, vessels are being moored for weeks at a time, particularly at Little Hawk Lake.

Property owners are also concerned about public safety as businesses unloading lumber and other goods have damaged the docks, resulting in partial dock removal at Little Hawk in 2010.

Under the new bylaw, in municipally owned and controlled docking areas no one can use a dock, wharf, boat launching facility or other structure for commercial use unless authorized by council; dock or moor a boat for more than the allowable

duration (12 hours); service or wash a boat in the area; use any part of the area for boat launching except at designated facilities; operate a boat from, or leave a boat on, any beach in the area.

The bylaw also addresses adherence to municipal signage; removal and defacement of signs or notices; interference with or misuse of lifesaving, fire prevention or other emergency equipment; and interference with emergency services and/or emergency vehicles.

Any boat docked, moored or left unattended contrary to the bylaw may be removed by the township or its contracted representative and will be subject to the liens provisions, storage and disposal requirements set out in the Repair and Storage Liens Act. Any person who contravenes any portion of the new bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine of \$305 per offence.

"Since this discussion has taken place it has gone out on the grapevine and there has not been a single boat left at Little Hawk dock," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "The word's out there that we're going to tow boats and people are afraid of that and they're acting accordingly, and that's the point."

Don Abel of Mountain Trout House Marina at Kawagama Lake and Krener Kulla of Little Hawk Lake Marina will serve as the new dockmasters effective July 1.

O'Grady said while they won't enforce the bylaw, the dockmasters will save the township considerable time and money.

Dorset's double identity

By Lisa Harrison

Already uniquely split between two municipalities, Dorset may also be "double-branded" someday according to Algonquin Highlands Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson.

Henderson was reporting to council on June 21 regarding an initial Lake of Bays economic development meeting held June 7. The meeting formally kicked off the new project to further business growth, combat tourism seasonality and implement policies to attract businesses that will provide year-round jobs for permanent Lake of Bays residents.

Henderson said the two-hour meeting drew a "fairly good cross section" of attendees from the Dorset, Dwight and Baysville areas.

"The only issue that will have to be sorted out specifically is the Dorset town because it's part Lake of Bays and part Algonquin Highlands and so it may be double-branded someday," he said.

While any steps Lake of Bays takes to brand its communities will affect the Algonquin Highlands side of town, Algonquin Highlands is undertaking studies such as the municipal cultural planning project and will have its own ideas about branding that would include Dorset.

Henderson said a branding phrase "business-ready" found initial favour since Lake of Bays has high-speed internet among other things. Attendees also discussed how to include Algonquin Highlands where Dorset is concerned, as well as "buy local" initiatives and developing a business improvement association (BIA) to bring businesses closer together.

An intern will now survey businesses to determine owners' interests and their thoughts about how economic development can progress. The results will be presented at a meeting in Sept. to be followed by one of several public meetings.



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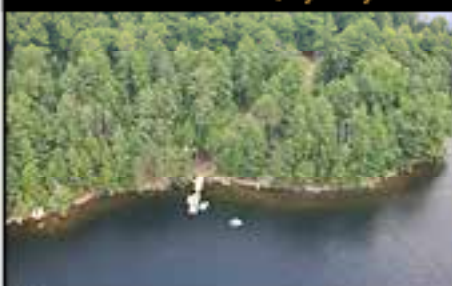
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Municipal news

AH council considers zoning bylaw changes

By Lisa Harrison

Proposed zoning bylaw changes in Algonquin Highlands (AH) would revise shoreline setback distances, limit residential accessory apartments, restrict hunt camp structure sizes and more.

Bracebridge consultants Planscape Inc. are preparing the update in conjunction with the township to better clarify and implement the bylaw and to ensure it meets township, county and provincial requirements. Public input is a key component of the process.

Planscape senior planner Greg Corbett presented the draft update to council at its regular meeting on June 21, highlighting many of the proposed changes to the zoning bylaw.

Corbett will watch for public input on such issues as cottage size. He said concerns about overly large cottage residences haven't been raised often so he has not yet recommended changes, but other communities are addressing such concerns.

"To be quite honest, the 30 per cent lot coverage [in Algonquin Highlands] is pretty high for a shoreline community if you do a comparison to all the other residential communities out there," Corbett said, adding that in communities such as Haliburton and Muskoka restrictions range from 10 to 15 per cent.

The public is invited to provide input on changes proposed in the township's draft Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw Update at an open house on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main St. in Dorset.

A second open house and a formal public meeting will be held later in the summer or fall.

Councillors deny request

Algonquin Highlands refuses to reimburse lake association

By Lisa Harrison

An apparent misunderstanding on the part of a property association resulted in a rare denial vote by Algonquin Highlands council at their June 21 regular meeting.

The vote was taken on a request from the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners' Association for reimbursement of special event insurance costs of \$140 for a July 7 event at Johnson Park that will showcase a proposed shoreline restoration project for the park.

Councillors and staff have been involved in discussions about the project, which includes a plan for student support through U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research.

Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen said her understanding from meetings with the groups was that a display would simply be taken to the park to get feedback from regular park users.

"I didn't know that the 'park talk day' was going to turn into a really big event which includes our own fire department and the OPP and some artists," she said. "Not to say that it isn't a fabulous day for everybody to go and be involved in, but the request for insurance coverage

kind of came as a bit of a surprise."

When the association originally submitted a request for special event coverage, chief administrative officer Angie Bird discussed it with the township's insurance company and confirmed that because the township is not in control of the event, they should not be providing coverage for it. That left the association to take out the insurance, which led to the request for reimbursement on the grounds that the fee represented a third of the budget for the event and one or more events might be cancelled to cover it.

Reeve Carol Moffatt agreed the size of the event was a surprise, and said it was evident from the event development and from wording in the request and on the association's website that the group has not understood council's declared level of commitment to the project at this stage.

"We have heartily supported the idea of a rehabilitation project but at the very entry level," she said. "We are not partners with Halls Hawk. What we asked them to do was get some pricing and some details and come back to us to see if in fact we would enter into an agreement to pursue this project."

Danielsen and Moffatt both expressed concern over the association's misunderstanding and committed to reaffirming council's direction to the group. Moffatt added that reimbursing this expense would set a precedent, and so it was not a case of saying "no" to Halls Hawk but of whether to say "yes" to "everyone else."



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Highlander news

Looking at poverty differently

Speaker encourages agencies to walk a new path

By Mark Arike

Families in the lowest income bracket are living on an average income of \$16,100 per year.

A total of 12.1 per cent of children aged 17 and under live in low-income families.

The average “poor family” falls short of the poverty line by \$6,700.

This is reality for many families in Haliburton County and the rest of the region, according to statistics from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

But the fight against poverty is one that many agencies and staff have taken on despite what seems to be an uphill battle.

As a refugee from Ukraine, Paul Born knows all too well what it's like to live in poverty – day in and day out. When times were tough, family and friends are what got him through.

Born's early years motivated him to study poverty and make it the subject of most of his life's work. He co-founded Tamarack, an institute for community engagement, and a number of other organizations.

“The issue of poverty is a very, very difficult one,” said Born, who was the keynote speaker at a two-day Poverty to Possibilities Forum hosted by the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team and the United Way City of Kawartha Lakes. Held between June 19 and 20, the event took place at Haliburton's Fleming College Campus.

Born encouraged those in attendance – most of whom represented service agencies – to get “lost” and look at ways of doing things differently.

“I wonder how some of the best human service workers in the world can't solve this one,” said Born, as he pointed out that Canada has repeatedly been ranked one of the best countries to live in by the United Nations.

Born posed a question to the packed room as he ran through a number of what if scenarios.

“How many of you believe that if all of the people in this room could just work harder every day there would be less poverty?” he asked. “I've never had anyone put up their hand on that.”

“Working harder isn't going to help, getting smarter isn't going to help, and to be honest with you, as much as we want to believe that more money would help, it actually doesn't,” he said.

Even though a tremendous amount of work has been done over the years, poverty is a problem that continues to persist in the country, said Born.

“We've put a lot of money into poverty reduction over the last 20 years in Canada,” he said. “In the last 20 years, we've hardly reduced poverty at all. It doesn't seem to make a difference if the economy is really vibrant or if it's down. It's a stubborn problem.”



Photo by Mark Arike

Paul Born, CEO and motivational speaker, encourages agencies to think differently in the battle against poverty.

Blame can be directed toward many people, said Born, but finger pointing is not a solution.

“We can blame [Stephen] Harper, [Mike] Harris, corporations for not paying enough, human service organizations for not being smart enough, government for not having the right programs – and we can blame poor people because if they just got off their butts, there's opportunity for everyone,” he said.

“We could blame every of them as being part of the problem. Maybe what we need to do is start thinking about it differently. Maybe they're all part of the solution.”

Born added that finding a way to make the economy more resilient could help the population in need.

“What if we all figured out a way to work together and we created an economy that could absorb 85 per cent of the people?” he asked, explaining that approximately 20 per cent of the population lives in poverty.

He advised those in the room to let go of their assumptions and what it means to run a successful organization.

“We need to figure out how we might work together,” he said.

Born referred to a research paper by John Kania and Mark Kramer titled *Collective Impact*. The report, which can be found on the Stanford Social Innovation Review, emphasizes the importance of broad cross-sector coordination to achieve large-scale social change.

“It's going to become part of a framework by which we try and understand our path forward,” Born told the audience.

Kania and Kramer's research shows that “successful collective impact initiatives typically have five conditions that together produce true alignment and lead to powerful results.”

These points include: a common agenda, shared

measurement systems, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication, and backbone support organizations.

“What they're asking us to do is come up with something that we all agree on,” said Born.

Although he has spent a majority of his life working around poverty, Born admits to not having all the answers.

“I can tell you with all certainty, I don't know why we have so much poverty in Canada,” he said. “I don't know why we have so much poverty in this area. I don't know where to start. What I do know is that there is no answer, but there is wisdom and we can find it if we start talking.”

The Poverty to Possibilities Forum was organized to bring together agencies from Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes to look at strategies that could be implemented to reduce poverty in their communities.

“This is a professional development opportunity that isn't often available in our communities,” said Penny Barton Dyke, executive director of United Way, in a press release.

The County of Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes are currently developing a poverty reduction strategy. Partners undertaking the project include U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research, the Technology Alliance Group for Kawartha Lakes (TAG) and the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton.

The goal of the strategy is to clearly identify the impact of poverty in the municipalities; define how poverty can be measured to evaluate the impact of changes, etc.; identify clearly defined goals and objectives; include an action plan to identify specific recommendations; and be inclusive of all sectors and populations in the municipalities.

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Putting a value on local art

Arts Council to determine economic impact of arts in County

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands has been awarded \$6,000 for a research project designed to show the economic impact of arts in the Highlands.

"A study like this has never been done before," said Donna Gagnon, Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands coordinator. "Haliburton County is known for its arts, but we don't have any hard data about the significant contributions the arts make to our local economy."

The attitude among decision-makers is that being an artist is a lifestyle choice rather than a real job, she said. The project, entitled *The Economic Impact of the Arts in Haliburton County* will provide some numbers to show the opposite.

Fay Martin & Associates of Minden is the research partner, and is assisting with developing the survey and compiling results.

"Through this study we would like to quantify some data that will actually [show] the economic contribution the artistic

community makes to the County," Gagnon said. "We expect to see a significant contribution, but until the numbers come in, we don't really know."

"That's the point of doing the study."

Gagnon said the survey, to be released to local artists in the summer, will address the financial year 2011. It should take around 20 minutes to complete and will ask for information such as what type of art, whether or not they do art for a living, and some dollar amounts.

If the artist lives in the County, Gagnon said the council wants to know how much money they make here, and what they spend in the area.

"The end goal is for the County and municipalities to use this type of data when they look at doing municipal planning, so they take [into account] the artistic community."

After the survey closes, which will be just after Thanksgiving, the council will host four town hall meetings, one in each municipality, so that those interested can provide feedback on the results.

The grant money was awarded by the Ontario Arts Council as part of their Arts Service project, she said. The Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands applied on Feb. 1 of this year.

"This has been an issue the Arts Council has always been concerned with," Gagnon said. "When the opportunity came up to apply for this grant, it was perfect."

Thirteen other organizations across the province received monies as part of the service project.

Algonquin Highlands develops cultural plan

By Lisa Harrison

A request for proposals to create a municipal cultural plan (MCP) for Algonquin Highlands resulted in Planscape Inc. of Bracebridge getting the job.

