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Disaster declaration
clears way for flood
compensation

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

After spending 25 days in a state of emergency from flooding, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH), Linda Jeffrey, has named Minden Hills, along with 13 other municipalities in Ontario, a disaster area.

The decision was announced on May 16 to commit up to \$18 million to these municipalities through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

On May 17, Minden Hills council met for a special meeting to select a Disaster Relief Committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the disaster relief fund and ensure all claims are dealt with fairly and equitably, according to a council report. It will raise funds for the benefit of disaster victims, and receive and settle the eligible claims of the victims.

The committee members appointed at the meeting include Jeanne Anthon, Jack Brezina, Larry Griggs, Andrew Hodgson, Shelley Houser, Bill Obee, Max Ward, and Dorian Young.

The MAH has also offered up to \$1,000 in advanced emergency funds for eligible residents affected by the flood.

"The opportunity is there to provide immediate relief," Nancy Wright-Laking, Minden Hills CAO, said at the meeting. "It's entirely up to the municipality whether you want to avail yourself to that opportunity."

See **"Disaster"** on page 16



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Rebecca Hamilton, right, shares the stage with Sonya Flatman during the Mending Minden talent show. See page 18 for more photos.

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Heavy rainfall leads to sewer overflow on Highland Street

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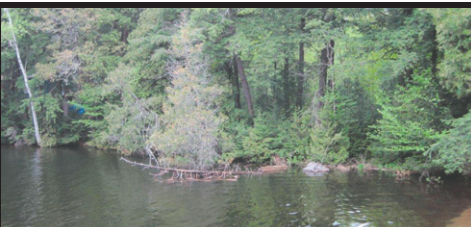


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Editorial opinion

Just one more shot

The snow is gone, and unless you're a Senators or Kings fan, hockey is possibly the furthest thing from your mind.

But that doesn't mean we shouldn't talk about it. Pond hockey, that is.

After this year's successful – depending on who you ask – Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, there were questions about whether or not the event would come back to the Highlands for a repeat. Last month it was confirmed that yes, it will, and once again, both the county and Haliburton County Development Corporation will each pitch in \$10,000 to support it.

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey justified the decision to county council by saying the tournament is a great boon to the community. However he also said in the meeting that the goal is for the event to be self-sustaining and that this would be the last year we would need to help fund it.

The tournament, an event put on by private firm J-Core Marketing, put the call out to volunteers in January to help run the show. When people found out the event was for-profit, there were some angry volunteers. Other community groups that lost out on volunteers as a result were also frustrated.

Why would the county support a for-profit organization like this?

Well, if the goal is to bring in an event that will attract hundreds of new people to the Highlands – which it is – then the tournament accomplishes that. If we take advantage of the opportunity – which apparently we didn't this year – then in theory the county should see a huge economic boost in an otherwise dreary winter season.

That's worth investing in.

And that's what Neil Lumsden of J-Core

Marketing has been saying all along. We have to do our part to benefit from this great event.

He then goes on to say how much money he lost when poor weather forced him to cancel the event a year ago, and that he needs to recoup those losses.

That's not as easy to swallow.

Poor weather has caused more than a few businesses in the area – mostly tourism-based – to suffer in the last two years. They don't get hand-outs even though they bring people in to the county year-round.

But that's ok, because pond hockey should need our help only this one last time, according to Fearrey. Lumsden, however, isn't as sure.

In fact, he refuses to talk about anything past 2014. His eye is on making the next event a huge success, and he refuses to talk about what he may or may not need – support-wise – in 2015.

J-Core has shown its willingness to move the championships if the host isn't willing or able to pony up the cash. Last year they pulled out of Huntsville when the Deerhurst Resort wanted to change the deal. While we've been sold on the idea that we won't have to pay anything after this year, history tells a different tale.

When Lumsden comes asking for cash in 2015, unless this upcoming championship delivers as promised the county treasurer should slam the coffer shut on his hands.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Making our future

And there it was.

For a few hours last Saturday, among the parking lots that pock downtown Haliburton Village, something remarkable was happening. A seed of possibility was germinating right outside our office, offering a tantalizing if brief glimpse of that most elusive of goals: a vibrant, prosperous town.

