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Clara Dunmore, four, and her big sister Brea, seven, saw through a log with Wayne MacGregor at the Snowball Winter Festival in Dorset on Feb. 16. See pictures on page 14.

Master plan paints the future of Minden Hills

By Mark Arike

Now that Minden Hills' village development master plan is complete, councillors have a better idea of what steps need to be taken in order to revitalize the town.

At a Feb. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors heard from representatives of AECOM Canada Ltd. – the Bracebridge consulting company the township hired in May of 2012.

"We've been working on this project with the steering committee since the spring of 2012, and we're hoping to reach some concluding steps here," said Gina Brouwer, manager and landscape architect. "We're hoping to get council's review and approval of what's happening, and then a bit more direction on what the main priorities are."

According to a summary in AECOM's report, the village development master plan "identifies a vision for the

community to improve the aesthetics and function for property owners, business owners, residents and visitors."

The primary function of the master plan is "the revitalization of the downtown core, along with continued and sustainable development of Minden."

AECOM provided councillors a draft of the plan last August and a public information session was held later that month.

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Wilberforce fairground upgrades approved

By Matthew Desrosiers

Council has given permission for the Wilberforce Agricultural Society to pursue two initiatives to improve the fairgrounds.

Joanne Vanier presented to Highlands East council on Feb. 12 on behalf of the society.

"Wilberforce Fair is celebrating our 30th annual fair this year," she said.

Last year, the society purchased a multi-purpose container for the fair. It requires a stand.

The fair society decided on building a compacted aggregate base with topsoil. Vanier said this option is environmentally friendly, safe for people visiting the fairgrounds, and would only cost an estimated \$1,200.

The second request was permission to apply for a Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) community capacity building program grant to cover the cost of a new open covered area for the fair's goat show.

Last year, due to rain, the event almost had to be cancelled when the goat owners did not want to expose their animals to those conditions. The covered space would provide a place for the show to be held despite weather conditions, and would also provide a good picnic or concert area on the fairgrounds during the rest of the year, Vanier told council.

The building would cost an estimated \$12,710, however in the HCDC grant is approved, the society would only be asked to pay 20 per cent of that.

Council approved both requests.



Photo by Mark Arike

OPP Sergeant Liane Spong-Hooyenga and Haliburton Highlands Staff Sergeant Chad Bark provide councillors with information about increasing the police presence in the community in order to enforce noise bylaws.

Minden Hills considers OPP for bylaw enforcement

By Mark Arike

Cracking down on noise in Minden Hills will come at a price if the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is called in to enforce bylaws.

"Typically speaking, when we look at enforcement over and above what our core services are, many municipalities look at entering into contract negotiations with the OPP," said Liane Spong-Hooyenga, OPP sergeant with the municipal policing bureau, in a presentation to councillors at a Feb. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Spong-Hooyenga told councillors that current services in the township are provided on a non-contract basis, also known as a Section 5.1. Under a Section 10 contract of the Police Services Act, the municipality would receive enhanced services. The contract would require a five-year commitment.

"Our response is priority-based," she said. "What's number one with us is our Criminal Code enforcement."

Calls that involve public safety are at the top of the list, said Spong-Hooyenga. Regular calls for service "where there isn't imminent danger" are next, followed by bylaw matters.

"We do respond to bylaw [complaints], noise complaints tend to be the primary calls we go to. But it is not our role to be the primary on investigations into those matters. We typically turn the matters over to municipal bylaw enforcement officers. It's a municipal responsibility."

If called to assist a bylaw enforcement officer, the OPP will attend if officers are available.

The cost of a Section 10 contract would be based on the township's needs.

"It depends on what it is that we're looking at," she explained. "If you're looking at something where you want to focus on a particular bylaw, you'll have to consider the value to the money. Fireworks are a tricky thing – it's a hit and miss."

As a former sergeant with the Haliburton Highlands detachment, Spong-Hooyenga said she is aware of the challenges that arise from calls about fireworks. For example, with waterfront properties it can be very difficult to determine which dock the firework was set off from.

"There's a lot of difficulty associated with that response."

Reeve Barb Reid informed Spong-Hooyenga that council

is familiar with enhanced policing services and specific contractual arrangements.

"For the past two summers, we've had a program in place where we set aside \$2,500 to have foot patrols on the long weekends, Saturday nights and very early in the mornings when the bars let out," said Reid. "I don't think any officers signed up last summer to do that duty, which means we didn't spend the money."

Chad Bark, the newly appointed Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander, pointed out that should council decide to target a specific area of enforcement, a contract for all police services would need to be agreed upon.

"You can't just contract for a specific function that you want the police to perform," said Bark, explaining that what Reid spoke of is an arrangement where an officer comes to work during their off time.

"So you can't cherry-pick one bylaw?" she asked Bark.

"Exactly," he said.

Spong-Hooyenga added that contracts are based on contractual hours that are delivered each year.

"If we'd look at entering a contract, we would do a workload analysis of all the workload that's generated in Minden Hills, and then we would determine how many full-time, equivalent constables it would take to address that workload," she said.

With salaries, benefits and other direct operating expenses, a full-time officer costs approximately \$147,000 per year.

In recent months, councillors examined the township's current noise bylaw and determined a need for a separate fireworks bylaw. At an Oct. 11 meeting, they were presented with a draft bylaw, which listed fines of \$150 for setting fireworks off during restricted times. Proper enforcement was a concern that councillors brought forward.

Following Spong-Hooyenga's presentation, Reid said staff would need to examine the available options.

"It sounds like our staff really needs an opportunity to work through the implications of staying as a Section 5.1, or possibly entertaining a Section 10 contract that might include this extra service we might be seeking," she said. "We have been talking about the need for additional resources in our bylaw area, and frankly, I don't think we've looked at the OPP as potential providers of that service."

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Plan calls for affordable housing

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"We've been corresponding with the Reeve and the committee throughout," said Brouwer.

The master plan addresses areas such as: signage and wayfinding, traffic, intersection and parking improvements, accessibility and sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, and future development (housing and commercial).

Attractive and consistent signage was recognized as one of the key areas currently in need of improvement.

"Basically, there's a lot of different aesthetics and a lot of different images that are happening," said Brouwer, while showing councillors a slide of several different signs that welcome visitors to the town.

"We want to take this inconsistency and streamline it a bit."

The report highlighted the estimated cost of each project as well as its duration.

According to their estimates, signage rings in at \$210,000. This price includes wayfinding materials, such as village maps, directional signage and information kiosks.

Councillor Larry Clarke was in support of improving the town's signage.

"The vision for signage is very much what's needed, especially with the advancements of the village," he said.

Reeve Barb Reid commended the AECOM team for their choice of wording for the marketing slogan.

"I think the key thing for me is I really like the way AECOM has identified a way to add a bit of charm and sense of promise to our downtown by calling it Minden Village on the Gull River," she said. "I think that's a very aspirational way to present the name of our downtown, so it pulls people off the highway."

Improving traffic flow in the village was another key component of the plan. A traffic count was conducted in May of last year, reported Chris Stilwel, AECOM office manager.

