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Photo by Warren Riley

HHSS Red Hawks senior girls soccer player Jessica Bishop, #9, helps Bailey Walker, #12, take possession and score in a 5-0 victory against St. Thomas Aquinas. Story on pg. 22.

Minden Hills lifts state of emergency

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

The flood is coming to an end.

"The state of emergency was lifted because the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) lifted their flood warning, and we had opened all the streets in the municipality," said Nancy Wright-Laking, Minden Hills CAO. "There was no longer a need to be in a state of emergency."

The decision was made effective May 14

at 3 p.m., according to a Minden Hills press release.

"Now we're in the recovery stage and we can move forward with that," Wright-Laking said. "We're working with individuals to pick up garbage, to provide building permits where necessary free of charge."

Minden Hills workers will pick up sandbags left on the side of the road, she said. They are also setting up a committee for disaster relief, to help distribute funds when they become available to those affected by the flood.

Wright-Laking said once the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing declares Minden a disaster area and relief starts, the committee will kick in and take applications from individuals for funding.

"We are going to have a special meeting on Friday [May 17] just to set up a committee in the event the minister declares a disaster [area]," she said.

The township has established a coordinator to help organize relief efforts.

"Any individual who has any questions

about things and needs a pick up of garbage or those types of things can call the coordinator," Wright-Laking said. "We're trying to help facilitate the process in an efficient and timely manner."

According to the MNR, there is no immediate danger of further flooding in the area. Wright-Laking said the neighbouring communities have also lifted their states of emergency.

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Driver crashes after missing driveway

A man who drove his vehicle into a ditch off Cty Rd. 21 on May 10 walked away from the incident without any injuries. According to OPP Const. Paul Potter, the man was attempting to turn into Haliburton Tim-BR Mart when he missed the driveway. No charges were laid.



Correction notice

In the May 9th edition of The Highlander, incorrect pricing appeared for 1%, 2% and Skim 4L bagged milk. The correct price should be \$5.49. Kawartha Dairy regrets this error.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

No more excuses for being late

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Editorial opinion

Waiting games

Last week I wrote about keeping our eyes on the target, which is Minden's recovery.

By now everyone is aware of the ODRAP program, through which the province will give two dollars on top of every dollar raised for Minden's flood relief fund. Right now, this program is the best way to help the people of Minden. The more money we can raise as a community, the more help we'll get.

The problem is, as usual, the province.

We're all waiting as Linda Jeffrey, minister of municipal affairs and housing, deliberates as to whether or not Minden should be declared a disaster area. Until that happens, any money raised is locked away and cannot be distributed to the people who need it.

Even if she comes out and says yes, Minden is a disaster area, that doesn't necessarily mean funds will be made available right away. Applications will need to be submitted to Minden's disaster relief committee, which is being formed later this week. The committee will go through them and determine who is eligible for advance funds. The applications are sent to the ministry for review, and only then will Mindenites start seeing some cash from the province.

If the decision comes back that advance funding is not available, then people are going to have to wait a long time for the community to raise enough money through ODRAP to cover their costs, and for that money to flow.

For people hit with this crisis personally, the process is ridiculous.

Communities the size of Minden Hills simply do not have the ability to raise enough money to cover all their damages. Yes, they've done great so far to raise almost \$100,000, but it's not nearly enough. The magic number, right now anyway, is around \$1.3 million.

And while these people struggle, they're being asked to file paperwork and wait.

But that's ok, because while the community

continues to fundraise and wait on the province, we can at least start getting answers to some of our questions.

Or at least we could, if we weren't treated as an afterthought by our government.

The silence since the flood has been telling.

For three weeks, The Highlander has been trying to contact TSW representatives with Parks Canada. We've gone so far as to send them a list of questions in the hope they could find time to send a quick e-mail. The questions weren't even particularly tough.

On May 15, mere hours before going to press, we received, well, we would be hard-pressed to call them answers.

To our question about when the TSW was aware the forecast would be calling for heavy rain, the answer we received was: [The Honourable Peter Kent, Environment Minister] responded positively to a recommendation from MP [Barry] Devolin for an arms-length review to be conducted regarding the flooding situation in the Gull River watershed.

In fact, we received that exact same response to a second question we asked, asking whether or not logs were removed from the Kennis Lake dam.

When we asked if the Kennis dam was in need of repair, their answer: Kennis dam has been identified for review.

It's insulting that Parks Canada believes it's ok to provide us with non-answers to very simple and clear questions about a situation that has cost some people their homes. No one expected them to admit the Kennis dam was failing, if it was, but we deserve something of substance, not dribble.

Not only are we mired in bureaucratic red tape waiting for relief, but we've also been snubbed and told to wait on the leisure of our leaders for answers. Patience is running thin.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Nature calls

I heard this week about a cottager who spends 90 minutes every day commuting to downtown Toronto from Markham. And another 90 minutes getting home.

We have traffic. Sometimes a moose takes its time crossing the road.

Ok, I admit traffic stories make me feel smug. And very grateful.

You see, I was once a cottager.

Yes, I too worked on the 31st floor of a downtown skyscraper, wore Italian suits and lunched at swank restaurants with exclamation points in their names and supermodels taking reservations. I remember desperately trying to clear my desk each Friday so I could leave before the DVP came to its usual standstill at 2 p.m., knowing that if I missed that brief window it would be late evening before I could trade the stench of diesel for the scent of pine.

But when a midlife crisis hit (and I hope it was *the* midlife crises because if it's still to come I don't think I can handle it), what struck me was a profound sense of disappointment, at myself, naturally, but also more generally. Where was this better world we had all been told was under construction? Not the physical world of condos and iPads, but just a world of simple decency?

Now I hear stories about people being fired for a blog post written years ago, or not hired because of a party photo found online. I watch friends stress out over whether the garbage is arranged properly in the bins and witness psychotic cyclists weaving between cars.

Sometimes it's as if our cities have outlawed humour. Everyone's terrified of making an Inappropriate Remark and entire neighbourhoods go into lockdown when a kid throws a spitball. Even parking a beat-up car on your driveway will elicit questions and stares from neighbours, while riding the subway or walking the underground maze is like a scene from Metropolis, a 1927 German, pre-fascist, sci-fi extravaganza perhaps best known for depicting lines of identically-dressed workers marching in lock-step.

All of these things make me wonder: *who decided that quality of life was something to be obtained rather than... lived?*

Hence the smugness. Here — in the Highlands — is the world I was looking for. It's a world where your social standing

— street cred if you will — is measured by how much you can do for others, not how much you can collect for yourself. It's a world where kids still roam free-range and neighbours can be relied upon to help clear a fallen tree. Or pump out a flooded basement. At the same time, we welcome quirkiness and individuality, and if an employee stands up to a rude customer she won't be fired. People pick up the phone. This place is real.

Of course we have our rural problems, just as any region has when its economy picks up and leaves, as did the lumber industry decades ago. But if you think innovation is headquartered in Markham and Waterloo, you must have missed our local businesses working on the cutting edges of forestry products, food production, drop shipping and construction technology. And while we do not have a lot of high-end shops, restaurants and inns to comfort the cognoscenti (that would be Muskoka), we do have actual quality of life that comes with just being here.

Unfortunately, it's not something that can easily be seen and so we're employing more tangible charms to encourage more people to stay a while. For new residents, both seasonal and year-round, a veritable red carpet has been laid out. Both Minden and Haliburton Village have beautified their main streets; high-speed Internet coverage is rapidly expanding, allowing downtown lawyers to work from the dock; and organizations like HCDC and the Chamber of Commerce are at the ready to help businesses with set up and financing.

Absolutely, cities, particularly Toronto, are amazing places. But it's here that life really happens, where every morning you can awake in awe of the nature that surrounds you. Each day is enhanced by the friends and neighbours you meet on the street and by the hundreds of events and activities with nary a booking fee, security guard or parking charge among them. And getting to work in eight minutes? Priceless.

Welcome back. Make yourself at home and stay awhile.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Carbon monoxide can be a killer

Dear editor,

Did you know that you may have less than one minute to escape a burning cottage or home? This is why it is so critical that everyone prepares and practices a cottage or home escape plan, as well as being aware of the requirements for maintaining and replacing their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Follow these five steps to protect your family and guests from fire and carbon monoxide danger:

On day one of cottage season, prepare and practice a fire escape plan ensuring, wherever possible, that you have two ways out of every room of your cottage.

Check the age of all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Immediately replace smoke alarms over 10 years old and CO alarms over seven years depending on the manufacturer. This is required whether alarms are plug-in, hardwired or battery powered.

Install fresh batteries in all alarms, especially those in cottages that were closed down for the winter as cold drains battery power.

The same Ontario law applies in cottages as in permanent homes – working smoke alarms are required on every storey of your cottage and outside all sleeping areas.

Cottages with fireplaces or fuel-burning appliances of any kind (eg. propane or gas stove, furnace, water heater, etc.) should have a carbon monoxide alarm – this is law in many cottage municipalities.

Visit www.safeathome.ca/pieceofheaven for more tips.

Ted Wieclawek
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Photo of the week



A chipmunk takes a break from spring cleaning to scratch its nose.

Photo by Tammy Nash

— Something's been bugging me

Drugs. Their use and abuse is something that many communities have to deal with but it wasn't until moving to Canada and Haliburton that I realized the true extent of the problem.