A new café, Sufficiently Suffonsified, was hosting its grand opening. Culinary school student Lindsey Snelgrove had set up in her mother's design store for the summer and had arranged outside seating and live music for the occasion. Nothing remarkable in that, except for what happened next: people stopped. They sat. Stayed. Ate. Bought stuff. You know, like in a real town.

Reeve Fearrey was on hand for the ribbon cutting and shared his pride in seeing a young Haliburtonian return from her studies to launch a new enterprise. We should all feel that way.

But sadly, I fear that Lindsey and people like her are facing an uphill battle, a struggle that reflects the purgatory-like economy of Haliburton Village, a town, like most of the county, perpetually wringing its hands over how to effect an economic revival.

I came across a similar situation in of all places, Florida. Thirty years ago, the town of Delray Beach was so dilapidated that they had to turn the traffic lights off at night because people were afraid to stop at intersections.

Then, in 1986, Delray Beach got a plan. The local council formed a partnership with the business improvement association. Together, they went block by block through downtown Delray, working with landowners and business people to encourage and facilitate the development of shops, office space and restaurants that would attract residents, professionals and tourists. The town even offered loans and grants to businesses that met its development objectives of high-wage jobs and people-friendly facades.

Today, Delray Beach is one of the most vibrant towns in Florida. The streets are packed every weekend, and most weeknights too, with residents and visitors enjoying dozens of restaurants that spill out onto outdoor terraces, many with live music. There's a different festival each week, until the end of April when everything goes quiet until Christmas. Just like us, but in reverse.

There are no dollar stores on Delray's main street.

They are not allowed. In that bastion of capitalism, the USA, the council has restricted some types of business for the general benefit of the community. There are no parking lots either on the main street, but plenty of (free) parking behind it.

Now, Haliburton County and Delray Beach, despite the obvious differences, have two very important things in common besides strong arts communities: both have hyper-seasonal, weather-dependent economies that offer at most four months of high traffic every year; and both have older populations with few young people to fill the workforce.

Seasonality and a small workforce are two of the excuses I hear regularly for why we must accept the status quo, why we can't

"attract business".

Frankly I'm tired of hearing how we must wait for growth, of this passive approach to managing our own destiny.

Yes, it's true there will never be a car plant in Haliburton County. But we don't need a car plant to build our economy. With just 17,000 permanent residents, to create significant growth we need shift only a tiny fraction of economic activity from the GTA towards us.

For example: if ten per cent of our 45,000 cottagers made a habit of staying an extra day each week, using high-speed internet to work from the Highlands, and each spends an average of \$50 per day on groceries, gas, restaurants and home maintenance, that would be \$2.7 million injected into the local economy over a 12-week summer.

Or, if we could increase our population by just 170 people per year — say 60 families — that would boost our economy by 10 per cent in a decade and on top of that generate a quarter billion dollars in construction.

That's billion. And don't forget the extra \$2.5 million or so added *annually* to the local tax base.

What will newcomers do for a living? I'm not suggesting for a minute that they will find jobs here. Rather, we're looking for people who bring their own income with them, people who won't have to rely on our economy's fickle seasonality. That means retirees, and those who can work remotely until the need from a growing population leads to more local employment. Many are already doing this, as consultants, online entrepreneurs and small exporters.

It's residents — seasonal and permanent — who drive demand for the high-wage professions that support families and generate prosperity: builders, plumbers, electricians, healthcare workers, teachers, landscapers, entrepreneurship. Tourists do not.

Nevertheless, County Council is jumping on that tourism train, selling a product we struggle to perfect instead of a lifestyle we mastered a long time ago. Have they done the math? Just because the last economic development director failed doesn't mean economic development itself is impossible. In focusing on tourism and handing off economic development to the municipalities, the county is trading away long term prosperity for short term gains. The municipalities do not appear to be compensating.

Why was Delray Beach hopping this winter? Why was the parking lot outside the Village Barn packed last weekend? Simple — there was something worth doing. True, it's more complicated than *build it and they will come*, as Maarten Steinkamp discovered, and over the next few weeks I'll outline some ideas as to how we might get there.

It took twenty-five years to re-build Delray Beach. In all likelihood, it will take us twenty-five years as well. But every day we delay in taking that first step puts that future further into the distance.

What are we waiting for?