"Ideally, that would have been done during summer months," said Stilwel. "But what we can do is use a seasonal variation factor, which is commonly used in the industry... we came up with estimated summer, long weekend kind of traffic volume 10 years down the road. We based our

recommendations on that."

Reid pointed out that the county is expected to experience significant growth, according to a recent housing study.

"The data is showing that over the next five to 10 years, there could be 5,000 new people moving into the county and retiring in the county," she said. "Half of them will be looking for housing and a lot of them will be driving, too."

The plan calls for a \$350,000 reconstruction project that would turn Water Street from Bobcaygeon Road into a one-way street towards St., Germaine Street.

"There is a fairly significant cost associated with that," said Stilwel. "That comes from putting in islands, traffic isles, and barriers so people follow one-way streets properly and traffic goes in the right direction."

Other recommended road improvement projects include curbs, paving and four-way stops at various locations.

The most expensive item on the list is a \$4,000,000 seniors' affordable housing project, which includes an extension to Stouffer Street. Two potential development sites in the plan include a municipally-owned property adjacent to the arena parking lot, and a property that is home to the current fire hall.

Potential development sites on private property are not identified in the plan.

"Initially we identified several sites, some of which were private," said project manager Gord Crosby. "But in the end we narrowed it down to two spots."

Crosby said the two sites were ideal because of their proximity to the hospital and the town's amenities.

"The model [of development] that we used and set into the diagram is the one that is being constructed in Haliburton. It's a 24-unit development, which would seem to be a good size for you as well."

Brouwer told councillors that feedback is required on items that are priorities in the plan "in order to finalize the implementation." The master plan is intended to be a working and adaptable document that can be used to guide and inform future permits and development, she said.

"I think it will do exactly that," commented Reid. "It's laid out in a very easy-to-follow way that shows the opportunities that are ahead for us."

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Editorial opinion

Winter festivals

The weekend started with an hour-long drive from Tory Hill to Dorset where, despite a little cool weather, people were out in droves to celebrate the Snowball festival.

If you've never had the pleasure of visiting Dorset before, this past weekend was as good a first impression as you could get. After parking my car down the road from the festivities, I was greeted outside of a restaurant by an employee selling pulled pork on the street.

And it only got better from there.

Enjoying my warm sandwich, I made my way up to the centre of town, past the giant ReMax air balloon floating in the middle of the village, and made it just in time to hear the town crier beg God to save the Queen. His bell ringing in the air marked the official opening of the festival, although hundreds had already enjoyed some Shriners' pancakes that morning.

There were kids, parents, couples and singles; dogs, horses, wood carvings and snow carvings; animal calls, birds, police officers, and fire fighters demonstrating a cold-water rescue near the bridge in town. And I probably missed a few things.

What a great way to spend a morning in Dorset. But my day wasn't over just yet.

From there I travelled back to Haliburton Village where more than a few crazies got it in their heads to jump in Head Lake. A hole was cut into the ice and one by one they jumped in with big grins on their faces. Almost to a man, or woman, they came out teeth chattering and with regret in their eyes.

The money raised was for the Sick Kids ophthalmologic renovation project, so what's a little pain for a good cause?

Following the polar dip, I had the time to wander around Frost Festival, where kids were enjoying dog sled rides and the Lions were selling delicious peameal bacon sandwiches. There were also snowmobilers

around, jetting back and forth across the lake.

Many of those sledders may have been going to or coming from Haliburton Forest's poker run, which was also going on that day.

I then travelled to Wilberforce, where a hockey tournament was going on at the arena. After a long day, what better way to relax than to enjoy some hockey at the community arena? By the time I got home, I was beginning to wonder what had happened to the quiet winter Highlands I'd heard so much about.

On Sunday, I suited up and was out the door, this time to Minden where Winterfest was in full swing.

From figure skating to chili cook-offs, I had to plan my day strategically to make all the activities. The highlight was Dawson's game, where friends and family of the late Dawson Hamilton played a game of hockey in his honour, with proceeds going to charity.

As the weekend finally wrapped up, I had put almost 300 kilometres on my car running to all the events. This past long weekend, in fact, really was long. But in a good way.

It's proof that although business is slow, this county is still alive and doing ok. It showed that we don't need cottagers to have a good time and that not all good things happen in the summer.

While I had to experience the weekend through a lens or behind a pen and notepad, I have no regrets. From there I could easily see communities coming together, fighting off the winter blues, and enjoying themselves in time-honoured Highlands fashion.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Premier Pan

"All the world is made of faith, and trust, and pixie dust."

— J.M. Barrie

Here at The Highlander we try to provide a service for our readers, for example by taking a look at this week's Ontario throne speech so you don't have to. Seriously, you don't — unless you're having trouble sleeping or are some kind of political masochist, like me. The text is 18 pages of meaningless rhetoric, annoying in the extreme for the depth of its vapidness and breadth of its nonsensical newspeak.

The speech begins with a bizarre comment noting that the Ontario Legislature stands on occupied native territory, a fact native Ontarians must enjoy being reminded of by their colonizers as often as possible. Sorry for trashing the place. Now please enjoy the canapés.

It goes downhill from there, quickly. Lieutenant Governor Onley, reading the words of the new Premier Wynne, then points to other aspects of Ontario's diversity and how far we've come in appreciating people for their talents instead of their colour, gender or other characteristics. To prove that evolution, Wynne feels compelled to mention that Onley's predecessor, the late Lincoln Alexander — a man known for many achievements having nothing to do with his blackness — was black. As are, I'm sure, many of Wynne's best friends.

Even we rural folk get an act in the diversity circus, though much further on in the speech: we're "unique" and our "voices will be heard" and, we're told, "your government will not address your issues in isolation because you are not isolated." Come again? You must be kidding, but thanks for letting us know there are "artists and actors in Timmins" because without that informational gem Torontonians would persist in the belief that anyone north of the 401 is an unemployed meth addict.

The rest of the speech, all 18 pages of it, has all of the substance, intellectual rigour and vision of an elementary school graduation address written by a 12-year old with a thesaurus. It is, in all its mealy-mouthed nonsense, essentially a desperate plea not to be voted out on the first day of the new legislative session.

In that objective, it has succeeded. Andrea



By Bram Lebo

Horwath's NDP will support the government, for the moment anyway. Hudak's PCs, predictably, will not, for no apparent reason because the speech is absolutely devoid of policy.

No policy, but lots of pap and contradictory flim-flam. Our government will "build the strongest and most innovative health care system in the world" because, obviously, the first nine years were just a warm-up and now they really mean it. Our kids must be "literate in the languages of tomorrow", a goal which will be achieved by expanding education in French, the language of yesterday. And of course, the budget will be balanced, starting with the addition of a new \$50 million fund of taxpayer money for private venture capital, a sector we all know is in dire need of financial support. Interestingly, that was the only dollar figure in the entire speech.