I see the OPP advice in the newspapers each year for marijuana growers. I'm sorry, did I say 'for' growers? It's just that the annual notices about 'what to watch out for' seem more like 'what not to do' lists for prospective weed grow-ops. But that is an aside. You see, I hear radio reports of prescription medications that kids are into and new designer drugs, too, but no one seems to have cottoned on to the widespread abuse of another substance and it's at this time of year that it is particularly prevalent.

At this point, I have to admit also that, being weak-willed, it was only a couple of months after my arrival in Haliburton in February 2010 that I became hooked on this highly addictive habit. You see, I'm one of those folks who just has to try what the cool kids are doing, and they had

some crazy-ol' gear that was organically produced and smelled all pepperminty. The trouble was before I could say, 'yo bro, hook me up with another hit', I was into the hard stuff. The stuff they say can strip the paint off a car hood.

My first summer here was a mess: I used every time I left the house. Winter helped. The cold weather seemed to cool my desire for it. I found I didn't need it to function normally outside of my home environment. I went places, did things, enjoyed myself; all without, or almost without, ever thinking about it. I even began to think that I'd kicked the habit but I should have known better with something as life altering as this. And, as the snow cleared and spring came around I found myself hankering for it.

That's when it started to appear on the shelves of local stores. That's right; you can buy it at Rexall, the bait shop, outfitters, even the grocery store. How's a man meant to get off this stuff when it's so readily available? It was as if these evil

vendors could sense my weakness. As if they knew I was longing to get out there and enjoy the warm weather. It was as if they knew what was about to happen all around our county.

I held out for a while but just last week I gave in.

The signs to watch out for if you suspect someone is about to fall off the wagon (other than them being sat too near the tailgate... Only kidding) are twitches, ticks, swearing and scratching. Look for them waving their arms around their head, flicking at their bare ankles with a balsam twig, or actually running indoors screaming. If this happens they'll often reappear only minutes later with an air of supreme calm. That's when you know they've succumbed and taken a hit.

Users will often congregate in groups but they are split into factions, generally those who go for the natural stuff and others, like me, who err towards the chemical. I did try the natural, homegrown you might call it, but it didn't do much for me and

The Outsider

the arm waving and leg thrashing came on again after only a few minutes. That's why I moved onto the hard stuff. I found it kept me straight for hours. I could be outside, doing just about anything other than windsurfing, but I could never do that anyway, and I was perfectly fine.

That was three years ago, and, while I am still using you'll be glad to know that I'm attempting to battle my addiction. I'm doing my best and cutting down on the amount I use. It's hard and the scary thing is, I'm not totally in control of my destiny. I just have to get out there and see how much I can take without relapsing. But, if the bugs are bad, if they're biting up a storm, my addiction will resurface and I can't say I won't capitulate and spray myself with half a can of Deet in one hit.

Goddam bugs! Don't ya just hate 'em?



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *What do you think of the new Rotary clock?*



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Emma Cox & Melanie Graves Howard

Haliburton

It's cool. It makes the town much prettier. Reminds me of the old tower clocks. I am sure the tourists and residents will love it.

Gary Oliver

Drag Lake

I like it. It looks very good. It is a nice addition that enhances the new sidewalks and highlights everything with its very central location.



Marie Whitfield

Haliburton

Awesome, truly beautiful. I think that it fits in nicely to the town. It certainly compliments our beautiful village. I was born and raised here and I feel it fits in perfectly. I like it.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin



Photos by Joanne Irvine

OPP officers arrest a man after he fled from police on May 8.

OPP in high-speed chase

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

As the red pickup truck rolled through the stop sign on County Road 121 to head south on Highway 35, Joanne Irvine was certain there was going to be an accident.

"We just saw the red truck," she said. "We didn't see the cops at first."

The truck nearly hit two cars coming north along 35 before speeding away. Just then, the officers arrived.

The chase was on.

"They were flying," Irvine said. "We were expecting we'd turn a corner and see a big accident. It was quite the chase. That guy was really clipping, I tell you."

According to an Ontario Provincial Police

(OPP) press release, officers received a call at approximately 5:10 p.m. on May 8 reporting an erratic driver on County Road 121 north of Kinmount. The red 2009 Chevrolet truck had been reported stolen earlier that day in Peterborough.

As officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver refused to pull over and fled from police.

The high-speed chase hit Highway 35 and turned south. Officers deployed a spike belt and were successful in blowing two of the vehicle's tires.

The chase ended just north of Norland.

"We never caught up to them until they were pulling him out of the truck," Irvine said. "A few people stayed and talked to the cops about how this guy blew by them and

almost knocked them off the road."

"People were freaked out."

Irvine watched as the driver, identified as 47-year-old Timothy Brougham from Peterborough, was pulled from the car, searched and placed under arrest.

"The [officers] were happy when they got him that it all went smooth," Irvine said. "Nobody got hurt."

According to the press release, Brougham was charged with flight from police, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, driving while disqualified, possession of property over \$5,000, failing to submit to drug evaluation testing, and assaulting police.

Brougham appeared in the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on May 9. His bail hearing is scheduled for June 6 in Lindsay.

Flood debris could benefit water system

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Depending on what it is, debris left behind from the recent flood could be beneficial or harmful to the aquatic system.

"There are going to be cases where you'll have to remove it [debris]," said Barbara Elliot, professor of ecosystem management at Trent University, at a May 9 Minden Hills council meeting. "I think there has to be a balance."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid asked Elliot about the removal of dead vegetation and dislodged items that are floating down the Gull River.

"If there were logs in the middle of the river, would you completely remove them or move them to the side?" said Reid.

Elliot explained that since log dams occur naturally in rivers, there would be a benefit to leaving some of them in.

"That's a benefit to the river, because rivers retain some nutrients which would otherwise go downstream," she said. "That material is important, but anytime that situation threatens public safety, that is going to be a priority."

Elliot said she is aware of the ongoing challenges being faced by places like Haliburton County when it comes to the "conflicting demands" for water.

"The Trent-Severn Waterway is a big player, in terms of maintaining portions of the water for navigation purposes... we also know cottaging and fish habitat are all part of that puzzle."

In a presentation to councillors about shorelines, Elliot pointed out that climate change is having an impact on the water cycle.

"We have more severe events in terms of precipitation, so that can also exacerbate a flooding situation. That's part of the challenge we're facing now."

Elliot was a featured guest speaker in a series introduced to council by the Coalition of Property Owners Association and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council.

Toronto man found with cocaine in routine stop

A Toronto man has been arrested on several charges, including two counts of possession of a controlled substance, after a routine traffic stop in Haliburton Village on May 13.

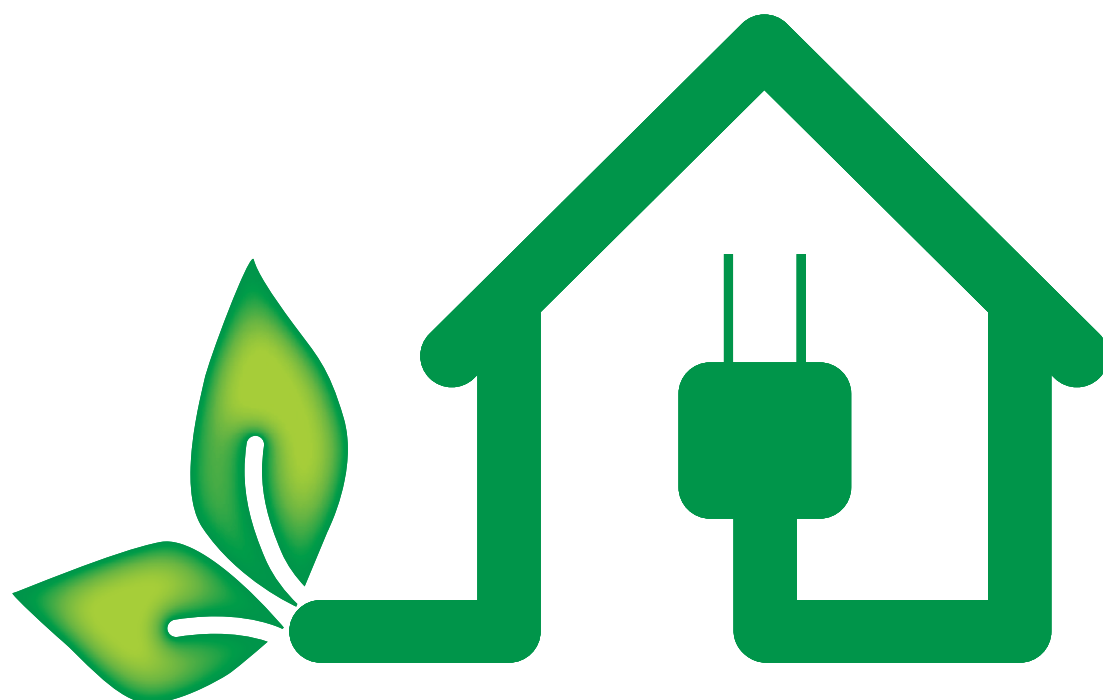
Jonathan Kozuch, 28, was pulled over by an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer

for having an expired license plate. Kozuch provided the officer with a false name, at which time he was arrested.

Upon searching the vehicle, police found a quantity of marijuana and cocaine.

Kozuch was charged with two counts

of possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession for the purpose of trafficking, driving while disqualified, obstructing a peace officer and impersonation with intent.