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Life is an attitude

Dear editor,

Where to begin to prepare for the end? So much to do, so many things left undone. But why bother reflecting on things that will never be, opportunities missed, plans gone wrong. Everybody experiences good and bad moments in a lifetime, but what matters is how you cope with those experiences, and what you learn from them.

The ultimate goal in life should be personal development through self-awareness so you can become the best human being you can be. Material things do make life easier, but should not be the focus of life. They can be a hindrance to personal development where greed, envy, jealousy, ego and selfishness interfere with the ability to develop meaningful relationships. Nothing of material value will ever come close to providing the contentment, joy, emotional security, and happiness that genuine love can.

Does self-awareness really matter that much? Yes it does, because if you are afraid to explore who you are, what you are, and who you want to be, then undeveloped self-awareness will lead to a lack of understanding of why you are who you are, and why you do what you do. Not being honest with yourself will impede your ability to be completely open to allowing meaningful relationships

to develop. How others perceive you is important, but not nearly as important as how you see yourself, and it's only through honest self-analysis that you can present the real you to others, and you owe them that much if you want a genuine relationship with them. Only then can you insist on the same honesty from others. Life improves significantly if you have a genuine sense of self-worth, which leads to self-confidence, and that comes only through self-awareness, which leads to self-respect.

Life is a challenge, so let it challenge you, and dare to challenge it. Experience all the joys and hardships life has to offer. Failure is an option, but fear of failure is not. Approach every experience with the goal of learning something from it. It's now how long you live, but what you contributed in the time you have that matters.

Perfection is the ideal, but not necessarily a realistic goal. Being the best you can be is what others, and yourself, should expect from you. Next time you look in the mirror, if it does not reflect an image that pleases you, go back to the drawing board. Remember, it is not the physical reflection that counts, it's what's behind the image that matters.

Frank Thom,
Haliburton



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Photo of the week



Photo by Kim Emmerson

Two wild foxes near a farmer's fence.

Not so smart phone

Did you know that you'll soon be able to send smells via your smart phone?

No, not that kind of smell. Not the variety prone to embarrass your friend in a meeting or on a date. Not the kind that so many men are thinking about and chuckling as they picture a buddy exclaiming: "Whoa! Jeess, that's not me, it's my phone!"

Not farts, not any random stink at all, actually. I'm taking all the fun out of this smelly phone revelation, aren't I? Sorry. And that's exactly the sort of deflation I felt on listening to the radio segment about a new scented text message app as I drove to Toronto.

It seems that you have to strap a tiny air freshener to the base of your smart phone and then if someone, whom you've already given a pre-programmed code, cares enough to text that code to you the air freshener puffs out a whiff of your chosen scent.

How tedious and absolutely unfunny is that?

On the same radio show a lady from Parks Canada gushed about her organization's new cell phone gizmo. It seems that you

can now download an app that will tell you everything you need to know about camping – from what to pack to how to pitch a tent, where to store food, even how to deal with everything from troublesome bears to bites and stings. She described all the features in an excited high-pitched voice and told of how this marvellous new tool would encourage thousands of less than savvy wannabe campers out into the wilderness for the first time.

It was then that the radio host asked: "But what if you can't get cell phone coverage in the bush?"

There was a pause, a silence of just a little too long and then the interviewee regained her composure and stated that the app was not for use when in the bush but for preparing for a camping trip.

I harrumphed at the radio.

Couldn't you just use your computer to Google 'camping tips', or for that matter, go real old-school and read a book on camping before the trip? Why oh why do we need an app to tell us what to do? I tuned into a

different station.

It was a while later as I sat in a coffee shop in the city that I realized I must be mad. Of course people need an app on camping and one to squirt perfume at them whenever their text-fiend friends fancy. They need these apps because to them putting their phone down for a few moments to read the aforementioned camping book would be akin to removing a space helmet to check for air while standing on the moon. They would almost certainly keel over and die if not in constant contact with their cell phone, sorry, 'smart' phone.

I came to this conclusion as I looked about me. There were 17 people in the coffee shop at that moment (not including the baristas, one of whom was texting at that moment). Some 14 of them were staring at the screen of a smart phone, and eight of these folks were actually sitting at tables with a companion who was doing the same thing. Were they texting, tweeting, face timing or 'fancy apping' their companion? Were they planning some incredibly dangerous covert mission and so talking even in hushed whispers

was not allowed? Or, were they so addicted to the piece of plastic in their hands that they were unable to look up and make conversation with their friend even for a moment?