Councillors voted at their regular meeting June 21 to approve the MCP steering committee's unanimous recommendation to hire Planscape. The firm specializes in municipal planning services and is familiar with the township. Planscape is currently working on the update to the township's comprehensive zoning bylaw.

Planscape will conduct interviews and consultations throughout the township, working with the steering committee and council to identify current resources beyond those already listed for the initial application for funding to create the plan.

The consultant and committee will then develop recommendations for future resource development and action, and the final recommendations will go to Council for approval to form the final plan.

The purpose of the MCP is to identify, leverage and strengthen the community's cultural resources and integrate them into future planning and decision-making in all aspects of community development, including economic development. Cultural resources include arts, heritage and community organizations, occupations and industries, facilities and events and natural resources.

State of the Arts — Olympian challenges

Summer is upon us and the Olympic Games this year will showcase not showcase excellence in sport but also art. In fact the artistic expo adorning the games will be unprecedented in terms of excellence and funding. Londoners have been told all year to brace themselves for cuts, but this summer, there are pots of money for art!

I'm not surprised a global powerhouse like London would have the finest examples of art there are while the world is watching; I just can't get my brain around the idea that it seems to be okay to wreck unions and destroy social programs with austerity cuts and yet have a whack of cash at the ready to fund art.

I realize that private money and a host of interrelated funding bodies help to make these huge art forums happen and that it isn't just governments that put up the money. With anti-austerity protests happening just next door in Montreal and people exhausted by endless economic uncertainty, it seems strange to me that the art world carries on without a nod to the plight of our most vulnerable people: the middle class.

Perhaps you don't think the middle class is vulnerable. I beg to differ. Who has been paying for education, art, roads, clean water, and protection from pollution, for many decades? Not the enormously wealthy, I can guarantee you that. People become wealthy because they figure out how to get out of paying for such things. No, it is the people among us who work over forty hours a week at jobs they might love or not, and pay taxes, people who have cottages here for example.

I guess I don't understand why the art world isn't standing up for these hard working people who make art a focus in

their lives. In this country, it could be that since our Prime Minister has said that the government will get out of funding anything that does not fit into their mandate, artists are sheepish to get involved. We already live at recession worthy incomes. But wait, the Canada Council for the Arts has said that it's funding hasn't been touched. I therefore await the federally funded artwork dedicated to anti-austerity and the death of our middle class.

During the Paris Commune in 1871, artist Gustav Courbet lead a huge group of proponents toward the statue of Napoleon hoping to pull it down in support of the communards. He was charged with vandalism. When workers took up the fight for socialism in Mexico, artists Diego Rivera and Frida Khalo marched in the streets with them – he missing an art opening in New York for it. Musicians such as Billy Bragg, Tom Morello and Canadian Matthew Good have dedicated much of their careers to promoting ideas of justice and compassion.

These artists fight for the working man who may have been a miner or a factory worker, but today they may be fighting for a very tired mom of two, with a junior executive position in a media firm that may or may not be bought by some huge corporation which may or may not lay her off. Her lifestyle (including money to purchase art for example), her dreams and her children's education are allowed to just hang in the balance while world leaders debate whether countries that have given the world democracy and the Renaissance are worthy of help.

I admit that the prospect of seeing no less than ten dance pieces by the late genius Pina Bausch (which is scheduled

during the Olympics) might make me forget the plight of the common man. But will these huge, million-dollar art extravaganzas foster solutions to bridge the gap between people who can afford the big tickets and those who can only attend the free stuff?

Here at home we have municipalities completing their cultural plans and I am hoping that included are ideas toward closing these kinds of gaps. Great art must be available to all, not just American Express Gold Card Members.

Yet, the arts must persevere regardless of who's in charge or who's paying the bills. Rivera was funded principally by those quintessential capitalists the Rockefellers. But we need to consider what side of history we want our work to end up on.

Art always matters but it can push the society it comes from to greatness when it makes a decision about what it wants to say. There are many examples of this but someone I keep seeing mentioned over and over, especially now, is the British writer George Orwell. By innovating journalism through taking up the actual work he was writing about (coal mining for instance), his work has become a touchstone for a different age but with some similar hopes. We all want to realize our potential with dignity but this only happens when we have a society that believes this and is able to pay for it.



By Victoria Ward

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Ghosts are restless in Haliburton

By Matthew Desrosiers

If you want to know where to find spooks, or maybe where to avoid them, you'll need to follow the Right Hon. James Huntington Smythe and the fair dame Eva Coo on a walk through Haliburton Village's historic and haunted past.

Smythe (played by Douglas Pugh) and Coo (played by Dani Stahle) entertained media and merchants on a trial run through Haliburton's first-ever Ghost Walk on June 25.

"I think it went really well tonight," said Christine Atrill, Ghost Walk coordinator. "I think our narrators did a great job, considering it's the very first one ever."

The Ghost Walk has been going for three years in Minden already and has been getting more successful each year, she said.

Last year, they averaged 24 people per night and over 500 for the season.

"It may take a while for word to get out [about Haliburton's walk], but we do hope... to have a successful walk," Atrill said. "We still would like to have a few more ghost stories for the main street. We've found ghost stories for the outlying areas, but we do need more for the main street."

A lot of work goes into planning a ghost walk, including hours of research and door-to-door soliciting for haunting stories.

"I'm hoping over the summer, as word gets out that we're doing the walks, that... more ghost stories will come out," she said.

Atrill does not expect the walk to stay the same, week after week.

"As we get new things we can use, we'll throw them in," she said. "It's an evolving work in progress."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Douglas Pugh (as the Right Hon. James Huntington Smythe) narrates Haliburton Village's first Ghost Walk.

The Ghost Walks run through July and August. Haliburton's walks start on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Heritage House Café on Pine St. Advance tickets can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage.

Minden's walk is Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

outside the River Cone. Advance tickets can be purchased at Whispers North.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids under the age of 12. Proceeds go to Arts Alive Minden and the Conjurors of County Town.

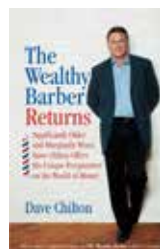
Haliburton County's Hot Reads



The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James
2. *Stray Bullets* by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
4. *Forgotten* by Catherine McKenzie 🇨🇦
5. *Calico Joe* by John Grisham



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts In A World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
2. *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by David Kahneman
3. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦
4. *Drop Dead Healthy* by A.J. Jacobs
5. *Under An Afghan Sky* by Mellissa Fung 🇨🇦

Calico Joe by John Grisham, a novel that follows a disgraced baseball star and his relationship with his son, continues to be a very popular title at the library. If you haven't read it yet, we have it available in a wide variety of formats: regular print, large print, talking book and e-book formats. Those on the waitlist may want to consider some of these *Calico Joe* "read-alikes" in the meanwhile: In *The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach, a baseball star at a small college near Lake Michigan launches a routine throw that goes disastrously off course, inadvertently changing the lives of several people. In *Battle Creek* by Scott Lasser, a devoted coach of an amateur baseball team falls upon hard times but sees his chance for redemption in an upcoming championship game. Finally, in the classic *Shoeless Joe* by W.P. Kinsella, a struggling Iowa farmer and fanatic baseball lover is driven to build a stadium in his cornfield where the ghosts of old baseball stars can play their game once again. *Field of Dreams*, the movie adaptation of *Shoeless Joe*, and all of the books mentioned here, are available at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Haliburton County Public Library introduces the Summer Fun program starting July 3. There will be stories, crafts, games, songs and fun for children aged two and up. This program runs free throughout the summer at Minden Hills branch (Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.), Dysart branch (Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.), Stanhope branch (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.), Dorset branch (Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.) and Wilberforce (Tuesdays at 7 p.m.).



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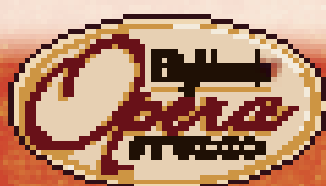
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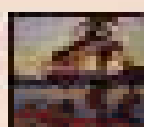
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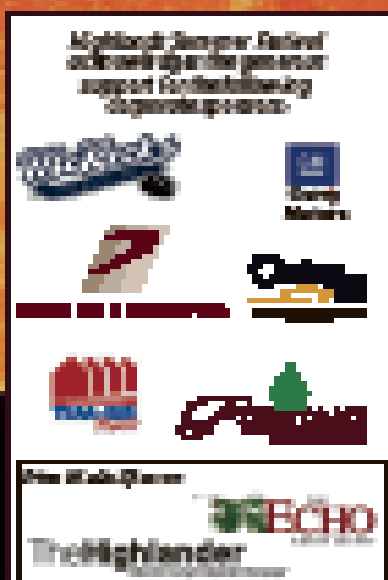
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HDA under new ownership

Former student takes over dance studio

By Mark Arike

When Chyna Schell was only 14-years-old, her dance instructor asked her if she would take over the studio when she grew up. Unaware of her future plans, Schell's answer was simply 'maybe someday.'

Fast-forward nearly 10 years later and that someday has arrived.

"I'm confident that she will be able to do a better job than I did," said Terri Matthews, who ran Haliburton Dance Arts (HDA) for the last 16 years. Matthews officially signed over the business to Schell on June 1.

"She was always the one who loved it the most and was the most committed," said Matthews at HDA's June 14 open house.

The local high school graduate and HDA dancer said she is looking forward to her future as a business owner.

"I'm very excited about it all," said Schell, who turns 24 in October.

Before moving to the Highlands and starting HDA in 1996, Matthews held a position as the cultural and creative coordinator for the City of Brampton.

"I organized a dance program there, which had 30 teachers and over 3,000 students," she said.

Matthews decided to start a studio in Haliburton because there weren't many options at the time. She began offering three classes per night. Attendance skyrocketed after the first year.

"We had 22 kids in the first year and 150 the next year," she said.

"I think that having something else to offer – other than hockey and figure skating – was really appealing."

One of the biggest challenges she encountered over the years was finding a suitable space. HDA relocated five times before ending up at its current location at 41 Maple Avenue.

"Trying to find a large recreation space has been a struggle," said Matthews.

Although this is Schell's first business, she's had time to learn the ropes with the help of Matthews. At nine she



Photo by Mark Arike

Terri Matthews (left) and Chyna Schell sit outside what is now the Haliburton Dance Academy. Schell took over the studio from Matthews on June 1.

was assisting classes and by 15 she was teaching.

Schell provided additional support when Matthews needed it, such as when her parents passed away two years ago.

"She took over a lot of the administrative stuff for me... some of the marketing and other things," said Matthews. "So she's not coming into it blindly."

Last June, Schell and Matthews revisited the conversation they had many years ago and came to an agreement.

"When recitals ended this year, we thought that would

be the perfect time for us to change ownership," said Matthews.

And so, on May 25 and 26, Matthews sat in the crowd and watched her students give it their all, just as she has every year. Although it was her last time in one of those theatre seats as the owner, HDA hasn't seen the last of Matthews. She plans to stay on as an instructor in acro, musical theatre and tap.

She'll also be there for Schell if she needs the support. "I'm happy to help and give advice when she wants it," said Matthews.

So far, Schell hasn't taken it upon herself to change much about the business. Perhaps the most noticeable difference is the new name – which is now Haliburton Dance Academy (still HDA).

"That way they [the students] can keep all their clothes," joked Matthews.

"If I do make changes [to the business] it will be over time," added Schell. "Next year, people won't see too much of a dramatic change in classes or costs. Eventually I would love to expand and find a space with two studios in it and higher ceilings."

A concern that has been raised is whether or not Schell will be able to properly run the business with a baby on the way (her due date is Sept. 25). Matthews, who had children when she ran the studio, doesn't believe the parenthood will be an issue.

"I had both of my kids when I was teaching and it never affected me in any way," she said. "And Chyna [Schell] has a ton of family support to help out with the baby."

And just like Matthews, Schell is in this for the kids – and her love of dance.

"I'm looking forward to bringing up the juniors just like Terri did and watching them grow up," she said.

To register for classes or learn more about Had, e-mail Schell at chyna.haliburtondance@gmail.com or call 705-457-5388.



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A view from the inside of the Haliburton Dance Academy.

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Submitted by Mary Barker

Janet Barker of Linkert Country Bakery (left) selling baked goods to Judy King (right) and Bessie Croft at the Wilberforce Eclectic Market on June 23.

Wilberforce market welcomes all



Submitted by Mary Barker

"The Kick Start Band", from left Clarence Cole, Peter Falladown, Jan McGee, Sara Montgomery entertaining patrons.

By Mark Arike

A new endeavour in Wilberforce is open for business every Saturday and Sunday until the Labour Day weekend.