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Donation details can be found on www.mindenhills.ca. Cheques are to be made payable to "The Township of Minden Hills." Please ensure correct mailing address is also included as a tax receipt will be issued. The Township Office is the only location community donations will be received. Please note that this is the official trust fund for flood victims and that the Township will ensure that these funds will reach those most affected. The Township is unable to accept non-monetary donations, so please do not drop off used items of any kind at any of the Township facilities. The Township would like to recognize and thank the community for their overwhelming response to support these residents.

Recovery Coordinator

The Township of Minden Hills has established a Recovery Coordinator to assist and support residents, both permanent and seasonal, through the flood recovery stages over the coming weeks. The primary role of the Recovery Coordinator is to act as a single point of contact for members of the public and to help coordinate municipal services in the different departments for services such as Water and Sewer Connections, Property Clean Up, Clean Up Kits, Building Services and Landfill services.

You can reach Paula Stamp, the Township's Recovery Coordinator at (705) 286-1260 ext 211.

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca for more flood related information for residents re-entering their homes and cottages.

Building Permits

Building Permit fees for flood related remedial work have been waived by the Township of Minden Hills. Residents and business owners are asked to please contact Paula Stamp, Recovery Coordinator at 705-286-1260 ext. 211. Building permits may be required for this work.

Clean Up Kits

Are available for residents directly affected by the flood at the Township Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden Ontario Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30pm.

Flood Related Curbside Garbage Pick up

Residents who have been directly affected by the flood and require curbside garbage pickup are asked to please contact the Recovery Coordinator at 705-286-1260 ext. 211 for more information and to schedule a pick up time.

Samaritan's Purse Canada

Is a non-denominational Christian organization that aids communities in the aftermath of disasters. Samaritan's Purse Canada will be setting up in Minden Hills this week to assist in providing the following to flood victims: • Home and property clean-up • Reclamation work • Any other assistance required. Anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Samaritan's Purse Canada at 1-866-628-6565

The State of Emergency was terminated on May 14, 2013. Council passed a resolution on May 9, 2013 requesting the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to declare the Township of Minden Hills a "disaster area" for the purposes of the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

Employment Opportunity

We are now accepting resumes for Summer Student positions for the 2013 season for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Please visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com or www.mindenhills.ca for full details.

Office Closure

Council and staff wish everyone a safe and happy Victoria Day Holiday Weekend. The Administration Office will be **CLOSED** on **Monday May 20, 2013.**

Cultural Centre

Is currently open regular business hours. Visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com for programming updates

Spring Load Restrictions

Please note that the 2013 Spring Load Restrictions for Township roads have been lifted effective May 13, 2013.

Meetings and Events

May 17

4:00 pm, Special Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers, to establish and appoint members to the Disaster Relief Committee.

May 18

8:30 – 11:30 am, Household Hazardous Waste Day, Scotchline Landfill

May 27

9:30 am, Committee of Adjustment meeting, Minden Council Chambers

May 30

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

Medical Clinic Information

The Haliburton Family Medical Team is providing primary coverage at the Minden Hills Medical Clinic.

Please contact the clinic at 705-286-2500 for additional information.

Upcoming Community Fundraising

On Sat April 20, 2013, the Township of Minden Hills declared a State of Emergency due to flooding.

May 22

11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Subway - Minden and Haliburton, BUY ONE GET ONE FREE - Proceeds will go to the Minden Disaster Relief Fund visit www.mindenhills.ca for more details

June 1

7:00 pm, Rotary Club of Minden, Annual Dinner & Giant Auction in Support of the Minden Flood Relief Fund, Minden Community Centre. Tickets are \$30 pp in advance only. Please call for more information Molly's Bistro Bakery 705-286-6988 Anne Cox 705-286-6155 Ridgewood Motors 705-457-7317

The Township appreciates the support of the many community partners and organizations who continue to play a role in the flood emergency and recovery.

See pages 10, 14 & 23 for additional ads

Highlander news



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Jamie McMahon at Youth Unlimited's new office.

Youth group moves to Lakeside

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Youth Unlimited has a new home.

Once based out of the old schoolhouse at 73 Victoria St., the organization has been on the move since losing the space in June.

Jamie McMahon, satellite director for Youth Unlimited, said they moved their offices to Lakeside Baptist Church.

"It started as a temporary measure and we ended up being there almost a year," he said.

They used their trailer during the summer to run their camps and programming, while administration work was done at the church. However, Lakeside needed the space back, which left McMahon seeking a new place for the office.

His search led Youth Unlimited to 50 York Street, Unit 2, in Haliburton.

"We're pretty pleased," he said, adding this is the first time the organization has had to pay rent. "[It's] our staff hub for everything that happens."

With a permanent place to call their own, the organization is looking to be visible again in the community.

"We lost our signage in the community," McMahon said. "Even though we still did the same programs, people couldn't drive by and see 'The Bridge Youth Centre.'"

Now operating out of their new offices and their program centre at Lighthouse Church on Dysart Avenue, Youth Unlimited will be getting new signs made to identify the locations.

Challenge to hospital parking

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Some residents are concerned about the possibility of more parking spots being created adjacent to Minden's Haliburton Highlands Health Services site.

During a May 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting, a public meeting was held to consider a proposed amendment to a zoning bylaw that would convert a piece of land from residential to the community facility designation.

One resident who lives on McKay Street attended the meeting and spoke in opposition to the proposal.

"We think it would degrade our property value," he said. "If it's passed, they should at least be required to put in a privacy fence."

The man said that one of the reasons he bought his property five years ago was because it was zoned residential. He suggested the parking lot should be built near

the Highland Crest facility instead.

"At various different times of day, [the lot] across the street is not full. The only time you see cars on the street is when they have activities or meetings at the Highland Crest facility."

Planning administrator Adam King read a letter from a resident on Highland Gate Boulevard who was also opposed to the location of the parking lot.

"My concern is for the privacy of the residents on Highland Gate Boulevard," wrote the resident.

The resident, whose property is located behind the proposed parking lot, also expressed concerns over further encroachment on a stream, salting and sanding in the winter, and lighting during the fall, winter and spring.

Councillors will review the proposal, along with input from the public, at their next council meeting.

Vote on a slogan for Algonquin Highlands

Algonquin Highlands residents are invited to vote on a township slogan for new highway signage.

Under a new Ministry of Transportation offering, municipalities can place new signage, including a slogan or welcome message, at major highway boundaries.

Councillors narrowed potential messages down to four at their May 2 meeting:

Adventure Begins Here, All Trails Lead Here, Your Adventure Awaits, and A Cut Above the Rest.

The process has now been opened to the public, with the messages posted for voting on the township's News page.

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HEARING DATE: May 27, 2013
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A08/2013, Part Lot 15, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Applicant: Scott's Dam Road

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone and replace it with one that is larger, higher, and closer to the high water mark and the side yard lot line. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to reduce the front yard setback from the required 15 metres (50 feet) to 13.1 metres (43 feet).
2. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to reduce the side yard setback from 4.8 metres (15 feet 6 inches) to 4.5 metres (14 feet 6 inches).
3. From Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the height of the building by 0.8 metres (2 feet 6 inches) more than the permitted 1.2 metre (4 foot) increase (total proposed increase in height is 2 metres, or 6 feet 6 inches).
4. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the building by 54% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed building will be 79% larger than the existing building).

File No. MV A09/2013, Part Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson
Applicant: Tennyson Road

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone and replace it with one that is larger and higher. The following variance is required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the height of the building by 2.1 metres (7 feet) more than the permitted 1.2 metre (4 foot) increase (total proposed increase in height is 3.35 metres, or 11 feet).

File No. MV A10/2013, Part Lot 31, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden
Applicant: Keewaydin Road

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to construct an addition to an existing non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to reduce the front yard setback from the existing 11.9 metres (39 feet) to 11.2 metres (37 feet).
2. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the building by 39% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed building will be 64% larger than the existing building).

File No. MV A11/2013, Part Lot 18, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden
Applicant: Fieldings Crescent

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to construct an addition to an existing non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. The following variance is required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the building by 57% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed building will be 82% larger than the existing building).

File No. MV A12/2013, Part Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Applicant: Raspberry Lane

Purpose: The applicant is proposing to construct an addition to an existing non-complying dwelling unit in the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone. The following variance is required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the height of the building by 2.4 metres (8 feet) more than the permitted 1.2 metre (4 foot) increase (total proposed increase in height is 3.7 metres, or 12 feet).

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the meeting at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2013

Adam King, M.R.M.
Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment

TheComputer Guy Feeling Blue



By David Spaxman

Microsoft will be releasing an upgraded operating system in the summer called Windows Blue.

Think of it as Windows 8.1 not Windows 9. Windows Blue will supposedly address most of the issues that annoyed everyone with Windows 8. So we're hoping the Start button is back as well as the start menu and hopefully the desktop that we all have grown to love since Windows 95. However, Microsoft is being very tight-lipped on what exactly is in the upgrade. The software will be available to Windows 8 users from the Windows store in August.

With the release of this major upgrade Microsoft has admitted defeat and has decided to try and salvage what they can. PC sales are the lowest in years and everyone is pointing fingers at Windows 8 and the fact that customers did not like the major change and refused to have to learn how to use it. Ebay announced that sales of new and used computers with Windows 7 had increased dramatically on their website since the release of Windows 8.

Let's face it, we like what we're comfortable with.

Microsoft announced that they have sold 100 million copies of Windows 8 since its release last year. Let's put that into perspective. Every brand name (Dell, HP, Acer) computer, laptop, tablet and phone sold in the last year has come with Windows 8 pre-installed. You weren't given a choice.