Unfortunately, smart phones are here to stay and they seem to be infiltrating all parts of society, from downtown coffee shop to semi wilderness. And, so long as they're here people are going to use them. I get that. But, to the people who make these oh so important apps I plead, if you're going to make a smelly app make one that I can send farts with. Make one so that I can send a skunk stink to my smart phone addicted friend as he brandishes it on the next camping trip because my only alternative would be to snatch said phone from him and throw it in the lake. Then he'll just have to talk to me, although what he has to say might not be something that I can repeat.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *How was business on the long weekend?*



Chuck Hopkins

Crane Service Minden

Glad to see the tourists back. Had some phone calls and got some good leads. I think it is going to be a really good summer.

Greg Saville

HP Super Store Minden

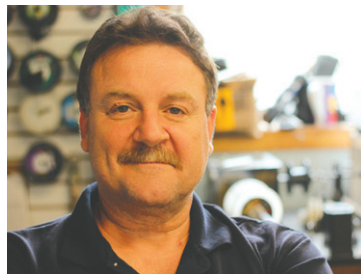
Saturday was crazy busy. It seems that people are still hanging on to their money. Don't misunderstand me, we did well, but there could have been more people.



Jack Saunders

Minden Live Bait

Overall it was a very good weekend. A lot of new faces and that is always good to see. It was really crazy at times and better than last year.



John Carr

Minden Home Hardware

Business was crazy. Incredibly busy both Saturday and Sunday. Just running all day long. Glad to see the tourists back. If it keeps up it will be a very good summer.



Sandi Brinklow

Minden Hills Rent All

It was very busy, nice to see. Things are looking very good right now for the summer. Glad the seasonal people are back. We really miss their business.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: STOUFFER

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

In 1967, moving to Africa to teach high school might have been seen as a crazy thing to do.

For John Stouffer and his wife Kathy, however, it was an adventure they wanted to take.

Stouffer was a math and physics teacher. He and his wife, working with Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO), moved to Ghana in 1967 to teach at the Mawuli School.

He was 32 years old.

"We taught in a secondary school there," he said. "It was a really interesting experience."

The couple wanted to travel, but wanted more than just a sightseeing trip.

"We just wanted to do something that was different and useful," he said. "Rather than just travelling the world, go and do something useful."

Growing up in Minden, Stouffer never had much contact with black people.

"I went into my first class and was confronted by 30 or so Ghanaians," he said. "They were, of course, African, dark faces, and they all looked the same. And I discovered after two weeks that they were all different and didn't look the same anymore. But what was really interesting was when I came back to Canada, I went into a classroom with about 30 kids and they all had white faces and looked the same."

His time in Africa would teach Stouffer a lot about race.

"I became more aware of the fact that black people, about the only difference between us and them, is the colour of their skin. Underneath that, they're just the same as we are."

In the classroom, though, Stouffer did

notice a difference.

"The students were quite a bit more respectful than they were here, and they were smart," he said. "We had kids go off to university in the United States and places like that."

As an English colony, Ghana had an English education system. They tested through external examinations.

"They were not trivial," Stouffer recalled. "In physics, they had practical exams in which you had to set up the lab, were handed a sheet and told you had to do this experiment and give us your results. The kids got really uptight over that stuff, which I thought would have been the really entertaining exams."

The Mawuli teachers lived on campus. As a result, the Stouffers didn't have to adapt too much to the local culture. To get away, they planned a trip into northern Nigeria, during a civil war, to visit some friends at a mission hospital there.

Ignoring warnings from locals, they set off on their motorcycles to Nigeria. Crossing the border, they came upon a sign telling them to stop for a military checkpoint, but there was no one there. They rode past the sign and found some soldier sitting near a tent. When they approached, the leader sat up to talk to them.

"He said, 'We could have shot you because you went by our checkpoint,'" Stouffer recalled. "And I said, 'Well, that wouldn't have been very nice now, would it?'"

The soldiers let them go. Later on in the trip, while he was taking a photo of a river on a bridge, another pair of soldiers approached and threatened the couple.