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Vendors include artisans, crafters, growers, bakers and more. Everyone is invited to bring their yard sale to the market, and clubs and organizations are welcome to participate free-of-charge to promote their activity and sell raffle tickets.

Live entertainment has included Albert Saxby, Donny McCrum, The Kick Start Band and others.

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Name a wolf pup... or four

Haliburton Forest seeks contest entries

By Mark Arike

Ever named a wolf before?

Now is your chance.

Four nameless female pups were born at the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve on April 26 – and they won't have names until the Forest closes its traditional naming contest on Sept. 1.

"All four are doing well and can often be seen from the observation area playing with each other or jumping on the adults," said Dave Bishop, general manager of the Forest. "They are very curious, as most young are, but also cautious when introduced into new situations."

Two other pups, which were born on the same day, were

sent to the Wolf Science Centre at the University of Vienna, located in Vienna, Austria.

"They've been asking us for wolves for the last three years and we haven't been able to supply them," said Bishop.

The overseas centre conducts behavioural research on both dogs and wolves, said Bishop.

"This year we had some extra pups, so to speak," he said.

Bishop explained it is impossible to predict how many pups will be born and when.

"Only the alpha female is allowed to breed," he said.

"They can have from zero to eight pups on any given year. We can't influence that and we don't want to influence that whatsoever."

Those entering the contest are asked to submit one entry per wolf. This year, the name must start with the letter M (each contest follows the order of the alphabet). The four people whose names are chosen will receive a one-year pass to the wolf centre. A draw will be held if multiple entries have selected a name.

All contest entries are to be e-mailed to basecamp@live.ca.

Tim Hortons goes back to drawing board

By Will Jones

Tim Hortons planners will partially redesign plans for the County Road 21 site in order to meet demands made by Dysart et al council and members of the public.

Responding to calls by council members to abide by the setback conditions of the site, Tim Hortons representatives announced at council's June 25 meeting that they would amend the design of the parking on the site to allow the restaurant building to be moved back from the roadside. Planner Leo Palozzi and national manager Joe Kappel attended the meeting and explained they could not simply shunt the design for the property backwards further into the lot due to the steep gradients.

"The technical conditions due to grading are insurmountable without a massive retaining wall that would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars," said Palozzi.

However, the planner went on to explain that he believed there was a way of achieving council's wishes with regards to the setback.

"Currently, the parking spaces are all three metres wide. If we reduced them to 2.5 metres wide and turned the one extra long space into two normal sized ones, we could move the building back by around four metres without losing any car parking spaces. This would make up almost all of the 5.2 metres setback requirement."

Councillor Andrea Roberts voiced her concern that the high numbers of large vehicles, such as SUVs and pick-up trucks, in the area warranted the 3 metres wide spaces but Kappel explained that the standard size of space for almost all stores in rural areas such as Haliburton is 2.6 metres wide.

"That's the size that we use across the country," he said. "It works throughout Canada, from here to Alberta and BC, where there are also a lot of larger vehicles, so I don't think it's a problem."

Councillors agreed that Palozzi and colleagues redesign the site to move the restaurant back and include smaller car parking spaces.

Tim Hortons will come back to council with the redrawn site plan in the coming weeks.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School

Students take the next step

Photos and story by Mark Arike

Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students have officially entered the next stage of their lives. On June 27, students, staff, parents and family filled the high school's gymnasium for this year's commencement ceremony.

"Wow, you've come a long way," principal Dan Marsden told the graduating class. "We thank you for everything you've accomplished and what you'll go on to do."

Gary Brohman, Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) trustee, brought greetings from the school board. He congratulated students and told them to find passion in everything they do going forward.

"My message is simple and short," said Brohman. "Knock that door down, climb that mountain and find

love in your work."

Larry Hope, TLDSB director of education, also attended the ceremony to give students kudos.

"That diploma you're going to get tonight is like the golden ticket," said Hope.

Students who received special recognition included valedictorian Loretta Kerr and Ontario Secondary School certificate recipient Dalton Burke.

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School

ASES students receive recognition

By Mark Arike

Many Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) students in Kindergarten all the way to Grade 8 took home awards, winnits and certificates for their accomplishments and contributions to the school over the past year.

On June 22, staff and special guests made presentations to a number of students. Here are some of the winners:

Honours

- Grade 1 – Ziti Sunray, Ava Allayer, Abby Dykstra, Walker Nesbitt and Travis Clarke.
Grade 2 – Cole Boisvert, Mckenna Johnston, Ben Pilcher, Courtney Semach, Crystal Petry and Ava Smith.
Grade 3 – Colin Crowe, Jordy Schell, Samueal Hoenow, Sterling Nesbitt, Alex Little, Alexius Mills

and Jordanna Mavor.

Grades 3 and 4 – Brenden Newhook and Matea Cameron.

Grades 4 and 5 – Hailey Anderson, Nigel Smith, Hailey Bull, Nikolas Dollo, Jessica Hannah and Karley Wilson.

Grades 5 and 6 – Danielle Allison, Griffen Baldry, Liam McAlister, Samantha Steffensen, Kyle Davis, Aidan Garbutt, Jacob Hudson, Sam Olliffe, Owen Patterson-Smith, Ben Prentice, Carson Sisson and Emma Weiss.

Grade 6 – Andrew Carmount, River Christiano, Alexander Kim, Skye Miscio, Adrien Petric, Owen Smith and Nikki Weber.

Grades 7 and 8 – Vivian Collings, Rebecca Hamilton, Alyssa Oxley, Maria Perrin, Gabe Petric, Marshall Petry, Alyssa Sisson, Emma Cox, Alyssa Denyer, Melanie Graves-Howard, Leah Berry, Jamie Little, Maddy Allore, Chelsea Smallwood and Aurora Acorn.

Grade 8 Scholars – Jacey Baldry, Johnathan Prestwich,

Noah Dollo, Tory Mac Rider and Ariel Wiess.
Ontario Principal Councils' school leadership award: Owen Smith and Jamie Little.
Sportsmanship award – Maddy Allore and Antany Azevedo.
Athlete of the Year – Emma Cox.

Graduates:

Madison Allore, Antany Azevedo, Jacey Baldry, Rheya Barager, Conor Barry, Austin Beer, Justin Brunet, Taylor Calvert, Sage Christiano, Samuel Colicchia, Emma Cox, Alyssa Denyer, Amber Docherty, Jordan Doiron, Noah Dollo, Dominique Douglas, Vanessa Douglas, Cody Dunn, Joel Fedeski, Tory Francis, Amy Freeman, Melanie Graves-Howard, Brittany Hewitt, Callie Lancaster, Owen Mackeigan, Sage McChesney-Kleynhans, Nathan Newbatt, Leslie Northey, Robbie Orlowski, Johnathan Prestwich, Mac Rider, Joshua Rowden, D Sawchuk, Nick Scharl, David Schule, Tyson Shelly, Alexander Sloan and Joey Voicey.

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- Propane fireplace, five appliances included. A must see!

8 Teasdale Street
\$219,000

- Solid and very well built all brick home.
- Level and very nicely treed and landscaped yard.
- Three bedrooms, two baths, sunroom, propane fireplace.
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23 Bobcaygeon Rd
\$179,000

- Large 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home located in town.
- Bright and open concept kitchen, living room and dining room, with main floor laundry
- There have been many upgrades to the house, including windows and laminate flooring
- Close to access on the Gull river for boating or swimming, or enjoy a walk along the Minden river walk.

Beautiful Halls Lake
\$769,500

- This custom built Royal Home on beautiful Halls Lake must be seen to be truly appreciated
- 154 Feet of great shoreline, with a superb big lake view
- Four spacious bedrooms, 3 full baths, large deck, attached two car garage, indoor pool.
- Halls Lake is rated as one of Ontario's cleanest lakes

Minden Bungalow
\$224,000

- Just listed! Only 3 years new. Immaculate condition!
- 1500 square feet, bright open concept design. Gorgeous kitchen!
- Three spacious bedrooms, two four piece baths, large deck.
- Propane furnace, main floor laundry, carport, walk to town.

Country Home - Minden
New Price!
\$257,000

- Country home owned by one of my favourite country singers.
- Well kept raised bungalow with a full walk out basement.
- Two baths, large enclosed three season back porch, workshop and storage building.
- Scenic 46 acre lot with large frontage on two roads. Severance potential.

1552 South Lake Rd
\$69,500

- Check out this home on 1.58 acres just minutes from Minden
- Three bedrooms, a 4 pce bath, and a spacious livingroom
- Metal roof, forced air heating
- A full unfinished basement with walkout. appliances are included in the sale.

Drag River
\$194,500

- Picture perfect and private! this riverside cottage has 250 feet of frontage on the Drag River
- The cottage is immaculately maintained and comes turnkey/fully furnished
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Mountain Lake Waterfront
Lot \$225,000

- Prime waterfront lot on pristine Mountain Lake
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- Immaculately kept three bedroom ranch style home. 1640 sq. ft. of living area.
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- Spacious master bedroom with ensuite, garage, full basement with storage building lakeside.
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Gull River Home

New Price!

\$169,900



- Solid all brick bungalow situated on a quiet dead-end street. Walking distance to all in town services
- Located on the shore of the scenic Gull River, short boat ride to Gull Lake
- Featuring a separate dining room with walkout to back deck, hardwood floors in the spacious living room
- Large deck, town water and sewers.

Haliburton by the Lake

New Price!

\$399,500



- Brand new custom built bungalow with two car att. garage.
- 1736 sq. feet of luxury living with dock and access to 5 lake chain.
- Large, level corner lot, two covered porches, full basement.
- Open concept, two full baths, propane fireplace, Taron warranty.

Minden Lake

\$325,000



- Spacious 2400 square foot Viceroy, vaulted ceiling.
- Three bedrooms, fireplace, open concept design, large deck.
- Full finished walk out basement with guest room and family room.
- Three baths, sandy waterfront, superb western sunset view.

Little Gull Lake

\$325,000



- Scenic Little Gull Lake is less than two hours from the GTA
- 111 feet of shoreline, western sunset view
- Spacious dining room and living room / master bedroom with en-suite
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1232 Horseshoe Lk Rd

\$389,900



- Spectacular four-season waterfront property. A must see!
- 200 foot lakefront, sand beach, great docking, hot tub.
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Minden Bungalow

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- Great starter home at a great price!
- Superb turn key condition!
- 3.8 acre lot. Nicely treed.
- New drilled well.
- Metal roof, open concept.
- Wood stove and 4 appliances incl.
- A must see!

Kashagawigamog Lake

\$589,500



- Just listed! 5 lake chain. 264 ft. lakefront.
- Totally renovated home, new septic system.
- 5 rental cabins, garage/lot, western exposure.
- Immaculate! Opportunity knocks!

1789 Scotch Line Rd

\$229,000



- Spacious and immaculately maintained three bedroom home
- Open concept design, separate dining room with walkout to a family sized deck
- Finished rec room, workshop and a two car attached garage
- Level, nicely treed and landscaped 1.35 acre lot

13968 Hwy #35

\$249,500



- Solid and well-built all brick bungalow
- Featuring three bedrooms, brick fireplace, attached garage and a large deck
- Level, nicely treed and landscaped lot
- Great view of Mountain Lake with 10 foot deeded access
- Finished walkout basement

Horseshoe Lake

New Price!

\$289,500



- Fantastic million dollar big lake view with sunny southern exposure.
- Immaculate three bedroom home/vacation cottage! Exudes pride of ownership!
- Large deck, bunkie, workshop, large back yard. A must see!
- Beautiful safe sand beach, two lake chain, great boating and fishing.

Big Boshkung Lake

New Price!

\$349,000



- Beautiful western sunsets await on this vast three lake chain.
- Warm, inviting and yesteryear charm best describes this well kept cottage.
- Natural lot, no grass to cut, big pines and rocky outcrops.
- Three bedrooms, two baths, large deck and great docking.

Twelve Mile Lake

New Price!

\$648,000



- Superb workmanship, spectacular view on a pristine three lake chain.
- Modern 2300 square foot Viceroy, large deck, extensive stone landscaping
- RJ docking system.
- Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, open concept, full basement.
- Three bedrooms, three baths, great shoreline. A must see!

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Senior Kindergarten Graduation

Elizabeth Cox, Tommy Deterling, Nicole Donaldson, Cash Fowler, Ross Kelley, Chairidy MacDonald, Justin Pettipas-Elkins, Ella Plumb, Sylvia Sibley, Amelia Somerville, Jason Thomas, Rowan Trumble and Maya Woods



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce Elementary School

Parents, friends and family gathered to wish the Wilberforce Elementary Grade 8 class their best as they transition into highschool.