So Microsoft saying that they sold 100 million copies of Windows 8 is like Panasonic saying they sold 100 million car radios last year when in fact it was 100 million new cars sold with their

radios already installed in them. See where I'm going with this?

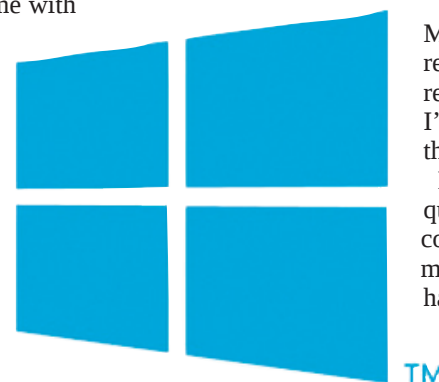
When I heard the announcement of Windows Blue I started thinking back to the New Coke vs. Old Coke campaign. Remember when Coke announced that they were replacing Old Coke with the new formula New Coke? People went ballistic. How dare they mess with the Coke they love? There were protests, petitions and demonstrations against it. Coke finally admitted they were wrong, decided against New Coke, and stuck with the original formula. They called it Coke Classic and sales went through the roof. It's now the second most sold beverage in the world.

What a great marketing ploy. Offer to replace something that everyone is comfortable with with something that everyone doesn't want, then backtrack and say, "We listened."

It makes me wonder if Microsoft is not pulling the same scam hoping to draw the consumer back to them. I guess we'll have to wait until Windows Blue comes out and see if it gives people the "Classic" version of Windows or is it going to just be a diluted "New" version.

This will make Microsoft look either really, really smart or really, really dumb. I'm leaning towards the latter.

Do you have questions or comments? E-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



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For more detailed information please call 705-457-3555
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Highlander business



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Don Popple (left) has sold the family business, Curry Motors, to Bill Campbell.

Popple passes the torch

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Curry Motors is under new ownership.

Bill Campbell, owner of Thomas Pontiac Buick GMC in Cobourg, has purchased the historic family business from former owner Don Popple. The deal went through on May 2.

The dealership was established by W.R. Curry in 1923. It has been passed down through the family ever since, coming to Popple through his wife, Sheila.

"I came here in 1975 and took over in 1982 as dealer," Popple recalled.

The sale process began last summer, he said, after coming to the decision that he wanted to sell.

"I'm 70 years old, so you start looking around," said Popple. "You run out of a bit of steam. You can bring a business so far, and after that you start spinning your wheels and you need a fresh approach."

"It was time."

The sale process is done through GM, who put Popple in touch with Campbell. Once the two agreed to make a deal, it had to be approved by the company.

Popple said money doesn't buy you a GM dealership.

"They want a car guy," he said. "Somebody they have confidence in."

"That makes you feel good when they choose you," said Campbell. "I was elated."

Having grown up in the small town of Hastings, Campbell said he's comfortable in Haliburton.

"I know what it's like growing up in a small town, and what you have to do to serve the community," he said. "It's not just selling cars and charging people money for service."

He doesn't want to change what's been working for the team at Curry's.

"I'm not going to change things," he said. "I'm just going to try to put in ideas to sell more cars and keep people coming back. It's hard to improve on greatness, but we will whenever we can."

The faces at Curry Motors will be staying the same, along with the name. As part of the deal, Campbell agreed to keep all the employees and maintain their pension plan.

"It's somewhat gratifying that the employees got looked after," Popple said. "That's pretty important."

Popple will remain at the dealership for the next year to help with the transition.

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Minden Flood 2013

Flood victims still hope for the best

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The images that have made their way around Facebook are heartbreaking.

In them, furniture, pictures, a gas stove, clothing and many irreplaceable items are all submerged under water.

Even now it's difficult for Minden residents Ed and Joan Pritchard to look at how the recent flood ravaged their Anson Street home. "You break down," said Ed, 82, in an interview with Joan, 81, and their daughter Lyn Bullington.

"It was hard for everybody," added Lyn.

In the 40 years that the Pritchard's have lived at their home, they've never experienced a disaster of this magnitude.

"There's been a couple of storms with trees blown down," said Ed.

On April 20, the Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency. That same day, the Pritchard's received a call from Reeve Barb Reid who advised them that it was time to evacuate.

"At that point water had not yet entered the home and the sump pump was still working," recalled Lyn.

Lyn found out that her parents needed to get out the following morning. She drove to town with her husband Larry in an attempt to reach them.

"Larry and I tried to get in there to get them out. The water was too deep for our vehicle,"



Photo by Mark Arike

Lyn Bullington, centre, tries to make light of the recent flood with her parents Ed and Joan Pritchard. The Minden residents moved into their daughter's home soon after the township declared a state of emergency on April 20.

she said, adding that they got a ride in with someone who was removing vehicles with a flatbed truck.

Before leaving their home, they picked up items off the floor and put them in areas they thought the water wouldn't reach.

"There have been minor floods before, but our pump has always been able to handle it," said Ed. "We just kind of expected what had happened in the past," added Lyn.

When it was time to leave, they got out with nothing more than the clothes on their back

and their medication.

Lyn and her dad returned to the home the following morning to try to pump out some of the water.

"Dad and I went back because he kept thinking he had another sump pump... by the time we got to the house there was about another eight or 10 inches of water in the basement," she said.

They admit they put themselves in danger when they tried to pump out the water.

"It [the sump pump] just ended up

smoking," said Lyn. "We were standing there in a foot of water with the hydro still on," said Ed.

Following that frightening incident, they made sure to get the power disconnected.

At its highest point, the water rose six feet in their basement, overturning large items such as a television and freezer. For more than a week, they made trips to the home on Ed's aluminum boat – which he left with his neighbour Keith.

"He used it to take other people to their properties," said Ed.

At first, the couple received the kind of bad news they didn't expect.

"The policy says it doesn't cover flood insurance," said Lyn, who dealt with the insurance adjusters on her parents' behalf.

After looking into it further, she learned they had a rider on their policy that covered sump pump failure.

"I was going on the assumption that they've got the water extension, which would include sump."

Despite that, Lyn was told her parents wouldn't be eligible for coverage. She wrote an e-mail to the company's manager and explained that her parents' story was being well-documented.

"He didn't realize the severity of it, but I just said, 'You've got 24 hours before I take this to the media.'"

The manager responded to Lyn's letter and

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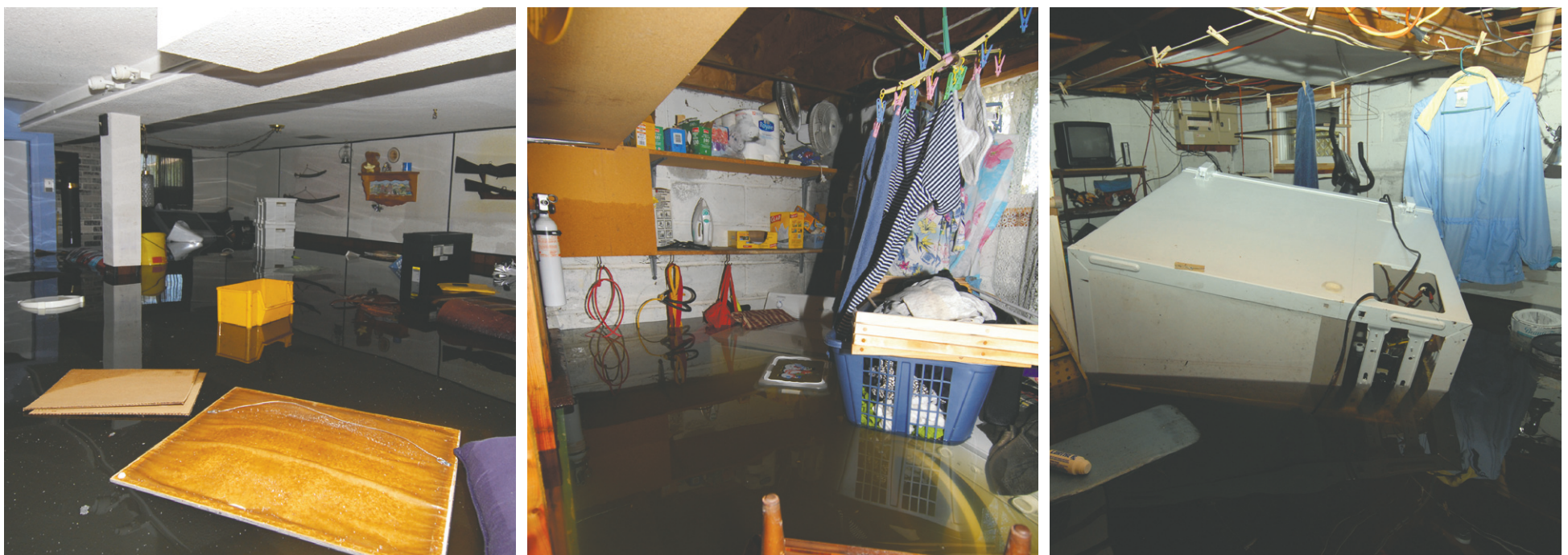
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Minden Flood 2013



Photos by Tiffany Orpana-Kennedy

Ed and Joan Pritchard's flooded basement in their Anson Street home.

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agreed to meet with the family at their home on May 13.

"He said, yes, we'll start covering it right away."