As a special gift to us, there's a promise to continue encouraging energy "conservation" which in the rural context means keeping electricity rates so high that citizens "choose" to save energy by using their incomes for food instead of heat and by doing the washing at 4 a.m.

The gist of Wynne's approach can be summed up in a quote from the last page: "Your government believes all things are possible. Your government will not be hemmed in by expectations."

No, Peter Pan, all things are not possible. There is something called reality, and it tends to have a stubborn effect on things like tax revenue and the cost of running things. Believing in fairies — or balanced budgets — does not make them so.

Premier Wynne could have used the last few weeks to hammer out a legislative agenda acceptable to at least one of her rivals. She could have made some tough adult decisions as to how an insolvent province will continue to serve its citizens. Instead, she has produced a load of incoherent, patronizing claptrap. Her mission is, for now, accomplished, but only because the polls say Ontarians can't stomach the alternatives.

After this speech however, the voters may be having second thoughts.

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Letters to the editor

Pond hockey support

Dear editor,

I think Peter McLuskey's letter begs a response (The Highlander, Issue 69, pg. 5). I have no problem with people having a great time playing pond hockey, spectators having a great time watching, volunteers helping out and some private event organizers making a living. I am not a grumpy old man, nor the Grinch that stole Christmas. I will not confuse the argument on how to spend taxpayers' monies with references to F35 fighter jets, or millions spent on property tax assessment. Nor will I introduce red herrings, such as the cute juxtaposition of the Highlander's headline about foreign labour at the Pinestone, or the meager support the municipality offers to amazingly successful community efforts like the Dusk Dancers performances, which attract thousands of spectators, or the lackluster support council displayed in their support for the Farmer's Market.

My argument was and still is that if we, via our municipal government, agree to subsidize local events, no matter if they are organized by a private for profit or a non-profit organization, we should assure that they are supporting a wide segment of the business community. It is commendable that council agreed to invest \$25,000 in an event that generates an estimated \$700,000 in direct and indirect economic benefits to the community, according to the Reeve. Economists will tell you that economic impact studies often incorporate elements of "best hoped for outcomes."

I will quote Mr. McLuskey here because he expresses exactly the point that prompted me to write my first letter. "What surprised me about the tournament was the lack of spectators and the lack of activity on Highland Street."

The impact of the much-publicized invasion of 1,000-plus pond hockey players had a negative economic effect by keeping local regulars out of shops and restaurants. The bus shuttle from and to Pinestone gave participants little opportunity to explore what Haliburton has to offer.

I would suggest that if this event returns to Haliburton next winter with financial support from the municipality specific conditions should accompany municipal financial support. Registration fees to the event would include prepaid vouchers which could be spend at participating business such as local restaurants, pubs, cafes and shops. Call them Pond Hockey Dollars if you wish. It would be a simple way to assure that visiting participants, their families and friends, support local businesses. Let's be positive and close with Peter McLuskey's line "Bring me more pond hockey" and, I would add, all other sporting and cultural events that make Haliburton a community worth living in.

Armin Weber
Eagle Lake

Photo of the week



Photo by Sara Moffat

A barred owl caught observing its surroundings from its perch high in a tree.

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— Better late than never —

Valentine's Day, eh? What a conundrum.

Now, I know me being a journalist an' all, I should be writing about such events in time for their happening but some things just can't be rushed. That and the fact that living here in the Highlands has relaxed me so much that I struggle to sustain my sharp-eyed Fleet Street hack mentality. In fact, I have difficulty in maintaining a vertical stance if I snip so much as the possibility of a comfy chair to slouch into.

But I digress. As I write this missive Valentine's Day is but a day gone by and I'm in turmoil, a sedate kind of easygoing turmoil, such is my relatively new Haliburtonian nature, but turmoil nonetheless. You see, my lovely wife has found a new source of infatuation, an alternative focus for her affections. She says that she still loves me but I can see it in her eyes when he's around; I know that I just don't stand a chance. Perhaps it is my aforementioned laid back mentality that has done it. Have I taken her for granted for too long and now my nonchalant attitude has come back to bite me?

I tried my best to win her over again with a Valentine's meal. I prepared her a lovely dinner, three courses no less, with her favourite wine and a single red rose in a crystal vase to decorate the table but my competition upstaged me

by sticking out his tongue and flicking ice cream across the room.

You see, my adversary is only three feet tall and his name is Little Z. And the trouble is that I love him almost as much as she does. I say almost because I don't believe that any man can love a child as much as the woman that gave birth to it. There is a chemical bond between mother and baby that begins in the womb and which can never be broken, or surmounted by the guy she lusts after but whom has now become known as daddy.

I've come to realize that I'll be fighting a losing battle if I try to challenge my little man for the affections of his mummy. As much as she loves me, she dotes on his every move, every breath: I know, I've watched her watching him as he sleeps, and the image of that moment is so crushingly beautiful that it brings a tear to my eye.

I've come to accept that I cannot compete. I've tried, believe me. Romantic meals aside, I took to studying his behaviour, noting what made her laugh or fawn over him and then tried mimicking it. You can see the catastrophic failure coming, I'm sure. Pulling funny faces and running around the living room got a somewhat favourable reaction, until I knocked over the

The Outsider



By Will Jones

standard lamp. Where a little toot from him was uproariously funny, a nice big fart from daddy was met with cries of repulsion and a cushion aimed squarely at my head. And I won't go into details about letting food dribble down my chin – even maple syrup was a failure! Never once did she say, "ah you little sweetie," and dab my face with a warm wet cloth, not even when we had guests round for dinner.

And so it seems my lovely wife's affections will forever be divided, between me and our wonderful little son. I could get jealous. I could get mad, or melancholy – it's probably more my style now that I'm so laid back – but I won't because when he toots I laugh too. When he pulls funny faces I think he's cute and when he is sleeping I swear he looks like an angel.

I guess I will have to be happy with my lot and simply glad that I'm so relaxed nowadays that I struggle to work too hard and so find plenty of time to enjoy with both of the loves of my life.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What has been the highlight of your winter?



Dan Johnston
West Guilford

Just ice fishing on the weekends. I haven't caught anything real good recently but I am still having fun.



Steve Chambers
Kushog Lake

A wonderful snowmobile trip to Cochrane and New Liskeard. We snowmobiled for five days. It was great. They had more snow than us at the time and we did 2,000 kilometres.



Tracey Lear
Minden

I love the snow. Snow makes this town what it is in the winter. We snowmobile, ski at Sir Sam's, snowshoe, cross country ski and love the winter. Haliburton County has it all.

Bill Frost
Haliburton

We worked down at The Frost Fest on Family Day and had a good time. We also had a great Christmas. It has been an easy winter and that's good.



Lacy Prenger
Haliburton

Jumping in the lake on Family Day. It was freezing cold but it was fun and I would definitely do it again next year.



Have a question we should ask? Send it to matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Officers learn to survive in harsh Highlands climate

By Matthew Desrosiers

When Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers' duties take them into remote or harsh environments, they need to be able to take care of themselves.

That's where survival training comes in.