School Principal Gord Wood said he has seen the kids grow in confidence and leadership during their time at Wilberforce Elementary.

Wilberforce Elementary received a donation of \$400 towards bursaries, which was split into four equal parts to be awarded to the winners of the academic, leadership, citizenship and perseverance awards.

Graduating class: Susan Cachia, Lloyd Callfas, Cole Finlay, Alexandra French, Samuel Hann-Stevens, Connor Henderson, Jade McCartney, Joseph Podres, Kimberly Rowe, Victor Townsend and Jessie Whiteside.

Awards — Academic:

Alexandra French,

Leadership: Samuel Hann-

Stevens, **Citizenship:**

Lloyd Callfas, **Most**

Improved: Kimberly Rowe,

Athletic: Jade McCartney,

Perseverance: Cole Finlay,

French: Alexandra French,

Principal's Award for Student

Leadership: Alexandra

French, Jade McCartney

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When your hands start letting you down

Dear Penny,

I have arthritis in my hands and it's getting harder and harder to do things in the kitchen. I'm told using the right kitchen tools makes a difference, but I don't know what to look for. Please help.

Kitchen Complaints

Dear Kitchen Complaints,

There's no doubt that arthritic hands pose a challenge in the kitchen. There is chopping, slicing, rolling, whisking, beating and opening cans to think about—and it requires either hand strength or dexterity, or both.

Kitchen work is hard on hands, and when your hands are painful, stiff, swollen or weak, getting the job done is a bigger chore than it ought to be.

Happily, there are aids and devices specifically designed to simplify every task and make the work easier on your hands. Choosing the right tool for the job can be tricky, but I've scanned the web and read all the latest about new gizmos and gadgets. I'm happy to pass on my thoughts about what I think is best.

Look for utensils that fit comfortably in your hand and have either a built-up handle or a soft handle that takes less pressure to do the work. In kitchen tools, the old truism stands: you get what you pay for.

Tools that have been designed for arthritic hands are generally made of better materials and they cost more than others. I've tried cheap substitutes that look similar, but they invariably fail. Either they are too hard to use, don't last very long, or don't do the job.

OXO Good Grip is a brand I tend to like. They make a good variety of hand-friendly kitchen tools including a pair of scissors that arthritic hands can actually manage and a manual jar opener with a super-sized handle that's amazing.

Good Grips also makes a paring knife, spatula, whisk, spoons and ladle that are easy to hold and easy to use. And they sell a set of mixing bowls with a non-skid bottom, so you don't have to hold the bowl as you work.

Aging Well



By Penny Brown

Perhaps best of all is their line of eating utensils with fat, ribbed, rubber-like handles, some of which can be twisted to the angle that works best for you.

When it comes to opening jars and cans, go electric if you can afford it. Black and Decker makes an electric jar opener for under \$20 that really works. They also make an extra tall electric can opener for under \$15. It's wonderfully designed for hands that lack dexterity and it's heaven in the kitchen.

Almost any electric can opener will be better for you than the manual kind, although OXO does make a manual, magnetic locking can opener that takes very little hand strength and is surprisingly easy to grip.

Rubber discs from a dollar store are also extremely helpful for opening jars. A rocking knife is a good tool for chopping and slicing and a palm peeler is great for peeling vegetables. There are specially made gizmos for chopping garlic, although it's still easier to buy a small jar of chopped garlic at the grocery store and keep it at the ready in the fridge.

By the way, if buying new utensils is beyond your budget, you can use heating pipe insulation to build up the handle of almost anything.

Just have someone cut a piece to the size you need and wrap it around the handle of your garden tools, kitchen tools or even screwdrivers and hammers. It works—and I hope I've given you some suggestions you can use to make your work in the kitchen a whole lot easier.

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.

Penny Brown graduated from the University of Toronto's School of Rehabilitation Medicine as a Physical and Occupational Therapist.



Photo by Douglas Pugh

Proud children gather behind their father Phil Bruneau. In order of age, left to right: Albert Bruneau, Jeanne Jones, Edgar Bruneau, Gerald Bruneau, Roly Bruneau, Cecile Bruneau, Loretta Billings and youngest Irene Belleseuille.

Four generation birthday celebration

By Douglas Pugh

Driving through Gooderham on June 23, you couldn't miss the marquee, balloons and band setting up on the deck overlooking the garden. Not just a family gathering, but a call out to many in the community to see one of their former inhabitants, Phil Bruneau, return home to celebrate his 98th birthday in style.

Phil was all dressed up in suit and tie, overlooking the kids on the lawn at his daughter's house in Gooderham. He's not quite so mobile these days, but you can clearly see how delighted he is to see all the children and grandchildren.

"Waters township, I was born in, though they call it Lively these days. Born at Anderson's Farm."

His kids came from all over the continent and surprised him on the previous Thursday at a restaurant, where they were celebrating his actual birthday on the solstice. Eldest son, Albert (more commonly known as Al), flew in from Las Vegas, Nevada, where he is the president of his own music company, Bruno Bear Music. An accomplished guitarist, having played in every state of the United States of America, Al took part in the later entertainment.

"All eight of us kids are here," said proud and busy host (and daughter) Loretta Billings. "Five of them [are] pensioners."

"It'll be six in three years and six months," insists sister Cecile Bruneau. Not that she's counting or anything.

Phil is the last surviving of a family of 13. His life story is a fair slice of Canadian history. He was born on the June solstice as WWI got underway, Phil's working life took him to working at the Nobel munitions factory

near Parry Sound (the topic of a novel, 'Angel Walk' by Katherine Govier, so titled because of the perilous nature of working there), followed by a 22 year stint at the Goodyear factory in Toronto.

At this point, Phil and his family moved to Gooderham, running the gas station and diner there for seven years, from 1967 through to 1974. The gas station, on the 503 highway, was purchased from Roland and Phyllis Staley. The three youngest daughters, Cecile, Loretta and Irene, were all schooled in Haliburton, though today only Loretta still remains in the County, married to Jack Billings of Billings Construction in Gooderham.

A later move north to Verner came to a close when wife, Rose-Anne, was taken seriously ill with a congestive heart condition and they moved to Peterborough to be closer to family and to assist her treatment. Rose-Anne sadly passed away in 2005, having been Phil's spouse for a staggering 69 years.

All told, eighty guests out of the invited hundred turned up, the missing few mainly consisting of relatives south of the border. With the wonders of technology though, Phil did get to talk via Skype with two of his granddaughters, one in Texas, the other in Colorado.

Four generations of family, along with many local friends, listened to the band until 8 p.m., though Phil did stay until 10 p.m. when sleep called him to his bed after a heady, exciting and quite wonderful day.

"A momentous day," said tired but happy hostess Billings. "We tried a couple of years back, but not all of us kids could make it. This has been so special, something you never

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Students pass the test



Photo by Mark Arike

This year's D.A.R.E. grads with their instructor, OPP Const. Sandy Adams.

Grade 6 classes graduate from D.A.R.E.

By Mark Arike

Students from three Grade 6 classes at J.D.

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For several weeks the students studied the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.) in lessons taught by Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Sandy Adams. On June 22, the students received certificates from Adams for successfully completing the program.

"You have a responsibility to keep your community healthy and safe," Adams told the students following the presentation of certificates.

"Each and every one of you is a wonderful person and you will have endless opportunities to do good in your community."

A few students made speeches, which highlighted what they learned in the program. All of the students performed in a skit about smart decision-making when placed in a party-like atmosphere where drugs and alcohol are readily available.

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Highlander people

Haliburton resident gets Queen's medal

By Will Jones

Dysart resident Bill Beatty was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal at the regular council meeting on June 25.

"For 60 years, Her Majesty has exemplified the true meaning of public service and today we recognize a great individual who has dedicated himself to service to family, to community and country," said MP Barry Devolin, who presented the medal. "Based on William's care and compassion for the members of the Canadian forces and his volunteer work in the community, he is an easy choice to receive the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal."

Devolin went on to tell how Beatty was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets and a reserve member of the Canadian Forces Militia. He has been involved in numerous local groups including the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and he was instrumental in establishing a Cadet Corps in Haliburton.

Beatty, smiling throughout the presentation, said she was overwhelmed at being chosen to receive this award.

"This is a real honour, thank you."

Devolin has had the difficult but enjoyable task of selecting 30 recipients of the medal within his riding. During the year, 60,000 Canadians will be recognized with the award.



Photo by Will Jones

MP Barry Devolin awards Bill Beatty with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

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Highlander people

Local teaches organic farming in Bolivia

By Will Jones

County resident Maureen Moore has just returned from Bolivia where she spent two weeks teaching remote indigenous communities how to rescue their failing farm land using organic farming methods.

Working as a volunteer with the Canadian Executive Services Organisation (CESO), Moore, an organic farming inspector who lives near Kinmount, traveled to the Altiplano – the Bolivian highlands, some 4,000 metres above sea level – to meet farmers from ten villages.

“We were amazed both by the dire situation and the warm welcome of these people,” she says. “They were so eager for our help and quick to learn. They understood their predicament and desperately want to find a way to solve it.”

In the last 15 to 20 years, farmers from these poor communities have switched from growing traditional crops such as corn, beans and barley to money crops like peaches. Traditions, including crop rotation and terraced fields, were thrown out in favour of more technical agrichemical based farming techniques. This, coupled with the fact that arid conditions and poor soil quality are not suitable for water dependent fruit crop such as peaches, meant that chemical fertilizers and pesticides were used more and more to boost yields. The result today is soil that has been stripped of all nutrient content.

“These are poor people with little or no education and so when the chance came to make money they jumped at it not realizing the long term consequences,” explains Moore. “They planted peach trees too close together. They didn’t rotate crops. They used far too many chemicals believing the inflated claims of agrichemical companies. Now, the soil is dead and they struggle to grow anything. Our mission is



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Maureen Moore assisted Bolivian farmers with learning organic farming techniques.

to re-educate the farmers and help them transition back to traditional, organic farming techniques that will properly sustain their communities.”

Moore visited each community in turn, travelling hundreds of miles over appalling roads to speak to the farmers. She carried out soil and crop diagnostics and held workshops on the basics of getting back to organic farming. Then, she gave specific technical advice to each community on how it could best start a process of improving soil quality and reducing the dependence on chemicals.

“The people were very willing to take advice and they came from miles around for the workshops,” she says. “We had 60 to 70 people at each one. And, they were so quick to act upon our recommendations. Just days afterwards plans were

already being made and work was being done.”

The farmers will now slowly transition back to the farming methods their ancestors developed, which are organic and care for the land. Moore explains the villagers cannot simply stop using chemicals because insect pests and weeds would wipe out the crops they need to survive. Instead, a gradual shift from chemical to organic farming will be implemented over the next three years to help reduce the loss of crops and revenue during the transition.

Moore’s work in Bolivia was funded in part by the federally run Canadian International Development Agency, the Swiss Corporation and locally by the Fundacion Planeta Verde. She hopes to return to Bolivia in the future to assess how the transition is going.

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Highlander outdoors

Adding years to the life of your deck



We all have aspirations to keep our cottages and homes well-maintained, to use our weekends for important chores. One of these is deck maintenance, one of the easiest jobs to avoid — there are so many available excuses. Unfortunately, putting it off too long will cost you in the long run.

By Kevin Lowe

Your deck is an investment as much as the rest of your cottage or home, and obviously you want to get as much use out of it as possible. But with the temperature extremes we typically experience in the Highlands, it's no surprise that decks wear quickly and need regular care. Sun, water and use wear away at protective stains, leaving the wood exposed to potential damage from UV light, water, dry rot and insects.

These problems can significantly decrease the lifespan of your deck. Staining and re-staining will prevent many of these problems, but it can be a lot of work. The best course of action is therefore to extend the lifespan of your stain as long as possible. You will eventually have to re-stain, but the interval can be lengthened with a bit of attention.

Extending the life of your stain

The most important thing you can do to get longer life out of your stain is to apply a quality product. An extra ten or twenty dollars per gallon spread over time is a small price to pay if it allows you to avoid the effort and cost of re-staining for a year or two (or five). Stains have different levels of penetration, UV protection, anti-fungus and anti-mould properties, as well as varying lifespans and durability. Water-based stains are safer and easy to clean up, plus they are generally more resistant to mould and can be applied on wood that is not thoroughly dry. Your retailer should be able to advise you on which stain is best for your location and requirements.