If the adjusters discover that the basement has been compromised in any way, it would be considered flood damage, said Lyn. In the meantime, they've been diligently pumping out the basement and are putting together an inventory of everything they come across.

"They came in with the convoy and the manager of the insurance company

was there," said Lyn, adding that this time the company's representatives were compassionate and respectful.

In the event the insurance doesn't come through, or doesn't cover all damages, Lyn hopes her parents will be able to access funds through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

All they can seem to think about now is some of their most treasured items, which remain waterlogged.

"My sewing machine is down there and my sewing table that he [Ed] made me," said Joan.

Other significant items include a treadmill and stationary bike that Ed used daily, along with his collection of Dale Earnhardt Sr. memorabilia.

"Everything down there was personal, really," said Lyn.

"All our evenings were spent down in the basement," added Joan.

"It was a very comfortable place," said Ed.

Since the flooding began, the couple has stayed at Lyn's home, which is located just outside the village of Minden. They consider themselves fortunate to have a place to stay.

"Without our daughter, we'd be in a real

mess," said Ed.

When asked if they'd consider returning to their Anson street home, Ed paused momentarily before responding.

"It's going to be difficult, but we'd certainly give it a try," he said.

Ed and Joan's story will be highlighted at the June 15 flood relief fundraiser golf tournament at the Pinestone. The photos that were taken by their good family friend, Tiffany Orpana, who will be part of the presentation.

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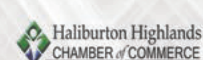
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Minden Flood 2013

Minden damage at least \$4 million

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Rough estimates show that it will cost at least \$4 million to repair homes and other private properties in Minden that were affected by what many are calling the flood of the century.

At a May 9 special council meeting, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and CAO Nancy Wright-Laking released initial figures, which had to be included in an application to the Ontario Disaster Relief Program (ODRAP) due that day.

"We're thinking it will be substantially more as individuals come forward," said Wright-Laking.

To date, 126 people have registered with the township to submit a claim for property damage, she said.

"That estimate is based on the known

facts, but it could be much more than 126 properties that have been damaged."

The ODRAP program is intended to assist those whose essential property has been

extensively damaged as a result of a sudden, unexpected natural disaster. Through the private component, funds raised by the community may be matched up to two-to-one by the province.

"We've been advised, by the minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing [Linda Jeffrey], that this estimate is not carved in stone... due to the limited time we've had."

As for the township, it is estimated that damage caused by the flood is somewhere

in the neighbourhood of \$768,500. These costs include damage to infrastructure and staff overtime. The township may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the program.

During the regular meeting of council, several businesses and organizations presented the township with monetary donations. Representatives from the following groups attended: Kinsmen Club of Minden (\$10,000),

Pharmasave (\$1,000), Minden Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada (\$3,530), TD Bank (\$5,000), and the Soyers Lake Association (\$1,000).

Reid listed several other individuals and

groups that had donated \$1,000 or more to the relief fund.

Representatives from Orillia Power donated \$25,000 to the township, which brought the total funds raised by the community to \$97,000.

On June 15, the Pinestone Resort will host a benefit golf tournament with celebrity guests Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson. The upcoming event received airtime on a May 8 edition of Coach's Corner with Don Cherry and Ron MacLean.

"Hopefully that will move other people to help our small community – because we've certainly got a big number ahead of us," said Reid.

Anyone in need of information about submitting a claim for property damage should visit the township's website at www.mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-1260.

That estimate is based on the known facts, but it could be much more than 126 properties that have been damaged.

Nancy Wright-Laking
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Minden Flood 2013

Scott demands review of relief program

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott has been in communication with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Linda Jeffrey, to immediately declare Minden Hills a disaster area under the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Plan (ODRAP).

Minden Hills has submitted a resolution with estimates of damages, however they have also requested the province advance emergency funds for disbursement to the flood victims.

"People need some advanced funds to start to clean up, if they're in their house yet at all," Scott said. "You're in a crisis, you need to hurry it up. You need to hurry a declaration and you need to hurry the advancement of funds for those in need."

While some people who have been impacted by the flood have the resources to get started on the recovery and clean up process, Scott said many do not.

In her last conversation with Jeffrey, Scott was told there are 14 applications that have been submitted across Ontario.

"It doesn't sound like they've made a decision on any of them yet," she said. "I just keep pushing the minister to declare it as soon as possible."

Scott said there's a precedent for the minister to advance funds.

In 2004, Peterborough processed 1,300 different applications for relief when the city flooded. They submitted the paperwork to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and requested advanced funds. Peterborough received approximately \$5 million from the ministry around 10 days later.

"There's flexibility in the program for the minister to make some calls once the area has been declared a disaster," Scott said. "It can happen. They can advance the funds."

It's been over three weeks since the flood in Minden, and some residents are still unable to enter their home. Despite that, the municipality had to submit a resolution to the ODRAP program declaring their estimates on private and public damages.

"The whole program needs to be reviewed," she said. "When a community is in crisis and you have to go through a lengthy application process... I think we can do better. I think the program needs to be looked at and updated, especially smaller communities like we are."

The numbers required by the ministry are all tentative and subject to change.

While the municipality's damages will be covered by the province, there is a

fundraising component for private damages. The ODRAP program contributes two dollars for every dollar donated to the Minden Flood Relief fund.

"The fundraising component is a challenge for smaller municipalities," she said. "The community would have to raise over a million dollars to get matching funds to meet what they have already estimated on damages."

Although Scott believes the ODRAP program needs to be reviewed, her focus remains on getting funds for the people in Minden.

"We've been patient," she said. "We've done what we could. The municipality has followed the process and I've pushed every day. They need to declare it a disaster and let the funds flow so the municipality can disburse to these people."



Photo by Mark Arike

A \$25,000 donation to Minden Hills. Left to right: Orillia Power staff members Michael Beers and Evan Nelson, chairman Larry Brooksbank, Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, Orillia Power CEO Keith McAllister and Minden Hills CAO Nancy Wright-Laking.

Orillia Power donates to disaster relief fund

By **Mark Arike**
Staff writer

Orillia Power has come to the aid of Minden Hills flood victims.

On May 15 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, some of the company's executives and staff

presented a \$25,000 donation to the township.

"We're very happy to be here to present some help to the community," said Orillia Power's CEO Keith McAllister.

"I like to think of us [Orillia Power] as a quiet neighbour," he said. "We sort of sit back in the woods and we

generate power. Unfortunately this year, Mother Nature gave us more water than we could ever imagine and it was greater than the flood levels that were expected."

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HHSS royalty takes the stage

On May 10, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduating students took the stage to raise money for their prom at the Kings and Queens of the Stage talent showcase. Talents included dance, improv, acting and poetry recital.

Pictured left: Maddie Robinson performs a solo dance for the crowd. Above: Caitlyn Griffin (left) and Alana Bannister had the crowd in stitches over their skit, The Pizza Eater.

On page 17, top left: The HHSS Improv Ensemble plays The Dating Game. Top right: Kellsey Kletke (left) and George Charlebois recite the poem, When Love Arrives. Bottom right: Jaimie Dack, Shelby Elstone, Kelsi Eno, Kayla Gardiner and Baily Walker perform a group dance. Bottom middle: Alex Kocot performing Eat It. Bottom left: HHSS principal Dan Marsden joins the improv fun with Tyler Warham.

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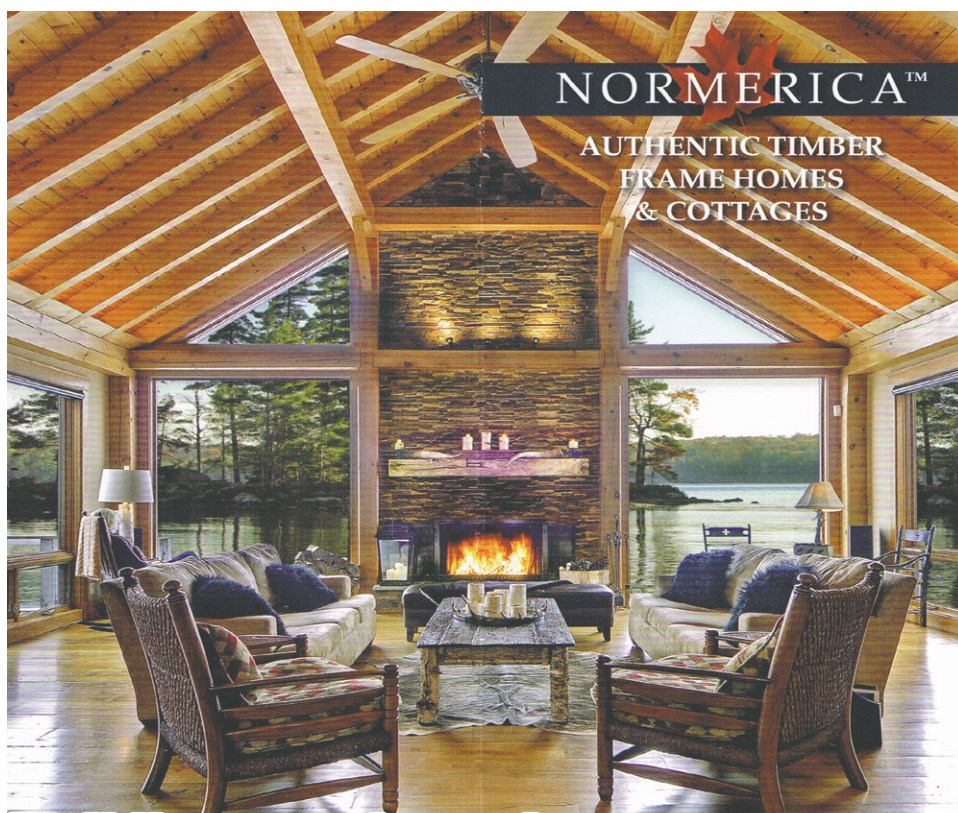
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So you want to write. And why not? Everyone can write, right? Sure, just like everyone is a photographer nowadays. Writing might seem easy on the face of it, but it's hard as hades to do well. Having said that I believe that everyone has a story to tell, and if you feel so inclined and have the time, I strongly recommend that you sit right down and write yourself a book.