Dan Collins, a sergeant and team leader with the OPP's central region emergency response team, has spent the last two weeks training 22 officers in wilderness survival and first aid. The course included officers from the emergency response team, tactical and rescue unit, aviation services, underwater search and rescue, K-9 handlers and the urban and heavy search unit.

The first week of training was spent in a classroom with some large group field work, while the second week had them at the MilCun Training Center in Haliburton

County for small group survival testing.

"[The training] is for units whose mandate put them in remote harsh environments with the possibility of being there for extended periods," Collins said. "We need to have our members prepared so they can get people out of harm's way and not get themselves into it."

Collins said the first aid training is over and above the basic first aid most officers know.

Normally in a first aid situation officers do what they can until the patient can be removed to a medical facility.

"Sometimes in the wilderness you don't have that luxury," Collins said. "You have to decide with your casualties, can we look after them here or do we have to try and move them somewhere?"

The survival training comes into play during search and rescue operations.

Officers only carry with them the tools they need to get the job done, he said.

"A lot of times we get stranded or stuck, and the members of these specialty units have to have the knowledge, experience and confidence that they can survive in harsh conditions with limited equipment."

Officers wrapped up the program with a three-day survival test at the MilCun Training Centre. They were placed in groups of two or three, given sparse supplies and were forced to survive on their own.

"It's in a controlled environment," Collins said. "There's a build-up. We talk to them about tools, survival kits and first aid kits. We talk about what's nice to have and need to have. We let them choose what they carry and how."

Because these officers operate in different regions and environments,

Collins said the trainers allow officers to pick their own gear to suit what they would have or encounter in their operations.

One team managed to snare a snowshoe rabbit while they all built shelters and fires to keep them warm overnight. They were trained to build smoke signals so they could signal aircraft in a survival situation.

"It's preparing for a worst case scenario," he said. "Usually the members that take this training, the specialty units they're in, they are the units that are called upon in dire circumstances."

The officers were at the MilCun Training Center from Feb. 11 to 14. Collins said the location was perfect to host the annual training.

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Photo by Walt Griffin

A group of OPP officers stands next to their shelter where they had to survive in the wilderness for three days.

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- a) 12-87 Fees and Charges Bylaw
- b) 12-25 Water Service Fees (Minden)
- c) 12-26 Sewage Service Fees
- d) 12-33 Water Service Fees (Lutterworth)

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Copies of the amended schedules are
available upon request.

Notice of Meeting

The residents of Minden Hills are invited to attend the following public meeting

Thursday, February 28th - at 10:00 a.m. Minden Hills Council Chambers – Council, at this regular meeting, will consider the passing of the 2013 Cemetery Budget and the 2013 Township Operating Budget.



Family Fishing Derby

Sunday February 24, 2013
Entry fee \$20.
\$10 for 10 yrs old and under.
Start time 8 a.m.
Weigh-in at 1 p.m.

Weather Permitting - Many prizes available!

Everyone welcome to another fun-filled day of fishing on Pigeon Lake. The Fireman's grill will be set up for food and beverages.

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March Break Culture Club March 11-15, 2013

Recommended for children 8+. \$20 per child per day. 10am to 3:30pm Look to our website for the list of activities. Each day is divided into two part: morning is arts and crafts with visual arts, heritage and literary themes, the afternoon is outdoor educations with hikes, games and biodiversity activities.

Coil Rag Rug Workshop Saturday March 23, 2013 1-4 pm in the Common Room Instructor: Linda Hand

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Exhibition - The Coyote January 14 – April 6, 2013

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Meetings and Events

February 21

1:30 pm, Haliburton County Historical Society meeting, Cultural Centre Common Room, Guest Speaker Shirley Warder-Topic One-Room School Houses

7:00 pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Lochlin Community Centre

February 24

8:00 am, Family Fishing Derby, Pigeon Lake Minden Ontario, hosted by the Minden Hills Volunteer Firefighters

February 28

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

4:30 pm, Economic Development Committee meeting, Minden Council Chambers

March 10

Daylight Savings, Clocks Spring Ahead 1 hour

March 14

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

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Minden Hills Museum

Fact & Fiction Night Friday February 22, 7:00 pm

The evening will be kicked off with the first public presentation of The Minden Hills Cultural Centre's new promotional videos, produced by Highland Media Arts. These videos were a product of the Museum & Technology Grant and represent each of the three facilities at the Cultural Centre.

Afterwards, test your knowledge of artifacts and history. Artifacts from our collection and other local collections will be presented with an explanation of what you are looking at – but are you being told the truth? You may be surprised when we expose what each artifact actually is. Refreshments will be served.

**Exhibition: The Eaton's Catalogue:
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Highlander arts

What's Up Arts Council hits the wall

After 10 years of operation, the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands finds itself in trouble. To report on the problems and to seek feedback from its members, the arts council board called a series of four meetings recently, one held in each municipality. The last and best-attended meeting took place on the evening of Feb. 12 at Fleming College. A total of 30 people showed up, including artists, board members, and arts supporters.

Questions directed to the board revealed that the arts council has seen its membership erode from a high of 320 to about half that. Some artists said they are not renewing membership because they feel that they aren't getting enough out of the organization and that there is a lack of direction from the council board. They're right on both counts.

Right now the arts council has no strategic plan and no administrator. It's being run by the volunteer board. It's no secret that the books are a mess and the organization could be in danger of losing funding from the Ontario Arts Council.

Reasons given by the board for membership drop-off were that some people have given up on being artists and that some have moved out of the county. Also cited was the fact we do not have a situation, as in some other communities, where all arts groups are administered through the arts council. Consequently some former members have moved to one or more of the 20 other arts organizations in the county which deal with individual disciplines.

Artists at the Haliburton meeting aimed many of their complaints at the Arts Directory, which costs \$16,000 to produce. The consensus was that the yearly publication, in which artists advertise their wares and studios, was not doing the job.

I was among the majority at the meeting who, after many years of advertising, had not received a single inquiry through a directory contact. Paying for a service that doesn't produce results is simply not an option for most of us.

Feedback regarding the directory will be outlined by the board in April, but I wonder how much credence the board will give to the suggestions that the directory should become a web-based production, or maybe published every two years instead of annually.

The current board is made up of some new bodies and returnees, and some of them took notes on the feedback they were getting. The notes are evidently to help in formulating a strategic plan, but the meeting had something of an 'us and them' feel about it, and it will be interesting to see just how many of our

suggestions the board feels worthy of including in the plan.

One thing that the board and the members agreed upon was the necessity of seeking partnerships with other arts organizations, and with such outfits as the Chamber of Commerce, the Haliburton BIA, the Tourism Office, and Fleming College.

More art in public places was another topic of discussion and I like the concept of creating an art event along the banks of the Gull River in Minden. It would give the artists a new and different venue to exhibit their wares, especially for those who don't have studios.

If the series of meetings proved anything it was that changes had to be made. All arts councils need to change periodically in response to altering conditions within the community, but councils will always need to find a myriad of funding sources in order to efficiently sustain operations.