Assuming you've applied a good stain, the best way to extend its life is with regular maintenance twice per year. Your objective is to prevent or reduce the three things you can control and which, if left unchecked, will speed up your deck's deterioration: water, insects and fungus/mould. While protecting your deck from sunlight may be impractical, water, dry rot and insects can be substantially reduced, meaning more time between staining.

Start your semi-annual maintenance by clearing the deck of leaves and any other material — they absorb water and keep it in contact with the wood, damaging it over time.



Photos by Kevin Lowe

Top left: Moisture collected under flower pots creates the perfect environment for rot and insects. Centre: These boards need to be replaced. The jammed-up gaps prevent proper drainage. Lower right: Building a deck with wood touching soil is asking for trouble.

Remove pine needles and other detritus that's become jammed between the boards so that proper drainage occurs when it rains. Inspect the deck, railings and stairs regularly for evidence of insects and dry rot, and treat if necessary with the appropriate product. Wood that comes into contact with bare ground is particularly susceptible to infestation.

You may be tempted to get out the power washer. Be careful. Power washers can remove the stain, doing more harm than good. A good sweep should be sufficient for decks that are properly maintained.

Now that you've cleaned the deck and checked for problems, keep it in shape. Avoid dragging furniture or barbecues over the wood, as doing so will create scratches and grooves where water can penetrate. Make sure planted pots have saucers underneath to catch water and don't leave wet towels on the railings to dry. See if rainwater is evaporating from beneath chairs, tables and your barbecue and if not, move these items (without dragging them) after the rest of the deck has dried.

Following these simple guidelines will ensure the longest possible time between stainings.

Tackling the inevitable

Sooner or later, no matter how well you've taken care of your deck, it's going to need to be re-stained. The first thing you should do is another inspection to identify rotted boards that need replacing. You want to take care of them first, before you clean, so that any sawdust left will be swept up.

You may again be tempted to power-wash. Though now it doesn't really matter if you wash off the stain, it is unlikely to be removed evenly, leaving splotches visible through your new coat of stain. Another, even more important reason is that you'll be washing the stain into the environment and

doing harm to plants, wildlife and nearby bodies of water.

The same advice goes for sanding. Aside from the fact that using the orbital sander you'll need is about as easy as riding a mechanical bull, you'll be creating a fine dust of stain and possibly chemical-containing pressure-treated wood. Even if you wear a mask, you do not want these contaminants to pollute the environment or the lungs of your kids, neighbours and friends. Of course you can still use a scrub brush or hand-sand rough areas or marks, but you don't need to take the industrial approach to renew and protect your deck.

To safely remove the old stain, there are cleaners and strippers available that won't harm the environment. Typically they are applied, left on the surface for a specified period, and then washed off. You can also use brighteners to neutralize the stripper and enhance the wood's appearance, but again make sure you select a product that won't do harm.

After you've prepared your deck and purchased a good quality stain, now you have to wait for the right day. This can be tricky because a number of conditions must be met. The deck must be thoroughly dry if you're not using a water-based stain, so you'll need a couple of days of good weather. The temperature cannot be too hot (the stain will dry too quickly) or too cold (the stain will not dry quickly enough) and some products recommend that you avoid direct sunlight. In all cases, read the label and follow the directions as stains differ in ideal application parameters. Obviously it can be difficult to meet all of these conditions, especially if you're in the Highlands only on weekends, but look on the bright side — it's a good excuse to forget about the deck and go fishing.

But when that perfect day finally does arrive, hopefully not so long after you've



prepped your deck that you have to re-prepare it, it's time to get to work. A sprayer, which you can rent, is going to be the fastest and easiest way to apply the stain, but if you're not experienced you may find yourself going over your work with a brush to even things out and remove drips. The best application for most of us is likely to be with a synthetic brush.

A compromise is to use a roller. You'll need one with a bit of depth in it to penetrate the cracks and spaces between boards; the higher the quality, the longer it will last. Avoid pads unless your deck is completely smooth, otherwise you'll be frustrated by poor coverage and you will need a lot of pads.

With your brush or roller, apply an even coat of stain, keeping a wet edge as you go to avoid leaving marks. If you apply too much, you'll prevent the wood from breathing and can end up with cracking or flaking; too little, and you won't get the protection your deck needs. Take your time. If you want to take a break, finish the ends of any wet boards or there will be drying marks. That said, it's a good idea to get your staining done in one day (guests can be useful for this) because tomorrow it could rain or be too hot or too cold.

A final word of advice which unfortunately is often forgotten: plan your work so you don't literally paint yourself into a corner.

Once you're done, wait a day before walking or putting anything on your deck. Keep up your maintenance schedule and enjoy the feeling of knowing you're getting the most out of your investment.

Highlander outdoors

Choosing the marina that fits you best

By Lisa Harrison

When looking for a caring marine operator, who will you choose?

Consider the type of boating you do. Power boaters and sailors tend to have different needs. Ideally, in either case your best marina choice will be right on the water for ease of access.

Do you hit the lakes on evenings and weekends or for occasional long-term trips? Proximity is key here. Frequent boaters look for marinas close to the cottage, either with on-site amenities such as grocery stores and restaurants or close to those amenities in the community. If you're a tripper or you launch from a remote location, then a marina close to that location may be best for you.

Be sure you have safe and easy access to the water. Check out the design of both the loading area and mooring areas and/or slips.

Choosing a marina with fuel and pump-out service close to your launch point can save you considerable time and money.

Access to maintenance and repair service is another big consideration. Beyond that, check out the marina itself – the level of maintenance there may indicate how much



care you and your boat will receive.

Is it an all-season marina? Does it give you water access and service beyond the summer season so that you can continue to boat as early/late in the year as you choose? Some all-season marinas also offer toys such as ATVs and snowmobiles, making them a handy one-stop recreation resource.

Marina choice is also important when it comes time to store your boat. Do they

offer indoor or outdoor storage, or both?

For outdoor storage, use either a cover designed for your boat shape or a large tarp. Ensure you're comfortable with the marina's security and service. Winter precipitation can rot the boat if allowed to accumulate so it's important that the cover be checked and cleared frequently. Some marinas offer shrink-wrapping to reduce/eliminate potential rot.

For indoor storage, check with your marina to see what form they use. Drystack storage, which racks boats vertically up to four boats high, is a good option. Decide whether you need or want heated storage, which will be more expensive.

You may want to choose a marine operator who also deals in boats, parts and accessories. Some marinas also offer training in boat operation and water sports, and may offer boat rentals and even cottage rentals.

Look for a marina that is Clean Marine certified by the Ontario Marine Operators Association. This voluntary program of environmental best practices for the marine industry is recognized as the leader in North America. Members must pass a comprehensive audit to ensure compliance with more than 200 practices. Clean Marine eco-rated marinas fly the program flag.

Finally, the best way to find the marina may be through word of mouth. Ask your neighbours and other boaters for their ratings and recommendations. You may strike gold and find a trusted marine operator who can support your boating, protect your boat and advise you for years to come.



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Highlander environment

Algonquin Highlands helps achieve e-waste milestone

By Lisa Harrison

Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) has recognized the Township of Algonquin Highlands for its outstanding efforts in helping make the OES electronic waste diversion program a success.

The township ranked second in performance as residents and businesses collected 32.55 kilograms of e-waste per household from April 2009 to December 2011 for a total of 60 tonnes as their contribution to the more than 100,000 tonnes of e-waste diverted from landfills across Ontario. The township website describes this as 12,222 tractor trailer loads of unwanted electronics parked end-to-end from Oxtongue Lake to downtown Toronto.

"You should be very proud of your community's commitment to the environment and safe, responsible management of end-of-life electronics," wrote OES executive director Jonathan Spencer. "Your residents are certainly doing their part to help make Ontario a greener place to live."

OES also extended appreciation to any OES-approved service providers in the area.

Reeve Carol Moffatt displayed the "very recycled and appropriate" certificate from OES to councillors and staff at council's regular meeting June 21 and congratulated staff for their efforts, citing waste reduction coordinator Gayle Short in



Photo by Lisa Harrison

From left: Gayle Short, Ward 3 Councillor Marlene Kyle, Deputy Reeve Liz Danielsen, Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Barry, Reeve Carol Moffatt and Ward 1 Councillor Gord Henderson, celebrate OES certificate.

particular.

Moffatt said the public has obviously embraced the program and gave a "shout-out" to the community-run committees that started the township on its recycling path years ago.

"If it wasn't for them keeping hammering that message home, I don't think we would have advanced as quickly as we have into our various recycling programs," she said. "Those committees are long disbanded but they did a lot of really good work on the ground at the beginning, so congratulations to everybody, well done for us."

Clear lake MNR update

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's been two months since the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) closed the public consultation period for proposed changes to the Clear Lake Conservation Area, and residents are still waiting on a release date for the new management plan.

Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, said she submitted a number of petitions in the Ontario Legislature regarding Clear Lake, calling on the MNR to withdraw the preliminary plan and engage in a meaningful dialogue with residents.

"The preliminary management plan, which was issued on Feb. 9, clearly did not take into account the news and concerns of local residents and recreationists," said Scott in a press release. On May 31, Scott submitted an Order Paper question through the Clerk of the Ontario Legislature to Michael Gravelle, the Minister of Natural Resources, asking when the revised management plan would be released.

Unofficial reports indicate the MNR does not intend to release the plan until the fall.

Maya Gorham, press secretary to Minister Gravelle, said in an e-mail the government is committed to protecting ecologically sensitive areas such as Clear Lake Conservation Reserve.

"A plan has been developed that provides clarity on the recreational opportunities permitted in the Reserve," she said. "This statement was posted on the Environmental Registry earlier this year. We thank all the stakeholders who reviewed and provided comment. All comments received are being carefully considered. No final decision has been made at this time."



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Campaign addresses dental dilemma

Signed postcards to be delivered to MPP

By Mark Arike

A local dentist is encouraging people to sign a dental postcard in an effort to lobby the government to fund preventative dental treatments for adults.

"Steps have been taken to help children get better access to dental care, but there is still a gap for adults who require emergency dental care," said Bill Kerr, dentist and co-founder of the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO).

The postcard initiative is part of a province-wide advocacy campaign being launched by the Ontario Oral Health Alliance, an umbrella organization formed under the Ontario Association of Public Health Dentistry.

The postcards, which are available at all libraries across Haliburton County, feature the faces of five Ontarians with severe dental problems smiling through gritted teeth. A caption under the photos reads: 'Why am I living with pain and infection?' The back of the postcard notes that thousands of Ontario adults suffer with pain and infection from poor oral health because they cannot afford regular treatment.

People are urged to sign the postcards to lobby the province to expand financial support programs to include these adults who cannot afford basic care. An online version of the postcard can be signed at www.oaphd.on.ca.

"This glaring omission needs to be fixed, especially when we know oral health can affect a person's overall health," said



Photo by Mark Arike

Rosie Kadwell holds up a dental postcard that is part of a province-wide campaign.

Rosie Kadwell, chairperson of the Haliburton County FoodNet and public health dietician with the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

In Haliburton County the VDO provides free urgent dental care to residents in need. Since May 2011, the clinic has helped 183 patients by providing more than \$280,000 in free treatments.

But the demand is difficult to keep up with. The clinic currently has a waiting list of 72 people and counting. Kerr notes that many people who are helped at the clinic have repeatedly gone to the hospital emergency room to get antibiotics and painkillers to cope with severe pain and

infection.

"These prescriptions are meant to buy people time under the assumption they will go to a dentist to resolve the problem," he said. "However, these individuals can't afford to see a dentist and their dental issue is never resolved. This cycle ends up costing taxpayers more than a dental program for low-income adults would."

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Highlander health

HHHS ends 2011-12 with surplus

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) reported a surplus for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012 at their annual general meeting on June 21.

John West of McColl Turner LLP, who presented the auditor's report, said the community's continued financial support of the hospital is one of the main reasons it is in a surplus position.

"Obviously, if the [corporation] had not been able to receive all the grants and donations, many of which were from right in this local community, we wouldn't have that revenue," he said. "So instead of having a surplus, there would actually be a deficit."

Through the last fiscal year, HHHS had \$20.9 million in revenues. The biggest contributors to that revenue came from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care at \$17,375,537. In terms of expenses, the organization recorded \$20.7 million, the largest contributor being salaries at \$12,185,936. The total surplus exceeded the previous year at \$181,623.

West said the demand for healthcare is not on a downward trend, and there continues to be challenges in terms of providing excellent healthcare.

"The financial results show everyone has worked very hard here, with a lot of determination," he said. "The board, management, staff and the whole community should take pride in these results."