There are many reasons for you to write a book. Once you're finished you will emerge as a considerably better writer than when you started. Also the process is both a humbling and cathartic experience, and you're forced to self-analyse to the extent that you'll have a much better understanding of your capabilities when it's all over.

How do I know these things? Well yours truly wrote a book two years ago. I'd written scripts for video documentaries and articles for various publications but I'd never tackled anything quite so involved as a novel before, so I decided to follow the advice of experts and write about things that I knew.

I knew something about nature and the environment and I knew a little about art and artists. I also fancied that I had a good ear and could therefore write effective dialogue. My life experiences also taught me a thing or two about what makes different people tick.

I figured that I had enough worldliness,

(and wordiness) to write a story which wouldn't be boring. Now the question was what genre to write in. I like reading mysteries and I most enjoy those that have good character and plot development.

So mystery it was; but what would be the setting? I didn't think that anyone had written a novel that took place totally in this county, so I decided on the Highlands as my setting, and Minden as the central location; both thinly veiled.

My cast included an unwed mother and her young son, and an aging artist who was a mentor to the boy. These were my central characters and the others helped the story along and also provided material for several back stories.

The plot can be charted in advance and many writers can't start a book without a fully-articulated story, a list of settings

and a timeline. For me that was almost more daunting than the actual writing so I proceeded, unhindered by convention. I concentrated on my characters and what they said to each other. I quickly saw that what they said, and who they said it to, could be used effectively in developing the story. Writing for four hours a day, it wasn't long before I had a few chapters written; and it all seemed to hang together pretty well.

Chapter led to chapter and after approximately 65,000 words, I was finished. Or so I thought. In order to get strong critical analysis I decided to give my draft to people who I thought would be toughest on me, and I steeled myself for the worst.

What I got back was generally complimentary but also illuminating. I had included way too many passages which, while meaningful to me, were eye-glazing to others. My idea of punctuating was

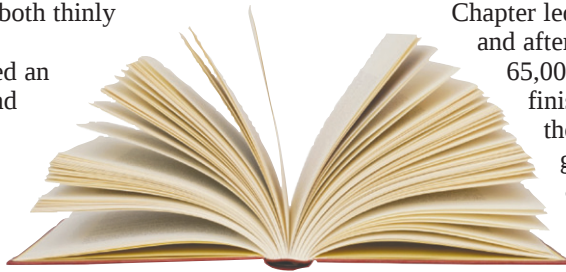
confusing. My opening should have been chapter three, and the book really wasn't a mystery in the true sense of the genre. Those were just a few of the critiques, all valid.

Of course I had to do another draft; and then another. After a total of eight drafts I think the book is finally done and I'm writing a sequel. What did I learn? Too much in total to mention here, but the obvious one was that writing is not easy. I learned mostly about myself; what I was capable of, how hard it is to write precisely and concisely, and how comparatively easy it is to write about what you know in a first book compared to inventing almost everything in the second.

Writing my 'mystery' novel was a great experience, so if it's in the back of your mind to write your own book, memoir or poem, definitely give it a shot. If you feel you need some instruction in order to improve your skills there are several writing circles in the county which can be accessed via haliburtonwriters.ca. The memoir group meets in Minden the third Wednesday of the month and in Haliburton on the first Wednesday of the month. Check the library calendar for more information.



By George Farrell



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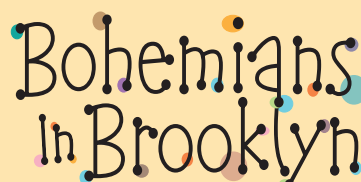
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MNR staff Scott Bird and Doug Holtby take off from the fish hatchery in the Eurocopter.

The day in May that saw fish fly

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Between May 14 and May 15, a total of 2,000 lake trout and rainbow trout were flown off to their new homes.

The fish, which were raised at the Haliburton fish hatchery, were gathered

by Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) volunteers and Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff, and loaded aboard the MNR's Eurocopter for their release into one of seven Haliburton County lakes.

"Every fish survives the drop," said HHOA president Rex Henry. "It doesn't

hurt them at all."

MNR helicopter pilot Doug Holtby flies low enough so that the fish experience a five-foot drop into the water. On each trip, the model EC130 chopper can carry nearly 1,000-pounds of fish along with a tank, water, pilot and passenger.

Henry said that only a few lakes are

stocked by way of helicopter.

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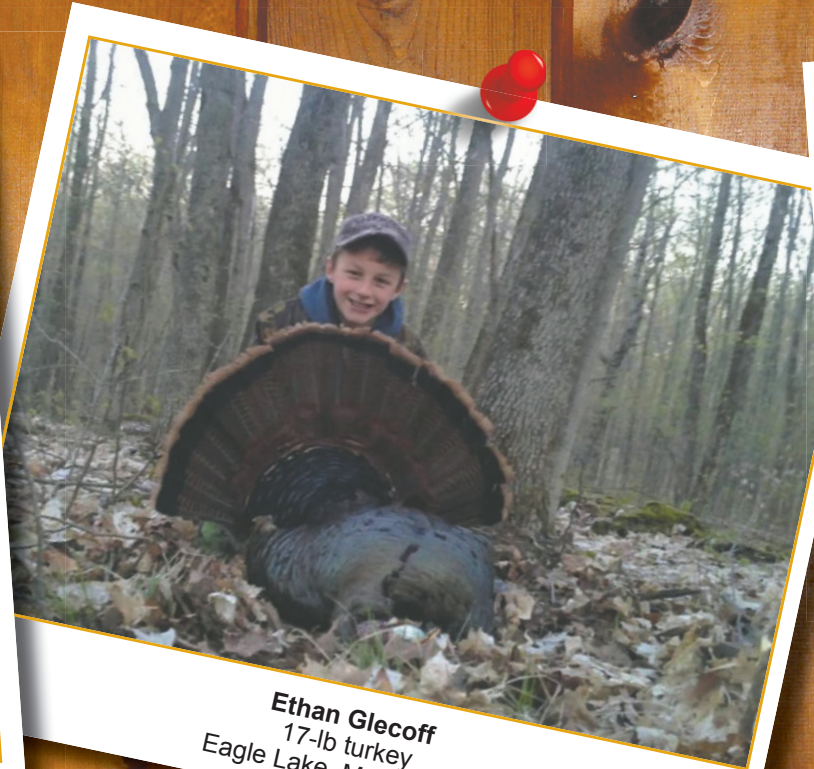
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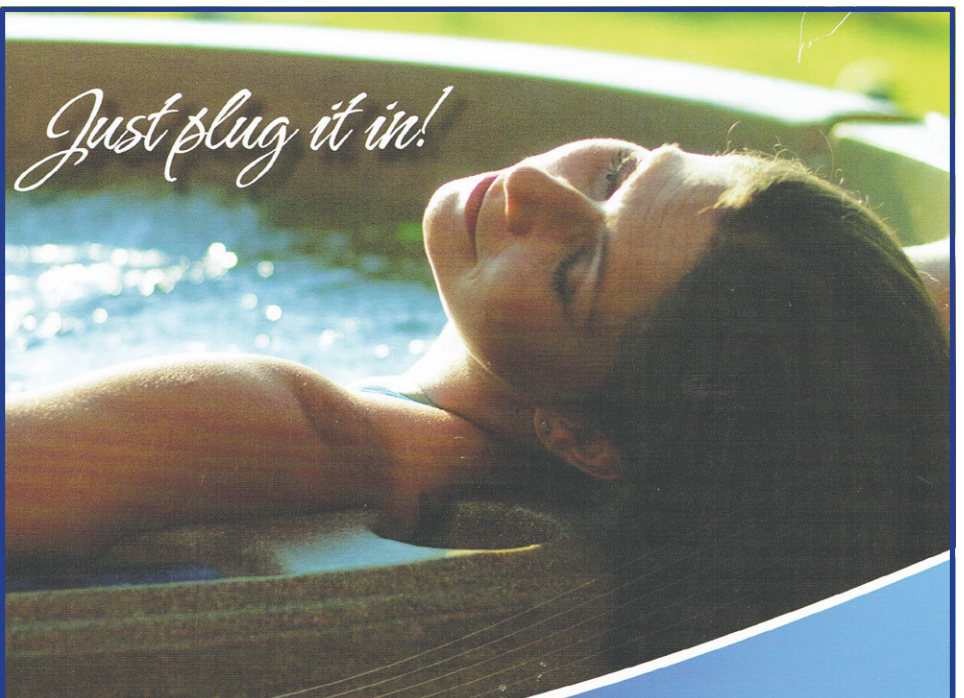
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Highlander sports

Fighting to the finish at Tough Mudder

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

I might be walking with a slight limp, typing a little slower and still feeling the after effects of 10,000 volts shooting through my body – but I made it.