According to a review of Community Arts Councils in Ontario prepared by the Ontario Arts Foundation in May 2011, "OAC-funded councils receive 15 per cent to 94 per cent of their annual budgets from their local governments... and this funding gives them stability and infrastructure that allows them to seek diverse revenue sources."

Our arts council, although it is seeking to make inroads with the economic and cultural plans of individual municipalities also needs to convince the County of Haliburton to integrate the arts into their overall marketing strategy.

But before that step can be taken we need to see the results of the recent 'Impact of Artists' survey which is measuring the impact of artists on our economy. I've heard that the numbers are looking good, and if that proves to be the case the arts council should lobby to have a board member sit on county council. It's a tall order and it won't happen overnight.

But regardless of what the survey reveals, the question is: can the arts council still be viable and build up its membership again while merely filling the gaps not covered by other arts organizations in the county?

The answer to that question won't be answered overnight either, but before I renew my membership I'll need to see a strong strategic plan with an emphasis on establishing viable programs which will help artists, especially emerging artists, continue in their chosen field.



By George Farrell

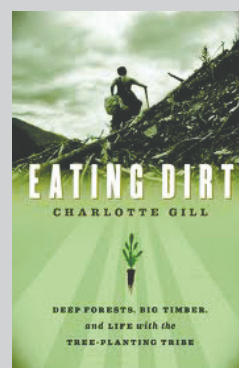
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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. *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan 🇨🇦
2. *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci
3. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay 🇨🇦
4. *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich
5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey 🇨🇦



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill 🇨🇦
2. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

There are two new additions to our top five non-fiction list this week: *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill and *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee. Both of these titles were recently announced as the two non-fiction contenders on this year's Evergreen Award shortlist and they have been popular at the Library ever since.

Eating Dirt, with evocative prose, tells a story of history, ecology and the gritty culture of the tree planting "tribes" that roam our nation. If you assume that a book about tree planting would be boring, think again.

Intolerable is the true story of the author's experience growing up gay in an increasingly fundamentalist Middle East. This book covers so many important topics in one short, accessible volume: immigration, displacement, sexuality, women's rights – it's quite the cultural analysis!

Both of these acclaimed Canadian titles may be reserved from the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Highlander sports



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Haliburton-Kawartha-Lakes Brock MPP Laurie Scott stands with the Red Hawks girls curling team at the Gore Championships in Haliburton. From left, Emily Shapiera, lead, Alyssa Denyer, second, Laurie Scott, Holly Broderick, vice and Laura Pottier, team skip. Right: Broderick watches as her stone is swept down the ice by Denyer and Shapiera.

Red Hawks swept away at championships

By Warren Riley

Haliburton was well-represented this past weekend at the Gore Provincial Curling Championships.

From Feb. 14-16, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School girls curling team competed in the championships, the oldest competed-for trophy in high school sports in Ontario.

For Coach Scotty Boyd, it was a proud moment as he watched his team enter the championships.

In draw two, the team curled against Perth & District High School losing three points to four, but the loss didn't deter Boyd or his team.

"The girls have been exceptional in their playing ability," said Boyd. "Their effort and dedication exceeded all our expectations. We curled against a difficult team and lost but were pleased with our results."

Draw four saw the team play against St. Benedict Catholic. After eight ends, the final score was 8-6 for St. Benedict.

"The girls played hard and accurately," Boyd commented.

"They were having fun and that is the main thing. It's disappointing losing a second time but they did their best and it showed."

In the final game against F.E. Madill Secondary School, Boyd knew his team was up against one of the best in the championships.

"We knew this was going to be a difficult team to win against. The girls put forward their best effort. We lost 10 points to four but again, we were all proud of the team and their resolve. It was unfortunate we lost but we all had fun and there is always next year."

Boyd, along with assistant coach Michele Shapiera, will be losing several of their curlers due to university acceptance.

"I'll be losing three girls but hopefully gaining three more for the team. I have been helping coach the girls from the high school for the past three years and if they ask me to coach next year, I'll accept with pleasure. We had fun and felt that we represented the school with honour."

For Shapiera, the event was challenging.

"There was a high calibre of play," she said. "We just looked forward to the whole experience. No one stood out in particular [but] our success has always been a team effort with everyone pulling their weight. Each player made some impressive shots, and supported each other well."

The team is made up of three Grade 12 girls: Laura Pottier, skip, Holly Broderick, vice, and Emily Shapiera, lead. The second, Alyssa Denyer, is in Grade 9. She curls outside of the school on Bantam teams.

"The teams were evenly matched and by and large, teams won or lost by a very narrow margin of points," Shapiera said. "We were proud of our team play. The skip called good games, and the sweeping by our teams was excellent."

"Scotty and I were exceedingly proud of the girls' sportsmanship and curling in this tournament. It was a great experience and a lot of fun. The girls will continue to play in the ladies league in Minden as there is no inter-school play scheduled at this time."

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Storm girls trade victories

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest/Canadian Tire Midget B Storm girls finished up their provincial playdowns on the weekend, splitting their home-and-home two-game series with the Clearview Ice Cats.

Both clubs won their home game. The Highland Storm beat the visiting Ice Cats 2-0. Alicia McLean tallied both Storm goals while Connor Marsden secured the shut-out win Saturday afternoon.

Sunday night, the Ice Cats hosted the Storm in Nottawasaga. The Ice Cats capitalized on the power-play scoring twice in the second period. Alex Litwin scored the lone Storm goal early in the third period to get the score to 3-1, but Clearview iced the game with an empty netter to make the final score 4-1.

Good season girls. We will wrap up our efforts March 1 and 2 weekend with our final games in the Clearview tourney. Finish strong and try to win our last game.

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Highlander sports



Photos by Mark Arike

The Highlander's very own Warren Riley took a spin around the ice track with racer Tom Prentice on Feb 16.

Ice racing: the thrill of a lifetime

By Warren Riley

I had a week to mull over the offer but opted instead not to reconsider.

That was my first mistake.

For starters, my borrowed purple safety helmet was two sizes too small for me and I looked like an alien from planet Moron. Two track officials came to the car and checked that my seat belt and safety helmet were both secure. Rapping my helmet and grinning like a Cheshire cat, they wished me good luck.

"Oh, you're going to have fun," said one.

"We hope you'll come back in one piece," said the other.

Then and there I knew I was in serious trouble.

But first, I must back up to what precipitated this event. One week earlier, I was asked if I wanted to experience the thrill of riding passenger in an official ice car race at the Minden track. Without hesitation or deliberation I agreed, not taking into consideration how dangerous the consequences might turn out to be.

The agreed date and time was Feb. 16. Arriving punctually at 1 p.m., I entered the track coordinator's trailer and signed a waiver. My life was now in the hands of a mortal driver and an immortal somewhere up above. I then had my right hand stamped with a dragon seal as if I was at prom night.

I don't like dragons. That was my second mistake.

I then proceeded to find my driver and his car. He would be my chauffeur for this ride down horror lane.