"In terms of a financial checkup, you could say the blood pressure is good, the heart's beating regularly and we don't



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Outgoing HHHS President and CEO Paul Rosebush is credited with helping bring the hospital out of its deficit.

believe there are any issues with cholesterol at all."

McColl Turner was appointed as auditors for the corporation until the next AGM in 2013 by unanimous

vote.

Judy Skinner, president of the Haliburton Auxiliary, and Judy McNeillage, president of the Minden Auxiliary, presented their organizations' contributions to the hospitals over the last year.

"The highlight of this past fiscal year for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary was the celebration of our \$1 million milestone on June 29, 2011," Skinner said.

Skinner's team has either purchased, or committed to purchase, \$60,000 worth of equipment for the Haliburton hospital, she said.

"We can never adequately say thank you for your continued encouragement and support."

The Minden Auxiliary purchased several pieces of equipment over the last year, including an I-stat blood analyzer for the Minden Emergency Department, a patient lift and a blood fridge.

Dale Robinson, outgoing chair of the board of directors, said he is always impressed by the auxiliaries.

"I never cease to be amazed by the efforts of our auxiliaries," he said. "These people volunteer. It's not an easy job. It's never easy to fundraise and ask people for money... but we could not have the equipment in our hospitals or do the job we do without the support of our auxiliaries."

Robinson has completed his term as chair of the board and will resume regular board duties for a term of three years. New appointments to the board include Carol Groves (three-year term), Jackie Richards (two-year term) and John Kay (one-year term).

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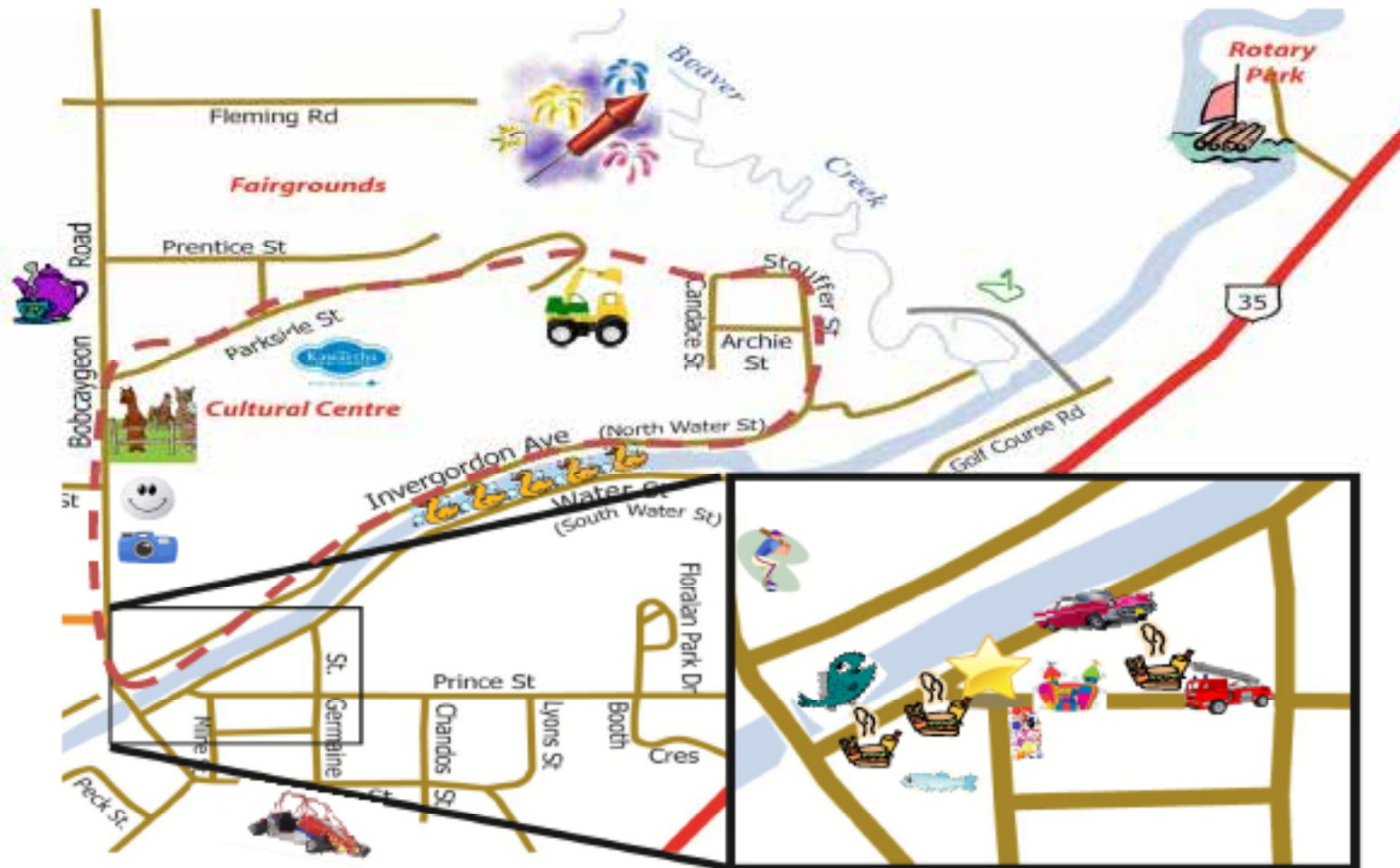
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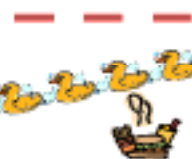
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Spare your pennies for Food for Kids

By Mark Arike

Do you have a collection of pennies sitting around, doing nothing more than collecting dust and taking up space? Then gather them up and put them to good use in the Food for Kids penny drive.

Canoe FM volunteer Shirley Harrison was the one who came up with the ingenious idea after discovering that the Royal Canadian Mint will soon stop producing the penny.

"I'd heard on the news that the Mint was no longer going to be minting pennies, so people would have to get rid of them one way or another," said Harrison. "It just sort of popped into my head."

She told Canoe FM's station manager Roxanne Casey about what she wanted to do.

"She said 'fine,'" laughed Harrison.

Gail Stelter, chair of the Food for Kids steering committee, was in full support of the project. She ended up getting in touch with Andrew McKay, manager of the Bank of Montreal (BMO) branch in Haliburton, which led to the participation of all five of the county's banks in the fundraiser.

The campaign has already been quite successful since launching at the end of April.

"Last week, we delivered \$334 to Point In Time [on behalf of Food for Kids]," said Harrison, referring to the station's penny collection.

Break that number down and it translates to 668 50-cent rolls or just over 30,000 pennies.

And at one point or another, Harrison hands pretty much touched every one of them.

"Put a good movie in and you sit and roll... the time just goes," she said.

Some of the donations came to the station already rolled, but



Photo by Mark Arike

Bank of Montreal employees show off the pennies they've collected to date. Left to right: Laurie Johnson, Brenda Fearrey, Ashley Pierson, Julie MacInnes and branch manager Andrew McKay.

Harrison estimates 95 per cent of the rolling was left up to her.

Food for Kids is a program that Harrison has always been a supporter of. As someone who grew up in a single parent family and went on to raise three boys of her own, she believes in the importance of healthy eating.

Established in 2009, Food for Kids is a program that provides breakfasts and snacks to students in Haliburton County each week.

According to Stelter, it costs \$70-75,000 per year to run the program. Of that, \$40-45,000 is covered by government grants. The Food for Kids steering committee is responsible for

raising the rest.

"Amazingly we're doing it because of the generosity of everyone in Haliburton," she said. "We have a lot of businesses that support us, individuals and we also have people that do fundraising for us."

The penny campaign runs until Sept. 3 (Labour Day). Loose and rolled pennies are welcome at the following locations: Canoe FM, BMO, CIBC (Haliburton and Minden), TD Canada Trust (Minden) and Scotiabank (Wilberforce).

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Youth Unlimited bids farewell to 'The Bridge'

By Matthew Desrosiers

Since 2007, 'The Bridge', located in the old schoolhouse at 73 Victoria St, has been a refuge for youth looking to gather with their peers in a safe, friendly and fun environment.

On June 15, Youth Unlimited celebrated their last day in the space.

"It's the end of what we know, but the beginning of [something new]," said Jamie McMahon, satellite director for Youth Unlimited.

While the kids and their parents gathered at The Bridge for a final time, they enjoyed music by Church of Rock house band *Bridge the Gap*. Church of Rock is one their programs, where the band puts on a show for anyone who wants to drop in.

"[Bridge the Gap] takes classic hymns and they rock them out a bit," said McMahon.

The Bridge has served the organization well, he said. There, they provided after school programs for kids of all ages. In April, they received 113 youth visits.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is closing the building, forcing Youth Unlimited to transition out of the space.

"We're a fluid organization," said McMahon. "We can adapt quickly to change."

They are looking for a main office on Highland St., however, due to space restrictions, McMahon said they're looking for other spaces from which to run their programs. With their recently acquired events trailer, they will be able to move necessary equipment around town. In the meantime, their gear will be packed away in storage.

McMahon said while the change is big for the organization, they're looking at it as an opportunity to improve programming.

They are in the process of talking to the kids who frequent The Bridge to find out what their interests are and to tailor programming accordingly. Whether it's dancing, sports or other activities, McMahon said the focus is on engaging the youth in the community.

On June 9, Youth Unlimited held a ball hockey tournament fundraiser. The winning team in the ages 13-15 division was Bar Down.



Photo by Douglas Pugh

Parade Commander, Cadet MWO Burley, assembles the troop.

Cadets pass their annual inspection with flying colours

By Douglas Pugh

Watched by dignitaries that included local MP Barry Devolin, alongside MPP Laurie Scott, the 1129 Haliburton Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps had their annual inspection at the Haliburton Legion on June 17.

"There are two branches within the riding," said Devolin. "I try to attend every year. I was at the Lindsay branch inspection just last week. Some people say that cadets are perhaps a little 'old school' as an idea, but as a father I look at these cadets and think how it would benefit most children to work within structure and respect."

Inspected and reviewed by Comrade Carla Watson, branch president of the legion, the cadets underwent inspections, marches and salutes, handling them all with well-drilled precision.

Following the inspection, awards for various activities were carried out including fitness, attendance and marksmanship. A special honour was the presentation of Queens Silver Jubilee medals by Devolin. These were awarded to Watson, Commanding officer, Captain Cameron McKenzie and the parade commander, Cadet MWO Burley.

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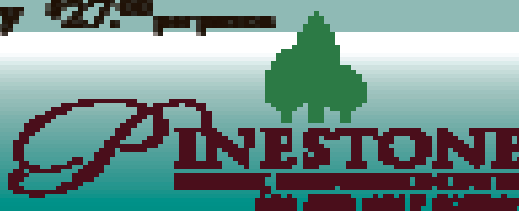
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Local agency part of province-wide project

Point in Time recognized through accreditation review

By Mark Arike

Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents (PinT) is one of three children's mental health agencies in the province that has been asked to pilot new accreditation standards.

"The Ministry [of Children and Youth Services] is looking at the possibility of using those new accreditation standards as service standards for our field," said Marg Cox, executive director of PinT, at the organization's June 19 annual general meeting (AGM) at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Cox said staff are going above and beyond the call of duty to meet the accreditation deadlines of Sept. 24 and 25.

"Some days it's felt like a lot of work for the people in the room," she said. "Probably most days it's felt like a lot of work for people in the room."

Cox explained how staff have joined committees in addition to their regular workload.

"There's been no rock unturned as we examine everything we do and find out how we can do it better," she said.

The not-for-profit organization, which has never been accredited before, was working toward older accreditation standards before the opportunity came their way.

"We've changed courses mid-stream," said Cox.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) has also been an important partner to the organization, she said.

"The school board has been absolutely wonderful to work with," said Cox. "When you talk to other people across the province, they can't believe the partnership we're involved in together for kids and families."

Cox explained that because the organization had the opportunity to work with the kid's mental health project "right from the beginning," their advice and input has been sought.

"We're really piloting new ways of working in the province," she said.

Cox indicated that change is in the air as she hinted at suggested cutbacks found in the Drummond Report, Auditor General's Report and provincial budget.

"The signals are pretty clear that there's going to be a change in children's mental health centres right across the province," she said.

According to a report from Cox and Pat Wilson, board president, PinT has provided services to 680 different children, youth and families in the past year. Over 780 children received services and about 13 per cent of them received a second or third service.

Staffs and volunteers recognized for service

A number of Point In Time (PinT) staff and volunteers received plaques and gifts at the recent AGM for their ongoing commitment to the organization and its programs.