And not only did I get through what is labelled as “Probably the Toughest Event On the Planet,” I also lucked out and finally got what I’ve been waiting for: 15 minutes of fame.

May 11, 2013 is a day that will go down in my personal history book. Why, you ask? It’s when I became a certified “Tough Mudder.”

Over the course of the weekend, 13,000 other crazies like me descended upon Mount St. Louis Moonstone for the second annual Tough Mudder event. My teammates and I had been gearing up for this for the past year – and let’s just say, it met our expectations.

At this event, us mudders had to lay it all on the line as we put ourselves through a challenging 16-kilometre course featuring 22 extreme obstacles. The British Special Forces were responsible for creating this maze of madness, and I can’t thank them enough.

The night before the event, I was feeling anxious. I didn’t get to sleep as early as I should have; all I could think about was whether or not I had prepared enough – both physically and mentally – for the challenge.

For the past couple of months I had been building up my cardio and strength by running up and down the hills of the Highlands, as well as doing a popular max interval training workout program.

After catching no more than 4.5 hours sleep, it was time to suit up. I left the Highlands at 5 a.m. in order to ensure I’d arrive two hours before my 9 a.m. start time. Joining me for the trip was Magaly Pizarro, mother of one of my fellow mudders. Since I didn’t have a GoPro to strap on my head, she agreed to be our official photographer.

It was a cold and wet morning. Certainly not the weather conditions I had hoped for. But Tough Mudders are taught not to complain – whining is for kids. Besides, the energy and adrenaline was all I needed to maintain somewhat of a normal body temperature.

I dyed my hair a fiery orange for this special occasion. Since I wanted to keep



Photo by Magaly Pizarro

“Team Fearless” feels the energy at Tough Mudder. Left to right: Adam Liberti, Isidoro Garcia, Leonardo Castro, Gustavo Rojas and Mark Arike.

to the theme of extreme, I applied a “semi-permanent” colour that comes in one of those do-it-yourself kits. Swimming goggles were a must, as I couldn’t risk getting chunks of mud flung into my eyes and under my contacts. That alone could put me out of the competition.

And then there were the outfits. Fellow mudder and good friend, Gustavo Rojas, got all of us lime green shirts and took the time to customize them with the words “Team Fearless.” Rojas was in last year’s competition, which was held later in the summer and was the most well-attended Tough Mudder competition to date.

So what was the course like? Well, things got off to an easy start. Obstacle number one, titled “Glory Blades,” saw us climb over two sets of wooden walls that were about seven feet tall. I barely required any help to get over these.

Then we had to run up and down the steep ski hill – for what seemed like a distance of at least two kilometres – before reaching an obstacle that still sends chills down my spine. Known as “Arctic Enema,” it’s designed to test your mental grit (and turn you into a human popsicle). There was nothing enticing about jumping into a dumpster full of water and 80,000 pounds of ice, but I knew I

was capable of doing it. I took the plunge with my fellow mudders and wanted to get out the second my feet hit the frigid water. The toughest part came when I had to fully submerge myself in order to duck beneath a wooden plank that blocked me from the other side of the dumpster. They key is to act fast before hypothermia sets in.

Another obstacle that included icy water was “Funky Monkey”. The difference here was that you could avoid taking a plunge, provided you hung on to the greased up monkey bars. Although I was already shivering, I was determined to make my way across successfully. These bars were spaced 1.5 feet apart – but what added to the difficulty level was that the first section of bars were on an upward incline while the last half went downward. I struggled slightly, until I decided to utilize a swinging technique midway through. I felt my left shoulder pop, not once but twice; however, I fought the pain and went for it. My determination brought me to the other side.

Half-pipes are usually reserved for snowboarders and skateboarders, but on this day mudders had to run up one of these ramps in “Everest”. Those who had made it up and over this obstacle offered other mudders a helping hand. I charged at it, but

all those bodies hanging over the edge threw me off. My fellow mudders grabbed my arms but they couldn’t hang on to my 170 pounds of dead weight. The shoulder popped again, so I decided against taking another run at it.

Once I hit the ground, I turned around to a camera in my face.

“I couldn’t help but notice your orange hair,” shouted the cameraman from CTV Toronto.

Out came the microphone. It was my time to put Haliburton – and Team Fearless – on the map. I was asked about what I thought of the competition and whether or not it lived up to its tough reputation.

“I kind of expected it to be harder than it was,” I told him, seconds after sliding down Everest. “Some of the obstacles are fairly quick and you fly through them, but others are quite shocking to the system.” (To see the full story visit www.toronto.ctvnews.ca/video?playlistId=1.1277530)

What a fitting response, considering the final challenge that was ahead of me and the team.

“Electroshock Therapy” was what we had all been waiting for. It’s the obstacle that stands between you and the finish line. And it’s not an easy one to face.

Team Fearless decided to face this one head on, together. We hooked arms and agreed to blast through the field of live wires and muddy sludge. The intermittent, 10,000-volt zaps felt like BB gun blasts or firecrackers hitting my chest and arms. I’ve never been hit by either, but imagine the sensation is quite similar.

Like warriors, we crossed that finish line to receive our orange Tough Mudder headbands – which can only be earned by completing one of these courses.

As we savoured our free glass of beer in the finisher’s zone, we reflected on what we had accomplished. Although there wasn’t a big cash prize for reaching the end, money can’t buy what we took away from this event.

Tough Mudder reminds us about the importance of teamwork, camaraderie and the strength of the human spirit. It’s also good to know that we were part of an event that has raised over \$5 million for injured veterans through the Wounded Warriors Project.

It also was a blast. See you next year, my fellow mudders.

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Highlander sports

Red Hawks defeat St. Thomas Aquinas 5-0

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

The game between the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Red Hawks senior girls' soccer team and St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School of Lindsay turned into a one-sided contest.

From the drop of the ball, the Red Hawks were determined to overpower their opponents and prove their superiority.

Red Hawks coach Sharon Dibblee knew her girls had their act together. The ball was consistently in the St. Thomas Aquinas end of the pitch. The Red Hawks team was accurate in their kicking and passing, which led to a 5-0 win.

Dibblee consistently praised her team while giving advice from the sidelines.

"What was really impressive was that we had five goals from five different players and we also could have had three other players put the ball in the net," she said. "We talked a lot about passing today and we have to use each other. In the last game, they were trying to chip the ball and have our forwards run on to it. We have a lot of speed on our team and our forwards were getting exhausted."

She said it was definitely an improvement over last game.

"I wasn't very happy with the previous game and how few actual shots they took. We had a lot more shots today. That's what we did last night with positional play and using a

passing game instead of the chip and run."

Thanks to some good coaching, the team was prepared.

"We had a little shop talk first to walk them through where the positions were," Dibblee said. "Then we walked through the field on defense saying, 'this is where you should be' and as we moved forward this is where we transition and we just walked through it."

According to Red Hawks #9 Jessica Bishop, her team excelled in playing their positions correctly.

"We talked and we played our positions way better than we have in the past," she said. "Our problem before was we weren't really taking very many shots. In this game we said, 'get there, take a shot', and that was what we had pounded into our head. So, we really got it together this game and really got together as a team."

Red Hawks striker and goal scorer #17 Casey Pringle was impressed with her team's performance.

"It was a good game," said Pringle. "It was easy for us because they [Aquinas] didn't have very many players and yet it was good for them because they didn't let up or give up. Our whole team communicated and passed back a lot and just took as many shots on goal as we could."

Red Hawks goals were scored by #10 Kenzie Hill, #12 Bailey Walker, #17 Casey Pringle, #23 Maia O'Sullivan and #28 Laura Woolcott.



Photo by Warren Riley

Kenzie Hill runs around an Aquinas player.

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A piece of cake

Five dug in, but only one came away with the winning token. Steve 'Stretch' Charity came out on top at 93.5 Moose FM's first annual mother's day contest at Dollo's Foodland in Minden on May 10. For his victory, Charity received dinner and an overnight stay at the Bonnie View, a cut and style from the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon, and a bouquet of flowers from Carey's Garden Centre. The remaining contestants also received a bouquet from Carey's.

Hockey stars to play golf for Minden flood relief tournament

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With local hockey stars like Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson and many big-ticket auction items, it just might end up being the most successful golf tournament Haliburton County has ever seen.

On June 15, over 140 golfers will make their way to the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre for the Minden Flood Relief golf tournament.

"Getting exposure for Minden is really what this is about," said Matthew Phillips, general manager of the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre.

The high-profile tournament sold out within a day after it received airtime on a May 8

episode of Coach's Corner with Don Cherry and Ron MacLean.

"It has snowballed and grown incredibly fast," said Phillips.

The tournament, which has been organized by Pinestone staff, will feature a "hot stove" Q&A session with Duchene and Hodgson, an autograph session, and live and silent auctions. Phillips confirmed that both NHL stars will be playing in the tournament.

"We're really happy to do something to help out," said Hodgson, who grew up in Haliburton and now plays for the Buffalo Sabres. "Everyone's trying to pull together to do what they can to raise money. I'm happy to be part of this, and hopefully we can raise as much money as we can and help get things back to where they were."

Hodgson said his uncle Andrew and Duchene's father Vince are both assisting with the tournament.

Duchene, who is currently playing overseas at the world championships in Sweden, was unavailable for comment. The Haliburton native is a centre for the Colorado Avalanche.

Phillips hopes to raise at least \$60,000 at the tournament. The funds will be matched up to two-to-one through the provincial government's Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

Although the tournament is sold out, those looking to support the event can attend the evening dinner and other festivities.