His name was Tom Prentice of Minden and he was driving the black #90 car. With hand stamp and borrowed helmet, I eventually found my driver amongst the over 70 race cars attending the weekend event. Having known Mr. Prentice for many years I started to feel like the television ad that states, "You're in good hands with..."

That was mistake number three.

All secured, we proceeded to take our position on the slick ice track. In the number two position and waiting for the other vehicles to take up their slots, Tom looked over at me and asked if I was okay.

"You bet," I said. "Let's go. This will be a lot of fun."

While I was busy lying through my teeth, I failed to notice

that the green flag had dropped.

Prentice put the pedal to the metal and within what seemed like two seconds we were doing over 70 kilometers per hour heading straight towards a 10-foot snow embankment, but he wasn't slowing down. My life was flashing before my eyes. I tried to remember: did I kiss my wife goodbye? Is my life insurance paid up? Thank goodness for excellent health coverage in Canada.

We hit the first curve surrounded by cars on all sides. It was claustrophobic. Prentice cranked the steering wheel full left taking the car 80 degrees sideways to the track. Snow and ice spray flew from the front tires as they tried to grab traction.

Without warning an orange car appeared on my side, way too close for my liking. He was going to hit us and I knew it. We're going to spin out of control, plow through the snow bank and end up on our roof somewhere in the middle of the baseball diamond next to the track. It was at that instant I remembered: yes, my life insurance was paid up.

We bumped front right then back right fenders. Prentice was as calm as a cucumber and negotiated the curve professionally. He just looked over at me and smiled. I pretended to smile back. I thought to myself: "What was under the hood of that orange car? It must be a jet engine."

We came out of the curve in one piece and continued the race.

The next six laps were pretty much the same. I was getting used to the fact that these guys knew how to drive under such extreme conditions. A few bumps, a few scrapes and lots of close calls with the snow banks but nothing serious that would create an accident. That was, until a car did a pirouette right in front of us.

With precision driving, Prentice hit the brakes, cranked the steering wheel left then right trying to position the car to a safe distance throughout the curve. Meanwhile, I had

unknowingly grabbed the door handle with such force I was positive I had pulled it out of its sockets. I slammed my feet against the floor boards and braced for the collision. It never materialized.

The straightaway was now in view and once again, Prentice pounded the accelerator pedal to the floor. He looked over at me after my near out of body experience and commented, "Fun isn't it?"

There were no words at that moment to describe what I really wanted to say. Truth be told, it was kind of fun.

Finally, the checkered flag dropped and the race was over. We slowed down and entered the corner leading to the pit area and stopped the car in front of the coordinators trailer.

"We didn't do too well in the race," he said. "We should have done better."

I didn't have a clue as to our finishing position. All I was pleased about was the fact I was still in one piece and breathing. My legs were like jelly, my brain had stopped functioning and I couldn't feel my arms. I thanked Prentice for the experience.

"Anytime," he replied.

The two characters with the

Cheshire smile came up to me and asked "how was that for your first time ice racing?"

I looked at them and said, "it was definitely the thrill of a lifetime."

"If you think that was thrilling, come by next week and drive with that guy over there," he said, pointing to the small orange car; the very same that 'kissed' us on the first curve and had a 6,000 horsepower jet engine under the hood. "Then you will really get the feel of Ice racing."

I smiled, turned, walked to my car like I had ridden a camel for a week and got in.

I looked at myself in the mirror and remembered how I had beautiful black curly hair under that purple helmet before the race. It was now pure white and very straight. Oh, how I love my job.



Highlander sports

Peewees storm into Ennismore

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Smolen Dentistry's Highland Storm Peewee A's started their OMHA quarter-final with three games over the Family Day weekend.

With this squad you never know what you are going to get; either a dynamic powerhouse willing to take on anyone with assertive efficiency, or at times a listless, tentative crew that has very little energy. And on this weekend, we were witness to both.

The weekend started with a Friday night tilt in Ennismore. The teams had yet to play each other this season and the game started with both teams trading chances and searching for the other's weak spots. Ennismore displayed their speed and size with some big hits that set the Storm on their heels early and Parker Smolen had to be sharp in net with several great saves. As the first period ended, some sloppy play in our end resulted in Ennismore slipping in the first goal of the game.

The second period played out much the same as the first. Although neither team was able to score, the Storm slowly started to find their wheels and momentum shifted in their favour by the end of the period.

In the third, Jacob Haedicke's shot from the point found the back of the net but Ennismore quickly responded to keep the one-goal lead. With under four minutes left, Josh Boice broke free to wrist one in to tie the game and bring it to overtime. By then it was Ennismore who were back on their heels and in overtime, Boice's shot from the side boards

careened off several players in front to steal game one.

The second and third games were played in Minden and it was great to see so many supportive fans out to cheer them on. Many were disappointed, though, by what they witnessed on Saturday. On this day, the boys never found their footing and the game was over almost before it began. Ennismore came out with a vengeance scoring early and often. Five unanswered goals left the players and fans shaking their heads in dismay. Owen Smith and Kyle Cooper finally gave us something to cheer for but it was too little too late. Final score 6-2.

Sunday's game started much the same way, with Ennismore scoring on the very first shift but that was all the Storm were willing to let up.

From the next shift on, the Storm finally turned it around and started skating in the right direction. In the second period, Nik Dollo found Boice from behind the net to tie it. A three-on-two several minutes later had Boice feeding Smitty for a nice shot from the face-off circle and the boys had the lead for the first time in the series. Kyle Cooper extended the lead to two with a low shot that found the corner early in the third and Ennismore were the ones left shaking their heads in defeat at the end.

With a 2-1 series lead the Storm can finish it on Friday night in Ennismore. If needed, game five will be in Wilberforce on Saturday at 2 p.m. We know they can win it as long as the right team shows up.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Karen Koehler trains with her dog, Bundle, prior to her international competition in March.

Teacher takes on the world

By Matthew Desrosiers

Karen Koehler is proof you don't need an engine on your sled to get around quickly in the snow.

She uses dogs.

"[Skijoring] is putting a harness on the dog and one on yourself, attaching a line between the two of you and crossing the snow together," said Koehler. "It's based on a Norwegian camping tradition where they used to go out with reindeer and a great big sled... and they would ski behind."

Koehler is in training to represent Canada at the International Federation of Sled-dog Sports (IFSS) World Championships in North Pole, Alaska from March 1-7.

"We've been practicing with the sled a lot this year just because the snow has not been so good with skiing sometimes," she said. "It's a little safer for me to use the sled for some of the training for the dogs, then I can just ski by myself, but we've done lots of skiing together, too. It's been pretty balanced."

She does weight training to get her strength up and tries to do 70 kilometres of sledding or skiing with her dogs every week. Over the Christmas holiday, she did 233 kilometres of training.

Her main dog is Bundle, a male German short-haired pointer crossed with a bit of greyhound. Bundle was bred in Norway.

"They've been breeding those dogs to do this for 30-plus years," she said. "It's almost like [Bundle] has the genetic code for it. It was easy to teach him everything. It was natural for him."