Those recognized included: Marg Cox, PinT executive director; Dan Bajorek, program manager; Lisa Hamilton, supervisor and manager; Joan Wilson, psychotherapist and accreditation lead; Laurel McCauley, finance supervisor; Ginny Urquhart, finance staff; and volunteers Wade Wood and Bonnie Thompson.



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Marg Cox, executive director of Point In Time, presents Dan Bajorek with a certificate for five years of service to the organization.

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Highlander sports

A full-body workout on the water

By Mark Arike

From a distance, it might look like they're gliding on water with a paddle in hand to propel them forward.

But upon closer inspection, one can tell that these water walkers actually have both feet firmly planted on a paddle board (similar to a regular surf board but longer).

According to local resident Pablo Bonilla, stand up paddle boarding is a fun and easy way to explore the water while getting a full-body workout.

"It's surfing, really, but just with a bigger board," said Bonilla as he prepared to teach a recent introductory course on Eagle Lake.

"You keep your own pace, it keeps you grooving."

Like surfing, riders stand on a board. Most boards are made out of glass-reinforced plastic construction using epoxy resin. Expanded polystyrene is found in the core. Boards are usually between nine and 12 feet in length.

Bonilla just started teaching stand up paddle boarding lessons in the Highlands a few weeks ago. His passion for surfing, however, is one that developed many years ago.

"I started [surfing] with high school friends, going to the beach, picking up a surfboard," said Bonilla, who grew up in Rosarito Beach, Baja California, Mexico.

As a child, he spent a lot of time fishing the ocean water. That soon led him to picking up a boogie board and the rest, as they say, is history. By 17 he was riding competitively and teaching others.

"The feeling of catching a wave is just unbelievable," he said. "It's hard to explain."

In 2008, Bonilla was crowned a three-time Mexican national long board champion and went on to represent Mexico in the International Surfing Association (ISA) World Surfing Games in Portugal.

An athlete all his life, Bonilla enjoyed the sport because it allowed him to shine as an individual.

"I was stoked because I didn't have to depend on teammates," he said.

In hitting waves ranging anywhere from three feet to 25-feet and over, Bonilla has had his fair share of nicks and bruises.

"I've hit my head a few times, messed up my knee pretty bad... a lot of ankle injuries and cuts."

Fortunately, he's managed to avoid serious injuries.

In 2004 he met his future wife, Holly, a Haliburton girl. The two quickly fell in love, started a family and ended up living in Los Cabos until 2010. Although his priorities changed, Bonilla couldn't get himself away from the water.

"We helped develop a bunch of companies over there that now carry the activity of surfing," he said.



Photo by Mark Arike

Katelyn Patterson, left, and Kelly Winder ride the waters of Eagle Lake.

Last September they decided to leave the beach and relocate to Holly's former stomping grounds. Due to their passion for surfing and outdoor adventures, the couple formed their own business, SUPnorth, in 2011.

And because powerboats are the only real wave generators in Haliburton County's lakes, Bonilla was confident that he could develop a following for the sport.

"We're really stoked that we're able to do what we were doing over there [in Los Cabos] over here," he said.

"You see it a lot down at the beaches in Los Cabos, all around. Everybody loves this sport."

Bonilla became a certified licensed instructor through Paddle Canada, an organization that helps coordinate the efforts of non-competitive canoeing and kayaking across Canada.

"They [Paddle Canada] were super stoked to have me with the background I had."

According to Bonilla, stand up paddle boarding has been around for about eight years; but it became popular more recently.

From his own participation in the activity and through the

feedback he hears, paddle boarding is a workout suitable for just about everyone.

"My daughter is six and she is hooked on it," he said. "She wants to go on it everyday."

One of Bonilla's students is in her mid 50s and has quickly become addicted.

"She finds it really easy and relaxing. Her flexibility and strength is going to improve with more sessions."

First-timers who participated in an introductory class with Bonilla boasted about their time on the water.

"It was fun," said local resident Katelyn Patterson. "It was easier to balance on the board than I expected and it was a good workout."

Several minutes into the class, one of the participants fell off their board but recovered rather effortlessly.

"It was much easier to get back on than I thought it would be," said Kelly Winder.

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Microsoft scratching the surface

After last week's article I had a lot of people come up to me and say, "Gee, you really hate Microsoft." Well I don't *hate* Microsoft, I just hate Windows 8 as an operating system for a PC. However, Windows 8 will be great for tablets, which is what it is designed for.

So on June 18 Microsoft made the leap – it announced that for the first time it was going to make its own tablet computers, called Microsoft Surface. There's lots of excitement around Microsoft's new venture into the hardware business.

There are two versions – the Microsoft Surface RT and the Microsoft Surface Pro. These are tablets designed and made by Microsoft, not by one of their partners, like HP, Dell, Lenovo, or Asus.

The main difference between the two is the processors and hft, and each tablet has its own version of Windows 8.

Its frame is made of rugged magnesium, which Microsoft calls VaporMg. The Surface RT is only 9.3 millimeters thick and weighs just .65 kilograms. It also has a full USB port that uses USB 2.0. It's designed to run on the lower-powered processors found in smart phones and other tablets, such as

the iPad.

The Surface Pro, on the other hand, has Intel processors inside based on the Core-i5 and is thicker and heavier (13.5 mm / 1 kg). The Pro tablet will also come with a stylus and has a USB 3.0 port.

Both versions of the Surface have high-quality 10.6-inch HD displays and integrated kickstands, which pop out of the back.

Among the coolest things Microsoft announced with the tablets were two different covers with built-in keyboards. Similar to the iPad smart covers, the "Touch" and "Type" covers connect easily to the edge of the tablet. The Touch cover, which is extremely thin, has a touch keyboard built in; the panel feels rubbery and the keys don't depress.

The heavier Type cover has a more traditional keyboard with real keys. It is still really thin.

The first Surface tablets to hit the market will be Wi-Fi only and won't support 3G. Newer versions that will be released in 2013 will have the 3G capability.

Microsoft isn't talking price right now. It is merely saying it

The Computer Guy



By David Spaxman



will be "competitive" with other tablets on the market. However inside sources state the RT model will go for \$599 and the Pro will go for a whopping \$999. The tablets will be commercially available when Windows 8 ships before year's end with RT coming out first then Pro three months later.

To tell you the truth, I'm surprised Microsoft hasn't ventured into this territory before now.

Can you imagine owning a PC or laptop built by Microsoft that is completely compatible with the operating system? Be still my heart. But for now we'll have to be happy with the Surface and see where it goes. After all this isn't Microsoft's first time in the hardware market. Remember the MP3 player "Zune?" Neither do I.

Any questions or comments please e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy Safe Computing!

Possible high speed internet growth for Algonquin Highlands

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands council has approved a 90-day trial for wireless high-speed internet service installation on the Dorset Lookout Tower.

Kirk Kipling and Neil Smellie of Dorset-based Highlands Internet Service Ltd. presented their proposal for the service at council's regular meeting on June 21.

The firm estimated it would have more than 100 subscribers in the Kawagama Lake area by the end of June through Bell Canada. Subscribers are requesting even more bandwidth. Bell has indicated it cannot supply more, and the next option is to route service from Huntsville via the Dorset tower.

That option would also expand the service range in the township, a benefit to both the firm and the township.

Councillors asked questions about the service, potential costs

and potential conflicts with existing technical service suppliers at the tower and discussed concerns about setting a precedent for private use of the tower, while acknowledging that the service would be of great use to their constituents.

Kipling assured council that no conflicts existed with current suppliers and the service would be installed at no charge to the township in exchange for the opportunity. He also offered to provide free service to the gift shop at the tower to support the debit/credit system.

Council supported the proposal in principle subject to further review and consultation with staff and the township's lawyer and approved a 90-day trial of the service pending the contract review and lawyer's approval.

"I think this is a terrific project, and let's hope it satisfies everybody," concluded Reeve Carol Moffatt.



On July 7th, join the Dysart et al Environment and Green Energy Committee, for a free and informative Sustainability Open House. From 10 a.m. through 2 p.m., plan to learn more about

renewable energy, Ontario's energy mix, energy audits, heating options and reducing consumption. This promises to be a very informative day offering lots of advice through talks and practical demonstrations. This is also a great opportunity to tour an off grid system and learn more about costs, expectations, benefits and challenges of integrating alternative energy into everyday life. If you are interested in attending, please contact twillbee@dysartet.ca or 705-457-1740 for further information and driving directions.



OPEN HOUSE DYSART MUNICIPAL CULTURAL PLAN

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al invites interested persons to an open house to discuss the Dysart Municipal Cultural Plan. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to review the draft Municipal Cultural Plan and speak with the consultant and members of Council.

The Municipal Cultural Plan is an economic development plan, which is focused on arts, culture and heritage. The approved plan will be implemented through the actions of the Municipality and supported and advanced by the actions of our community partners and stakeholders.

Date: Tuesday, July 3, 2012
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Location: The Council Chambers at the Municipal Office
135 Maple Avenue
Haliburton, Ontario

The meeting will begin with a formal presentation by our consultant at 4:00 pm. This will follow with an informal question, answer and discussion session.

The draft Municipal Cultural Plan will be posted to the Municipal website (www.dysartet.ca) following the June 25th Council meeting.

For further information, please contact Patricia Martin, Director of Planning and Development, during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday).

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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday June 23, 2012 in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Wilfred (Diddle) Craey. Loving mother of Elizabeth of Haliburton, Bryan of Dryden and Connie (Mike) of Africa. Fondly remembered by her eight grandchildren and her great grandchildren. Dear sister of George Hewitt of Minden. Predeceased by her parents Albert and Sarah Hewitt and by sisters Margaret, Dora, Gladys, Alice, Gladys and by her brothers Raymond and Murray. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Ileen's family was paramount to her. She was a Life Member of Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary Branch #129.

Visitation, Graveside & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday morning, June 2, 2012 from 10 - 10:45 a.m. Then to Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton for a Graveside Service at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family.

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SUMMERFEST — Saturday, June 30, 9 a.m. to noon, a unique combination of bake sale, yard sale, book sale and a display of arts and crafts produced by the members of the association Fort Irwin Resident's Association, 5821 Haliburton Lake Road, 4 kms north of the Fort Irwin Marina (JN 28)

YARD SALES

GARAGE SALE — June 30 & July 1, tools, generator, snow blower, and lots more, 36 Maple Ave, Haliburton (JN28)

YARD SALE — June 30, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 1065 West Road, Carnarvon, a little bit of everything! (JN28)

GIGANTIC 4 FAMILY YARD SALE — July 1-2, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2 locations in Hunter Creek Estates — 1063 AND 1025 7th Lane, follow the signs, knick knacks to appliances — something for everyone (JN28)

YARD SALE — Saturday, June 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **NEXT TO NEW** items, golf clubs, skis, Christmas decorations, household items, and more, 10536 Hwy 118 between West Guilford & Carnarvon (JN28)

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YARD SALE, June 30-July 1, 4 families, antique kitchen chairs, furniture, fishing lures, tools, bikes, car parts, books, doors, ladder, O'Brien knee board, too much more to list, 1401-1423 Hodgson Road, Lake Haliburton (JN 28)

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE — June 30-July 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, 1033 Harcourt Road off Loop Road, (former Ma Bell Marina & Flea Market). Stuff, stuff & more stuff — stuff you need, stuff you don't need! Boat stuff, kitchen stuff, yard & household stuff, OMC parts & manuals and an 8' polar bear! Everyone loves stuff and ALL the stuff must go! (JN28)