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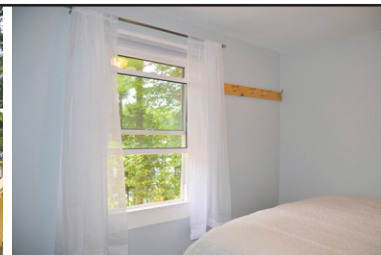
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Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday afternoon, May 13, 2013 from 4-7 p.m. Then again on Tuesday morning, May 14, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. Interment later Ingoldsby Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Minden Flood Relief would be appreciated by the family.



Bruce Fearrey (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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Special thanks to Reeve Murray Fearry, Dave Bishop on behalf of Peter Schleifenbaum and Keith Hodgson for speaking at Dan's service. We really appreciated you taking the time to share your heartfelt thoughts and memories. Your words were a great source of comfort.

Thank you to Dr. Heyes, all the staff at the Haliburton Highlands Hospital and Highland Crest in Minden for their excellent care of Daniel over the past four months.

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GARAGE SALE, RAIN OR SHINE - Friday, May 17 from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. & Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1344 & 1346 Hamilton Rd., Minden (Hwy #35 at lights, South Lake Rd. to Hamilton Rd.) Something for everyone! (MA16)

ZION UNITED CHURCH, CARNARVON – Saturday, May 18 starting at 8 a.m. All proceeds to support affordable rental housing in Haliburton County. Minden Flood relief donations being accepted. (MA16)

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE - Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 a.m. 117 Harmony Rd, Haliburton, ON. Electronics, Furniture, Various assorted items. Rain Date, Sunday, May 19 starting at 8:00 a.m. (MA16)

MOVING SALE – Saturday, May 18 at 8 a.m. 315 Pine St., wide variety of items, some free to flood victims in Minden. Call to come earlier. 705-457-0701. (MA16)

MULTIPLE HOUSE YARD SALE, Saturday, May 18– 3230 County Rd 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (MA16)



GARAGE SALE! Record albums, books, household items & decor, chainsaws, bi-fold doors, propane heater, lawn mowers, lots of useful stuff! Even freebies! 9-4, Saturday -Monday (May 18-20). Rain or shine. 1527 Tom Bolton Rd., 1km east of Lochlin Rd. (MA16)

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MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE – Saturday, May 18 from 9-2, Sunday, May 19 from 9-12. Toys, crafts, games, odds and ends. 216 Mountain St., Haliburton. (MA16)

WANTED

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HALIBURTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS plant sale - June 1, 10 a.m. Minden Village Green. Great plants, great prices. Come early for best selection! (MA30)

LINDSAY COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE July 18-21. Day passes and event tickets available call 1-800-954-9998. Also available at Organic Times (Minden) and Cranberry Cottage (Haliburton Village). (JL18)

MINDEN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL'S annual plant sale - Sat. May 25, at 10 a.m. SHARP. Village Green, downtown Minden. All plants are grown by our members. For more info call Rose at 705-286 3157. (MA23)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherri Huck & Gavin McElwain

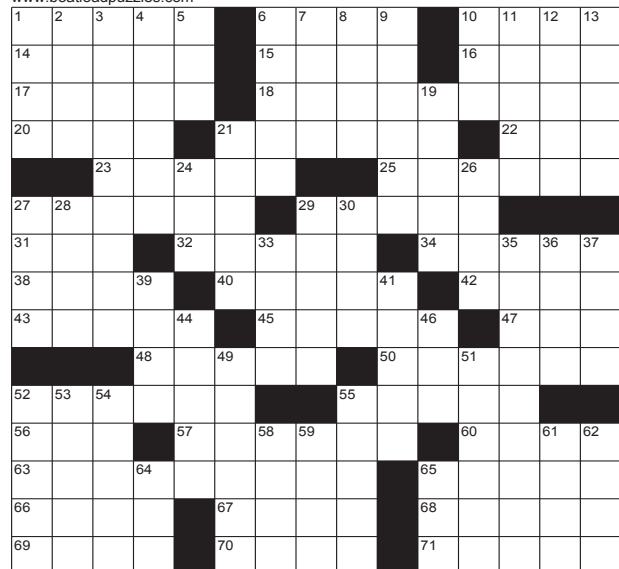


Are getting married Saturday, May 25

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Minden Community Centre

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ACROSS

1. Engraved gem
6. Overlook
10. Faucets
14. Midwest airport
15. Inferno
16. Smack
17. Engine
18. Interchange
20. Gazed at
21. Playground feature
22. Manipulate
23. TV repeat
25. Wanted
27. Pay hikes
29. Starchy veggie (sl.)
31. UN member
32. Courage
34. Treaties
38. Barn's neighbor
40. Short letters
42. Slipper
43. Jobs
45. Kingdom
47. Museum offering
48. Alter slacks
50. Scads
52. Monkey's treat
55. Rot
56. Self-esteem
57. Baltimore bird
60. Broker's advice
63. Texas river (2 wds.)
65. Narrow boat
66. Besides
67. Quit
68. Kidney, e.g.
69. Abound
70. Type
71. Prophetic signs

DOWN

1. Show up
2. Sailor's call
3. Fabrics
4. Wears away gradually
5. "___ the ramparts..."
6. Frequently
7. Swamp
8. Deferred savings accts
9. Lodger
10. Chef's unit (abbr.)
11. Audibly
12. Outdated
13. Velocity
19. Use a broom
21. Actress ___ Sarandor
24. Gun an engine
26. Ages
27. Iron oxide
28. Korea's locale
29. ___ pole
30. Space
33. Folk wisdom
35. Test of one's abilities
36. Ripped
37. Groups
39. Gumbo veggie
41. Incline
44. Spanish title
46. Cow's comment
49. Bother
51. Confiscate weapons
52. French cap
53. Limber
54. Hangman's loop
55. Slumbered
58. Occupied with
59. Smell
61. Borrowed money
62. Telescope glass
64. Ruby, e.g.
65. Murmur lovingly

Last week's puzzle solutions

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Fun Fact:

Coca Cola was originally green.

MAY 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Canadian Federation of University Women's open meeting with David Phillips – Fleming College, 7 p.m. 		Rummage sale – Maple Lake United Church. Contact Margaret Hewings at 705-754-3073 for more details. Pie Sale – Ingoldsby United Church, 9 a.m. Pop-Up Museum! – Haliburton Highlands Museum, 2-4 p.m.	Bake sale for Minden Relief Fund – Riverview Furniture, 9 a.m. A party fit for a Queen , celebrate Victoria Day the Victorian way! – Haliburton Highlands Museum, 12-4 p.m.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941 A party fit for a Queen , celebrate Victoria Day the Victorian way! – Haliburton Highlands Museum, 12-4 p.m.	Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care, 9:00 a.m. 705-457-2941 Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m. 100.9 CanoeFM Bingo - (every Tuesday) , 6 p.m. 705-457-1009	Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330	A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		Purina Walk for Dog Guides – Head Lake Park, 12 p.m. Joyful Noisemakers , followed by a brunch – Minden United Church, 11 a.m.	Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Everyone welcome!	Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Radio Club, Friday, 10 a.m. Fish & Chips, Friday from 5-7 p.m. Darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Open Saturday & Sunday from 12-5 p.m.	Spaghetti dinner, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Spring into Summer dance, Saturday, 9 p.m. DJ Pat Casselman. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Horseshoe tournament, Saturday. Registration from 11-noon, start time 12:30 sharp. \$10 entry fee. Food available to purchase.	
Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2 p.m. Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.		

Send your community event to
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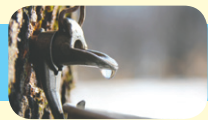
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Fundraiser for H.A.V.E. (help a village effort... drilling fresh water wells in India) on Sun. June 2... live music and BBQ (\$20.00/person)... call for reservation.

Paintings up for auction

If local heritage is something you're passionate about, Sandi McElwain of Why Not Collect It in Haliburton Village has two paintings up for auction that may be just what you're looking for.

These 1930s oil paintings were acquired from Dorothy Baker's estate. They were created by Albert and Billie Lucas, both local artists of the day.

The first painting depicts the bridge on Highland Street, past where the LCBO is today. The second painting is of Wes Baker

and a team of horses at W.R. Curry's lumber camp on Long Lake in Haliburton.

McElwain is hosting a silent auction for the two paintings. Each one starts at \$100, with 50 per cent of proceeds donated to the Minden Flood Relief Fund.

The auction is on now and will run until May 31 at noon. To participate, simply visit the store and place your bid in the ledger.

"It's local history," McElwain said. "[The paintings] are local, and I'd like for them to stay local."



Photo by Walt Griffin

Interact Club receives cheque from Rotary Clubs

The Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs presented the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Interact Club with a cheque for \$1,923 from last year's Rotary Radio Day to kick off their annual week of fundraising. Funds from the week's fundraising events will be split down the middle, with half benefitting the Minden Hills Flood Relief fund, and the other half going to support rural agriculture in Gufubao, China. Back row, from left to right are: Andrew Hodgson, Joanna Penfold, Andy Salvatori, Malcolm MacLean, David Zilstra, Jennifer Paton, Louise Sparrow, Barb Reid, Murray Feary, and Dan Marsden. Middle: Zach Cox, Daryl Woodley, and Kaitlyn Griffin. Front row: Emma Cox, Romina Sabando, Alex Litwin, and Christina Darlington.

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