Her other dogs are Tease, a female pointer crossed with husky, and Finney, another female pointer-husky cross.

Koehler competes in a skijoring event called the pulka. In this event, racers attach a weighted sled, called a pulk, between them and their dogs.

"In the races, they put 70 per cent of the dog's weight [into the pulk]."

She said the weight used to be lower but the Norwegians wanted to increase it to show off the quality of the skier. If the dog is already busy pulling something, it forces the skier to do more of the work.

During the international competition,

Koehler will race in the one and two-dog events, the 10-kilometre pulka, the combined skijoring-pulka event where she will have a pulk for five kilometres and do the next five without it, and finally in the skijoring relay.

The dogs will be racing six out of seven days.

Koehler plans to use Bundle for most of the races and pair him up with Tease for the two-dog event. If she needs to sub him out so he can rest, however, she is comfortable racing Finney as well.

"It will be nice to have all three [dogs] there in case we need to change our plans," she said.

While the dogs enjoy running, there are always risks when it comes to sports, she said. In skijoring, a lot of those risks are for the racer.

"Like any sport, anytime you do a sport you're taking risks," she said. "If you just do regular skiing, it's got its hazards to it. But when you attach a dog to yourself it definitely increases the speed and the dog can make a decision you didn't expect, so you have to add the animal quality to it."

Koehler is a teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. She shares her skijoring adventures with her students.

"When we went to Norway I did a full school assembly," she said. "It easily links into so many things. It's good for people to know you can live in Haliburton and your community can support you enough to do these kinds of things."

She is sponsored locally by That Place in Carnarvon, Heat-Line, Algonquin Electric, and Stedman's Department Store in Minden.


Koehler's next goal is to be there in Korea 2018 when skijoring could make its first appearance in the Olympics.

"It's not set in stone, but it was exciting. At the end of the Norway World's they said there was a possibility of getting skijoring in as a demonstration sport in 2018."


She decided to make skijoring her priority.

"My goal right now for the next five years is to really invest in the sport, do what I can with it, and after that just do it for fun."

She is still seeking sponsors to help her cover the costs of travelling to Alaska for the international competition in March.



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Highlander life

Early connections at Early Years Centre

By Carolyn Alder

"Sleep is an issue for us this week," says one mother as her son crawls around with other children during Monday Baby Mornings at the Minden Ontario Early Year's Centre (OEYC). Several other moms nod their heads in agreement while one mom chimes in, "yes, we're not sleeping much either" as she looks at her child in her arms.

Monday Morning Babies, which is just one of the many programs offered by the drop-in centre, is a time for parents with children under a year old to share information and learn about what to expect during their child's first year.

Early Learning Program Coordinator for Minden and Haliburton Julie Pearson says "learning from each other and just feeling that you are not alone or that [what your child is going through] is normal is important. Especially in this community where many people live out of town and are not even gathering together for other things offered in larger communities."

Executive Director Philippa Stephenson agrees.

"[The OEYC] is a connection for moms, parents, grandparents. It's nice to have someone to share issues with. I found one of the biggest benefits [of going to the centre] was getting out and seeing other moms because I think even for moms, the second or third time around, it can be very isolating and you miss contact and conversation with other adults."

Mom of two, Heather Deveaux has been going to the Haliburton location since her now six-year-old son Gabriel was born.

"He was a very sick baby, who didn't sleep for more than 30 minutes at a time for the better part of a year. I credit the OEYC in part with helping to save my sanity during my son's first two years of life."

"There are benefits [to bringing your under six month old],"

says Pearson. "Even little ones like the stimulation, and the music and the environment and looking around."

"Those years are the foundation," Stephenson adds. "That's when they are picking up things before language but it will help their language in the long run. One of the things the centres did recently was purchase toys and books that are set to a younger age, so we are already trying to adapt to meet the needs of the population which has shifted because of full time kindergarten."

Roughly two to three hundred people visit both the Minden and Haliburton centres each month.

But while the brightly-coloured centres are starting to focus on children three and under, they are available to and still used by kids up to six years of age.

Mom of three Kim Switzer has attended many programs offered by the Early Years for the past eight years,

"I think it's a great place to meet moms, kids of the same age – hear about things going on around you – it's a place to learn, play, interact, it's a place that is needed especially in small communities like ours."

The OEYC, which offers many programs in partnership with other community groups such as Point in Time, SIRCH,

The HKPR District Health Unit and Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, hasn't received any increase in their provincial funds since they opened over 10 years ago.

Kelly Taylor has been going to the Early Years Centres in both Haliburton and Minden with her son for the past nine months but has also worked with the centre as a public health nurse.

"We work closely with the OEYC to provide programming to local families. Sometimes we just use the space and other programs we facilitate together, but they provide support and help pass the word."

Some of the current and upcoming programs include Family Swim, Parent – Child Mothergoose, Meet the Nurse, Saturday Morning Brunch and the ever popular Fit Kids, as well as the twice-monthly outreach

program for the Wilberforce area.

Programs and education aren't the only things offered by the Centre. They also provide you with things that are age appropriate for your children that you can't always have at your fingertips or that you can't afford including crafts, books and toys.

Visit OEYC.ca for more information or 705-457-2989 (Haliburton), 705-286-1770 (Minden).



Photo submitted by OEYC

Kelly Taylor (left) and Carolyn Alder supervise a group of babies at the Early Years Centre.

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Highlander events



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Dorset residents came out over the weekend for Snowball 2013 despite cool temperatures. Left: Families were treated to a hot air balloon hover in the Remax balloon. Top: Davey Meloy (left) and Steven Morrin perform a variety of animal calls to the amusement of the gathered crowd. Above: Town crier John Webster officially opened the weekend's festivities during the opening ceremony on Feb. 16.

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A sledder passes other participants at the start of the event.

Photo by Mark Arike

Sledders brave the cold for poker run

By Mark Arike

Negative double-digit temperatures didn't deter 456 sledders from making a trip to the Haliburton Forest on Feb. 16 for the 24th annual snowmobile poker run.

"It was a great day had by all," said Dave Bishop, general manager of the Forest.

This year's event raised approximately \$5,000 for the Dysart et al fire department – a service that the Haliburton Forest has donated to for the past six or seven years, said Bishop.

"We continue to support the volunteer fire department

because of their selfless efforts to be there for others when they are in need," he said, adding that the funds go directly towards purchasing necessary equipment for the department.

During the full-day event, participants collected tokens as they rode from one shelter cabin to another. After finishing their ride, tokens were turned in for a poker hand.

Bill Carr of the Niagara Region had lady luck on his side and was awarded the event's top prize – a 2013 Ski-Doo MXZ Sport.

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Minden enjoys 6th annual Winterfest

Minden hosted its 6th annual Winterfest this past weekend. Events included curling, family skating, figure skating, chili cook-off and the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey game, among others.