"The young guy said 'Give us your cameras,'" Stouffer said. "I tried to avoid this and the older fellow said 'What do you do?' I said we're teachers, and the whole



Photo submitted by John Stouffer

John and Kathy Stouffer travelled around Ghana on their motorcycles.

climate changed."

"Respect for teachers, you see, so we hung on to our cameras and they let us go."

The decision to leave Africa after three years was a hard one for the Stouffers to make.

"That was a difficult decision, but we had a little daughter," he said. "At some point we had to decide what we were going to do. We were getting paid local wages, which wouldn't cut it back in Canada. It was a bit financial and sometimes we would have to leave."

"If we hadn't had Ruth, our oldest child, we might very well have stayed longer."

Upon his return to Canada, Stouffer applied for a teaching position at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. He taught mathematics there for 24 years before he retired in 1994.

Now 78, he looks back on his time in Ghana fondly.

"You get to know the kids over the course of three years, so it would have been

good to stay there for maybe 10 years," he said. "But then it would have been maybe too hard to leave. There were a lot of really good kids, but there were a lot of scoundrels, too."

When his kids were older, Stouffer thought about going back to Africa.

"I occasionally thought about that," he said. "I thought about it when they were mostly grown up. It would be interesting to go back and go to their university and take some courses, for example, as a sabbatical."

While he could have brought his four children with him, Stouffer said travel is wasted on kids unless they can stay long enough to be part of the community.

The only thing keeping him from calling his old school to see if they still need teachers is his poor hearing.

"If my hearing wasn't in such tough shape, I'd be inclined to go back and spend another year or two, if they needed teachers."

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A Recovery Coordinator

Has been established 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 Cleanup, Clean Up kits, Building Services and Landfill Services.

Please report missing or found docks to the Recovery Coordinator.

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

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 4:30 pm.

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 operating in Minden Hills this week Monday to Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm 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. On May 16, 2013 the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced that the Township of Minden Hills will receive support through the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

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

Cultural Centre

The Spring Wetlands Walk on Saturday May 25, 2013 has been rescheduled. Please visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com for more details.

April Fire Calendar Winners

Week of April 15

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Week of April 22

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Week of April 29

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Meetings and Events

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)

June 13

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

June 27

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

Upcoming Community Fundraising

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.
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June 2

2 pm to 4 pm, 5th Annual Granny Tea Party, Zion United Church, Carnarvon, ON. Special Toonie Auction to support the Minden Hills Flood Relief Fund.
Contact 705-286-3226 for more information or to purchase tickets.

June 15

11 am Registration 1 pm Shot Gun
Minden Flood Relief Golf Tournament,
Pinestone Resort, Haliburton, ON.
Please call 1-800-461-0357 for full details.

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 page 12 for additional ad

Highlander news

Funds flow for Pond Hockey Championships

County gives cash for 2014 2015 funding uncertain

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

For the second year in a row, both the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) will be investing \$10,000 into the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

Although several local businesses didn't seem to feel the effects of last year's event, Dysart reeve and county councillor Murray Fearrey believes the event is bound to create positive spin-offs for the community.

"You're bringing 600 people in who have to stay in rooms, have to buy gas and have to eat somewhere for two weekends in a row," said Fearrey. "It's a real boon to the beds and rooms. There's a hope we can do more to help other businesses, but businesses have to participate too."

Last year's event was held over two weekends – Jan. 25-27 and Feb. 1-3 – and took place at Head Lake and the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre. The event brought hundreds of players from across Canada to the county.

J-Core Marketing, a for-profit company based out of Hamilton, puts on the event along with the help of local volunteers.

Before it was brought to Haliburton, the event experienced a six-year run at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville. In 2012 the event was cancelled there after negotiations with the resort fell through.

Although some people may have concerns about funding a for-profit venture, Fearrey says organizer Neil Lumsden took a risk when he brought the event to Haliburton.

"This past year, I'd say he made no money – at the risk of having an event in place, manning it, organizing it, doing all the advertising and having it washed out like he did in Huntsville last year. Obviously, somebody has to organize it."

At an April county council meeting when the funding request was approved, Fearrey said the event should no longer require financial support after this year.

"We've now given them [support] for two years," he said. "The first year was really tough because we didn't have any time to organize it. It's time to make some money, hopefully, and make the thing self-sustaining. It has to be self-sustaining or it isn't of great value."