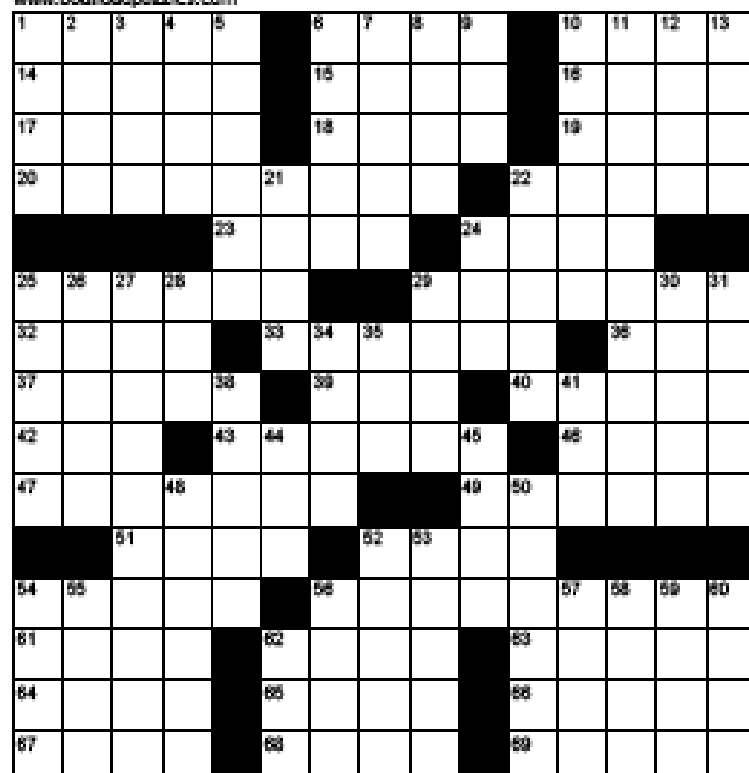
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18. Plunge
19. Buddhist monk
20. Support for an institution
22. Hoarse
23. Comedian Jay ____
24. Japanese wrestling
25. Painters' stands
29. Bemoans
32. Absent
33. Trinidad and ____
36. "We ____ Family"
37. Clothing stand
39. Anchorman ____ Rather

40. Batman's sidekick
42. Pitching stat
43. Eats away
46. Female voice
47. Symposium
49. Vocation
51. Singer ____ Williams
52. Handyman's need
54. Smooths wood
56. Objected
61. Ocean current
62. Think
63. ____ Island
64. Genesis location
65. Office acronym
66. Tint
67. Sassy
68. Two together
69. Disdainful look

DOWN

1. Angel's instrument
2. Water (Sp.)
3. Popcorn seasoning
4. Layer
5. Sign up
6. Auto
7. Friend (Sp.)
8. Contribute
9. Nibbled
10. On fire
11. Not excessive
12. Child's resort
13. Stick around
21. Cozy place
22. Hearsay
24. Wilt
25. Roof edges
26. Informed
27. Newt, e.g.
28. Look over
29. Country path
30. Corny
31. Spanish "mister"
34. Smell
35. Wicked
38. Looks after
41. Boat paddle
44. Sugar ____ Leonard
45. Kilt wearer
48. Set in from the margin
50. Wams
52. Act toward
53. Spirited vigor
54. Ladder rung
55. Helper
56. Mexican money
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UPCOMING EVENTS & NOTICES

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closed for July and August

JULY 2-6 - Catch the VIBE, Haliburton United Church half day summer camp, ages 4-12, 9-noon daily, \$5 per week per family, 705-457-1891

JULY 3 - AUGUST 24
Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, ART ATTACK, Tuesdays/Thursdays 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays/Fridays 1:30 - 3 p.m., a series of outdoor art activities for children ages 6-12, younger children permitted if accompanied by an adult caregiver, \$8 single, \$15 for 2, \$20 for 3 or \$125 per child for all Art Attack activities for the whole summer, www.railsendgallery.com/artattack

JULY 6-7 - 4th ANNUAL CANOE FM RADIOTHON - Turn Your Radio On!

JULY 19 - SEPTEMBER 1
Pro Tempore, Opening reception Friday, July 20, 4:30 p.m., Rod Prouse a mixed media artist shows work spanning almost 40 years as a professional artist from first video attempts in the art world to printmaking and painting

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday - 28
Bid Enchre, Minden Community Centre, 1-4 p.m., Bev, 705-286-3085

Friday - 29
Haliburton County Farmers' Market, 1-5 p.m., intersection of Hwy 118 & 35
Cribbage, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Music by the Gull, Minden, Highlands Wind Symphony & Swing Band, 7 p.m., brought to you by The Highlands Wind Symphony, Minden Lions Club and The Times, bring a chair

Saturday - 30
Haliburton County Folk Society, Mike McKenna & Scott Cushnie, Dominion Hotel

St Peter's Church, Maple Lake, Salad & Strawberry Supper, 5-7 p.m., adults \$12, children under 12 \$6, children 4 and under free, Doreen Elstone, 705-489-3606

JULY

Sunday - 1 - CANADA DAY
Group road bike ride, Boatworks, call store for details, 705-457-3737

Art Attack, Head Lake Park outside the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., free Art Attack in the white tent outside the gallery, where Community Animator Aaron King will bring all the fun of art outdoors

Canada Day Luncheon, St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Street, Minden, hot beef sandwich, roasted potatoes, salads, strawberry desserts, adults \$13, children \$5

Minden Crazy Raft Race - Minden Rotary Park, registration 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., race starts at 12:30 p.m., no entry fee, www.mindenhills.ca, Bill Chadwick, 905-853-0955

Gooderham Canada Day celebrations, Gooderham Community Centre, horseshoe tournament-4 p.m., firefighter extrication and BBQ - 5 p.m., kids games/clown/live music - 7 p.m., fireworks at dusk

Live Drive-In Gospel Music, Coboconk's Foodland parking lot, 7 p.m., sit in car or bring lawn chairs

Monday - 2
Haliburton County Table Tennis Club, 6-9 p.m., St. George's Church, 617 Mountain Street, Haliburton, Mary or Jeff Martin, 705-457-2260

Celebrate Recovery, Lakeside Baptist Church, 7-10 p.m., admin@lakesidebaptist.ca

Contract Bridge, Community Care, Haliburton, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941

Tuesday - 3
Group bike ride, meet at the York Street parking lot in Haliburton, call 705-457-3737 for more information

Minden & District Horticultural Society monthly meeting, Minden Community Centre, topic - prep for flower show, Jessie, 705-286-4141

Wii, Community Care, Haliburton, 9:30 a.m., 705-457-2941

Yoga at the library, Howard Roberts Room, 4-5 p.m., admission by donation

Adult Soccer, HHHS field, 6:30 p.m., waiver & rules available at www.haliburtonsoccer.com

Wednesday - 4
Lunch Time Meat Draw, Minden Legion Branch 636, John Sloan, (705) 286-1397, jjcsloan@gmail.com

Weekly bike rides, every Wednesday Spring to Fall, Boatworks, everyone welcome

Pickleball, Minden Community Centre, 9-12 noon, equipment supplied, bring clean court/running shoes, contact Dong, 705-489-3850

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Wednesdays - Bingo 7 p.m.
Last Thursday of month - Ladies Auxiliary 1 p.m.

MINDEN Branch 636 - 705-286-4541, relbranch636@hotmail.com
We now have an outdoor patio for enjoyment by members and the public, lunch menu Monday-Friday, beer battered fish & chips 4th Friday of the month, Saturday BBQ with shuffle board & newfie horseshoes in the afternoon

Monday to Friday - Lunch Menu 12-2 p.m.
Mondays (2nd & 4th of each month) - Rng Hookers 10 a.m.,
Tuesdays - Bid Enchre 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - lunch time meat draw
Thursdays - Enchre, 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Radio Club 10 a.m.; Fish/Wings & Chips dinner 5-7 p.m.
Saturday August 4 - yard sale, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., donations of sale items appreciated, call 705-286-4541 for pick up or delivery

WILBERFORCE Branch 624 - 705-448-2221, jandreamweaver@aol.com
Mondays - Bid Enchre 7 p.m.
Tuesday July 3 - Executive Meeting 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - Darts 7:30 p.m.
Fridays - Pool 1:30 p.m.; Jam Session 7 p.m.
Friday July 6 - Ham/Scallop Dinner 5-7 p.m.
Saturdays - Meat Draw 2 p.m.
Sunday - Pancake/Sausage Breakfast 8-11 a.m.

Veterans - if you require assistance completing any DVA forms, contact your local Legion Branch (membership not required) - we are here to assist you.

E-mail louise@haliburtonhighlander.ca to have your local event advertised.



OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10am till noon
1017 DUNN ROAD HALIBURTON LAKE
\$249,000
Dan Roxborough* - 705-286-1234 ext 235

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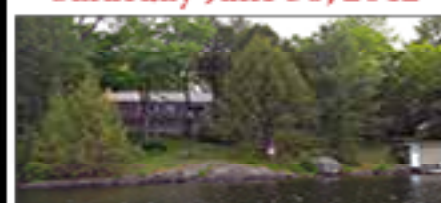
10 am to noon
3235 County Road 121, Kinmount
\$279,000
Diane Knupp* - 705-488-3077

OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10 am till noon
1262 HORSESHOE LAKE ROAD
MINDEN LAKE \$389,000
Larry Hussey* - 705-457-2414 ext 23

OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10am till noon
2598 GLAMORGAN ROAD
STORMY LAKE \$449,000
Cathy Bain* - 705-286-1234 ext 224

OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10am to noon
50 FARMCREST AVENUE, HEAD LAKE
Haliburton - \$449,900
Anthony vanLieshout*** - 705-457-2414

OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10am till noon
1045 PONTIAC DRIVE
WALKERS LAKE - \$299,000
Chris & Michelle* - 705-457-2414 ext 22

OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10am till noon
1384 HUNTER CREEK ROAD
\$314,900
Hal Johnson** - 705-286-1234 ext 229

OPEN HOUSE Saturday June 30, 2012



10am till noon
1105 MISTIVALE ROAD GULL RIVER
\$264,500
Chris James* - 705-457-2414 ext 25



Susan
Johnson*
705-457-2414
ext 44

Pine Lake - \$449,000



- 125 feet sand beach, 1.3 acre lot
- 3+2 bdrm renovated year round cottage
- Fully equipped winterized bunkie
- 3 bay detached garage
- Cozy Family Room, walkouts to decks

Vacant- 9.92 acres- \$49,900



- Close to Town
- mix of soft and hardwood trees
- many ideal building locations
- year round access
- rough in driveway with culverts installed
- hydro and telephone at road

Modern Log Home - \$524,900



- 1.59 acre with 405 feet frontage
- private lot on quiet lake
- upgraded dock system
- master bedroom lot with balcony
- private setting with year round access

Home or Cottage - \$469,900



- easy 2 hour drive to GTA
- rare Caribbean turquoise water
- weed free rock face shoreline
- 2,022 sq. ft., 4 bedroom, 2.5 washroom
- lower level walkout, double garage



Lorri Roberts*
705-457-2414
ext 43



Cathy Bain*
705-286-1234
ext 224

Halls Lake - \$469,000



- 4 season cottage on point lot with 250 ft.
- natural rock shoreline
- one of Ontario's cleanest & deepest lakes
- cottage sits close to the water's edge
- waterfront bunkie



Lindsay Elder**
705-286-1234
ext 223

Bobcaygeon Rd - \$115,000



- Over 10 acres -
- backing onto Crown Land
- Fabulous hunt camp or get-away property
- Drilled well and septic
- Interior can be finished to your taste
- Year round road

Stormy Lake - \$309,000



- four season enjoyment
- cathedral ceiling - open concept
- gorgeous beach
- three season bunkie (sleeps a lot)
- natural lot - very low maintenance



Larry Hussey*
705-457-2414
ext 23

Drag Lake - \$459,000



- 3 Bedrooms
- detached 2 car garage
- extensive decking and docking
- natural shoreline
- deep water
- 3.39 acres & 187 frontage

Great Value - \$156,900



- modern 2 bedroom raised bungalow
- full walkout basement
- 2.5 acre level lot
- covered porch, carport, garage
- close to all amenities



Chris James*
705-457-2414
ext 25

Salerno Lake \$469,000



- open concept living/dining & kitchen
- 5 bedrooms for family & friends
- year round private lot
- exceptionally well maintained cottage/home



Hal Johnson**
705-286-1234
ext 229

Little Kennisis Lk - \$389,000



- Panabode log, 3 bedroom
- 153 feet south west exposure
- large deck
- private
- completely finished



Dan
Roxborough*
705-286-1234
ext 235



Diane
Knupp*
705-488-3077

Davis Lk 4 Bdrm - \$279,900



- Spacious year-round waterfront cottage
- Hardwood floors, new bathroom
- Many upgrades including new bathroom
- Situated on a pretty level lot with a large deck
- Sandy wake-in shoreline, 7' of water off dock
- Excellent swimming and boating



Chris &
Michelle
Smolarz*
705-457-2414
ext 22

Gooderham/Pine Lake - \$299,000



- 4 season 3 bedroom cottage
- loaded in pine & all the conveniences of home
- bright & open concept
- sandy gradual shoreline
- ideal family retreat - 2 adjacent cottages for sale



Anthony
vanLieshout***
705-457-2414
ext 27

Roshkung Lake - \$1,099,000



- 165 ft on 3 lake chain
- expansive view, great swimming
- screened gazebo, hot tub room
- 4,800 sq. ft. 4 bedroom home
- call today for all details