Pictured top left: Ruth Saulnier serves Steve Smith a steaming bowl of chili. Saulnier and her team from Our Lady of Fatima Altar Society, or the Our Ladle of Fatima team, as they preferred to be called, won the cook-off. Above right: Kolt Smith races after the puck on a breakaway during the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Hockey tournament. The game ended in a 5-5 tie between Dawson's Team and the Pedal for Hope team. Over \$400 was raised for Pedal for Hope. Left: Twelve-year-old Madison Allaire (left) and her skating partner Vivian Collings, 13, demonstrate their figure skating techniques at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton braves cold for Frost Festival

Haliburton Village residents were busy at Head Lake park this past weekend as Frost Festival came to town. Left: Mike Rieger of Winterdance Dogsled Tours takes Taylor Consack, 6, John Billings, 6, and Brayden Billings, 7, on a tour around the park with his four dogs. Above: Ray Howlett was one of over 30 participants in the polar dip this year. Ron Murphy raised the most individually, while the All Girls Team raised most as a group. Over \$7,800 was raised for the Sick Kids Ophthalmologic Renovation Project.

Spam, spam, spam

Why is there so much spam?

It's very simple, really. Spam works.

I'll define spam as unsolicited e-mail, or e-mail you did not ask for.

There are, naturally, different types of spam, but in almost every case, sending spam is so cheap that it doesn't take much for a spammer to declare that a spam campaign (spampaign?) is a rousing success.

For example, say a spammer sends out 1,000,000 e-mails pushing a knock-off of the latest wonder drug. If only a tiny per cent, perhaps even just one of the recipients purchases the drug through him, the spammer has made a profit. It doesn't matter if it's fake watches, body-part enhancement aids or cheap computer software... if only the tiniest percentage of spam mails result in a sale, then that spam was successful, and you can bet it will continue.

But wait! There's more!

There are scams (spam scams?).

The most famous of these is the Nigerian scam, where you receive an e-mail, in confidence, from some supposed high-ranking official attempting to move large amounts of money out of their country. They need your help, and in return they promise you a significant portion of those funds. Once you engage, they then use various techniques to scam money from you until, at some point, you realize you've been had.

That's common knowledge right? Nobody falls for that any more, do they?

I thought so too, but it turns out I'm dead wrong. I did some checking and would you believe that 100 to 200 million dollars are lost to these scammers every year? People continue to fall for it at an alarming rate.

So you can see why variants of it are so incredibly popular right now. As I write this I'm getting notified several times a day of various lotteries I've won overseas. I still get variations

TheComputer Guy

on the Nigerian scam where the names and countries have been changed. There's even a variant that has a religious theme now.

And they, too, all exist because they work. They don't need to work often, but even the occasional success on the scammer/spammer's part is enough.

So why do so many people fall for it?

The promise of something for next to nothing is simply too much for some people, and thus they become direct victims. And the rest of us become indirect victims as we wade through the sea of spam.

For questions or comments e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman

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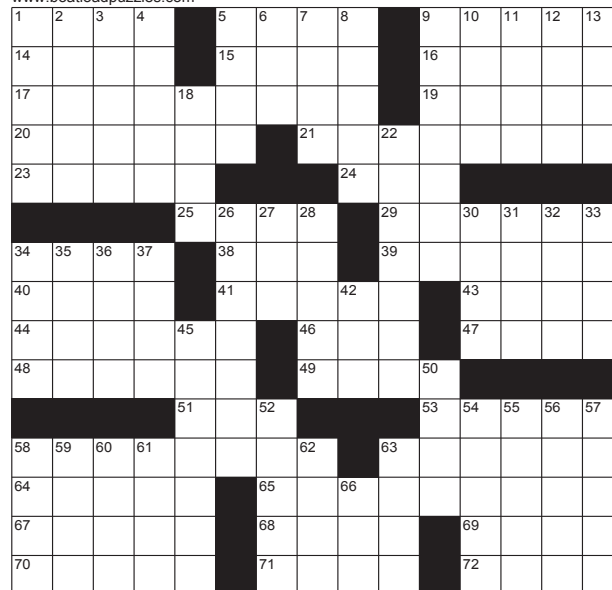
FEBRUARY 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton County Historical Society meeting , discussion topic: One-room school houses – Minden Cultural Centre, 1:30 p.m. 21	 22	Minden United Church Service , 11 a.m. Includes Joyful Noisemakers followed by soup & sandwich lunch. 23	24
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 25	Volunteer Income Tax Program – Haliburton Legion, 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., continuing every Tuesday until April 23. 26	Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 Volunteer Income Tax Program – Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m., continuing every Wednesday until April 24. 27	Haliburton Legion's Ladies Auxiliary Meeting , 1 p.m. A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at one of 80 locations! 28
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care, 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 Mini-Buck Euchre – Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre, 7 p.m. MARCH 1	 MARCH 2	Minden United Church Service , 11 a.m. Includes Joyful Noisemakers followed by soup & sandwich lunch. MARCH 3	What are the kids doing for March Break? Art is happening every day of the week at the Art Hive on Hwy 118! Check out www.theearthive.com to see what art workshops they are offering!

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- Mediate
- Meager
- Wander
- Ripened
- Stern
- Mineral springs
- Garment edges

DOWN

- Tally
- Jacket part
- Sports ring
- Flat cap
- Munches
- Slugger's stat
- Guns an engine
- Hearty soups
- More sharply inclined
- Informal talk
- Ramble
- Avails oneself of
- Finest
- Astonished
- Most simple
- Horse with a horn
- HST's party
- Remains behind
- Bossa ____
- Wallet stuffers
- Skating arena
- Performs onstage
- Tart
- Overdue
- Unwritten
- ____ Fitzgerald
- Goodness!
- Detailed (hyph.)
- Roasting rod
- 1492 and 1776
- TV's ____ Winfrey
- Phase
- ____ pole
- Plant beginnings
- Luxurious
- Machu Picchu native
- Injury memento
- Sunbathes
- Let fall
- Robbins and Allen
- Bleat

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3	4	1	2	5	7	8	6	9
8	9	6	4	3	1	5	2	7
2	7	5	6	8	9	3	4	1
7	5	2	9	4	8	1	3	6
4	3	9	1	7	6	2	5	8
6	1	8	3	2	5	7	9	4
5	6	3	8	1	4	9	7	2
9	8	7	5	6	2	4	1	3
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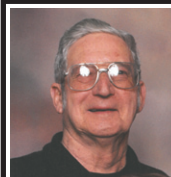
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Loving husband of 54 years to Nellie. Beloved father of Jim and his wife Marianne of Whitehorse, Yukon and Heather and her husband John of Haliburton, Ontario. Proud grandfather of Jennifer, Geoffrey and Katarina.

Great-grandfather of Evander. Survived by his brother Howard and predeceased by his sister Geraldine. Son of the late William and Katie Thompson.

Eric was born on March 9, 1932. He was a loving and attentive husband and took great pride in the accomplishments of his son and daughter and their families. During his retirement years he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, watching hockey, gardening and feeding the birds that frequented his yard. Eric will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends.

A graveside burial will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2013 at 11:00 am at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake, Ontario.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in his honor to The Canadian Cancer Society (Relay for Life) and can be arranged through Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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