Lumsden confirmed that he had to make up for funds lost in the previous year, when the event was postponed due to poor weather



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Two pond hockey players battle for the puck during the open finals earlier this year.

conditions.

"There's a fairly significant cost for us to run this event," he said. "That's where our money was spent – to start it up and get it going again. We lost a very dramatic amount of money to be able to stage it and get it up again this year."

Lumsden confirmed that J-Core Marketing would be investing at least \$10,000 in the upcoming event.

When asked if he would have to cancel the event if the county and HCDC don't offer financial support in 2015, Lumsden said he wasn't prepared to think about next year. He also hasn't given any thought as to whether or not he plans to approach them for future financial support.

"We've got to worry about this year and getting back on track... from our perspective, the business's perspective. I'd love the event to be there for a long, long time because it makes perfect sense for us from a staging and logistics [perspective]."

But the event's fate might not be in his hands, said Lumsden.

"We've got to see if people think the event is worth having, is what it comes down to. It might not be my decision."

It is yet to be determined whether the event will be held at one venue or two. Other details, including the dates, have to be confirmed. Lumsden said the dates that are currently on the table are Jan. 25-27 and Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, 2014.

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Highlander news

Interact club hits the airwaves

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students spent last week raising money for their annual international fundraising week.

Members of the school's Interact Club organized events throughout the week to raise funds, including throwing cream pies at teachers and making them eat exotic foods, hosting a dance, a buyout period, and a bake sale.

Altogether, the students managed to raise \$7,239. The money will be split evenly between Gufubao, a community in China, to support agriculture, and the Minden Flood Relief Fund.

One of the week's main events was Rotary Radio Day, hosted by Canoe FM, on May 15.

"A number of years ago they approached us about doing this Rotary Radio Day," said Roxanne Casey, station manager at Canoe FM. "I think it's really important we get the kids involved in the radio station, so when we were able to partner with the Interact Club, the high school and the two Rotary Clubs, they do great work and bring a different dynamic into the station."

"We're really happy to do that."

For the annual radio day, students sold 61

advertisements to 20 different businesses. They created, recorded and produced all the ads themselves, Casey said.

"Every year, [the kids] are outstanding, but this year, they're really outstanding because they've done everything," she said. "They haven't used anyone from the radio station. They've done it all themselves."

"It's so nice to see how creative they all have been."

Zach Cox is a member of the Interact Club and helped lead his fellow students during the radio day.

"It's always a fun event," he said.

"Everyone in the Interact [Club] is so creative and everything, that they've got the ability to write up amazing ads."

On top of ad sales, the club sold song donations to listeners.

The club partners with both the Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs for radio day. Both students and Rotarians shared air-time throughout the day.

"It gets everyone that much more involved, and gets the community involved because they're voices they recognize," Cox said.

He said the radio was on in the high school's cafeteria, which helped get students involved as well.

"They got a true image of what we were actually doing. It was pretty fantastic."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Former Interact Club member Sam Brixi and Rotarian Dennis Casey on the air.

The students also put together a special segment on the air for retiring music teacher, Tom Regina.

"We had some past performances of his and the bands under his direction," Cox said. "We had comments from students and teachers wishing him the best in his retirement."

While the students have received a lot of

credit from the station for their work on radio day, Cox said they couldn't have done it without help.

"We've had help from both Haliburton and Minden Rotary Clubs, and we certainly couldn't have done it without Canoe."

Minden Hills last in Highlands to finalize Official Plan

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Councillors and members of the public had a chance to review a draft of Minden Hills' Official Plan at a May 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

"We had many members of the public involved in this process," said Reeve Barb Reid, pointing out that Minden Hills was the last municipality in the county to complete amendments to their plan.

"Sometimes being last is a good thing because you get the benefit of seeing what others are doing and you get the opportunity to gather additional information," she said.

The draft plan, which was prepared by Chris Jones of Meridian Planning Consultants Inc., has been available for public review and comments since Dec. 1, 2012.

"It has been formulated based on the input gained from five public consultation meetings with citizens," said Reid.

The 98-page plan is divided into six parts.

These sections address the vision of the town, land use designations (urban and rural settlements) and environmental policies.

The purpose of the plan is to "establish a vision, planning principles as well as general and specific policies that are intended to provide council and the community with a blueprint to guide future decision-making with respect to the use of the land."

The 20-year plan is intended to provide the township guidance up to the year 2032.

"Today is a big day," said Jones during the

public meeting. "It represents the culmination of a lot of work, time and resources dedicated to really thinking about the future."

At the meeting, Jones received inquiries from members of the public about backlots, aggregate pits and lakes that are part of the "at capacity" list.

Reid explained that all comments received from the public would be referred to the township's planning committee for consideration. No decisions were made at the meeting.

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Highlander news

Cash for a cause

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The long weekend was good to a few Highlanders.

On May 18, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) held their Cash for Care Lottery Bash to draw the final lottery winners.

Muriel Jeffrey won the \$15,000 grand prize. Other winners included Richard Hammond, \$5,000; Edit Baritz, \$2,000; and Laraine Forgrave, \$1,000. Winners of the early bird draws for \$1,000 were Tom Parish, Jill Campure and Roy Megarry.

Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director, said net proceeds from the bash will be close to \$9,000. Money was raised through tickets

for the evening at Sir Sam's, a silent auction, and games. The money raised from the bash is designated for priority equipment at the two hospital sites.

Funds raised through the lottery are designated to the Palliative Care Suites Expansion Project. Walker expects the lottery should net approximately \$35,000 for the project.

The HHHSF is waiting for the hospital to receive approval from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care (MOH) on the project before launching a capital campaign. Walker said the approval is expected soon, at which point the foundation can launch a capital campaign in late 2013 or early 2014 for the palliative care project.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Peter Oyler, chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), left, Lisa Tompkins, HHHSF vice-chair, and Don Popple, director, draw the first winner in the Cash for Care Lottery on May 18.



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Construction begins on Tim Horton's in Haliburton

The site agreement for the Tim Horton's in Haliburton has been finalized and groundwork has begun at the site on County Rd. 21 just west of the village. "Once the agreement is registered and we have the funds in hand – and I think that will be very soon, maybe this week – we will move in and do our part on the site," public works director Doug Ray told county council at the May 22 meeting. "I think the developers anticipated a July opening but they've probably backed off that a little bit."

Parking paving nixed

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Wilberforce Pharmacy's parking lot will remain unpaved for now after council denied a request by owner Kass Eshkour to provide \$35,000 for the project.

"I thought a resolution was passed to get it paved in this year's budget," Eshkour told Highlands East councillors at their May 14 meeting. "I think we need to pave the parking lot. In the winter time it gets very icy. A lot of our patients are elderly, so there's a risk of them falling down."

Eshkour also suggested that a paved parking lot would help in the municipality's bid to recruit a doctor.

"I have put all my resources into [the building]," he said. "Truthfully, I can't do it." Sharon Stoughton-Craig, the Highlands

East CAO, said there is no money in the budget set aside for the project, and while the decision may have been deferred last year, no paperwork was filed to include it.

Reeve Dave Burton said there's just no money for the project.

"We're not even paving the new library's parking lot," he said. "I don't know where the money's going to come from to do it, just to be blunt. We don't have the resources right now to do it."

Ward 3 councillor Cecil Ryall said the municipality has to be careful how it spends its money.

Steven Kauffeldt, Ward 1 councillor, offered the suggestion to use a different material to finish the parking lot other than paving, to which Eshkour was agreeable.

Staff will look at the parking lot and return to council with recommendations.

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Highlander business

New Pinestone GM plans to stay

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

At the age of 35, Matthew Phillips became a general manager – for the fifth time in six years.

“That’s a lot of properties to be at in a very short time,” admitted Phillips, who officially secured his most recent GM position at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre on April 8.

Phillips, who also currently manages the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Huntsville, was asked to bring his expertise to the Pinestone in February.

“There are a lot of similarities [here] when it comes to things that I have done with other properties,” he said.

At first, Phillips came to the Pinestone for a six-week trial run following the departure of previous manager Mario Chavez. He quickly warmed up to the staff and saw that the resort had potential.

“I took a look at my situation and made the decision that yes, this is something I can see myself doing for a very long period [of time].”

Born and raised in the rural town of Wellesley, Phillips fell in love with cottage life during his family’s many summer trips to Nobel, a village located on the shores of Parry Sound. To this day, he’s still participating in the family ritual.



Photo by Mark Arike

Matthew Phillips is bringing fresh energy to the role of GM.

“It just kind of stuck with me.”

After high school, Phillips planned on going to university to become a lawyer but made a last-minute decision to withdraw.

“The day before my final dues needed to be paid, I pulled out. It just wasn’t the right fit at the time.”

He took a couple of years off to try and figure out his plans. That’s when a friend introduced him to the hospitality industry.

“I realized I wanted to be doing something everyday that makes people’s lives better. What better way to do that than be a part of people’s vacations?”

He worked at a number of restaurants, including several fast food establishments. “I kind of fell in love with it.”

Phillips went to Humber College for the hospitality and tourism management program. In the program he ended up doing three different unpaid placements, which opened his eyes to the hospitality industry.

“I wanted to see all sides of the business. I wanted to work for a major resort, a small independent, and a big city property.”

His three placements included Banff Springs Hotel, Langdon Hall in Cambridge and the Fairmount Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

“I wanted to finish in the big city, where I had the potential to secure employment when I was finished if I wowed enough people.”

He secured an entry-level management position in the food and beverage department, but wanted to learn about the business of room bookings. He took a night audit position, which allowed him to move up to desk agent and lead agent.

On night audit, he won a company-wide competition by enrolling guests in the loyalty program.

“I ended up enrolling 500 people... and I beat everyone else in the Fairmount [Hotels] corporation. I won a trip to Bermuda for two.”

He went on to become the assistant night manager at the Royal York, but soon decided it was time to move on.

“I was young and energetic... so I decided I needed to find a challenge.”

His girlfriend at the time moved to Ottawa, but he couldn’t find a job there because he wasn’t able to speak French. He moved to Huntsville in 2002 to be closer to her and signed on with Deerhurst Resort.

“I started as the guest services manager and then I became the operations manager for the property. I pretty much had my hand in every department except for golf because golf is its own entity.”

After gaining experience at Deerhurst, he ended up working in managerial positions at Elora Mill Inn, Breadalbane Inn and Spa, and Fairfield Inn & Suites.

Phillips discovered that he missed Muskoka. So when an opportunity at the Holiday Inn Express in Huntsville came knocking, he jumped at it.

“I got a call from one of my buddies who told me there was opening at the hotel.”

His phone call to Vrancor, the company that owns the Pinestone and several other hotels, led to an interview and a job. In August of 2011, Phillips became general manager of the hotel.

Due to his performance and ability to grow the numbers (stays) at that hotel, Vrancor management invited Phillips to consider a position at the Pinestone. Although he knew he’d have a big job ahead of him, he felt confident in his abilities to revitalize the major Highlands resort. The resort’s employees also gave him reason to extend his temporary stay.

“Their passion for it [the resort] to succeed was what made the decision that much easier.”

Phillips said it’s his goal to turn the Pinestone into one of the premier resorts in Ontario for corporate and leisure travel.

“I don’t take this on as just a GM for a single resort,” he said. “I look at this as being a huge position to help impact the overall economic situation for this entire community.”

Phillips said the property’s owner, Darko Vranich, has made significant investments in the property over the year. It will be up to Phillips and his staff to “actively” bring people to the resort.

“We are not going to sit and wait for the business to come to us. We are going to actively penetrate the markets to bring the business here.”

Phillips says he plans on developing partnerships with other local businesses to offer attractive packages. Advertising and reaching out to the local population will also be a big part of his strategy.

Although he currently lives in Huntsville and has strong ties to the area, Phillips is “looking” at the possibility of relocating to the Haliburton area.

“I don’t want to drive an hour and 15 minutes through the snow down [Hwy] 35,” he laughed.

There’s lots of work to be done, but Phillips is confident in himself and his team.

One of his first major events at the resort, a golf tournament benefitting the Minden Flood Relief Fund on June 16, sold out in a day. With NHL players Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene on board for the event, as well as a committee dedicated to making the event as successful as possible, Phillips is already off to a strong start.

But he has more work to do to get the resort where he wants it to be.

“I’m very much looking forward to being a part of transforming the resort from where we are now to making it a place that people seek to come. It’s a huge challenge and one that I’m really excited to undertake.”

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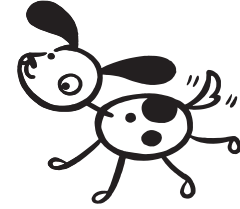
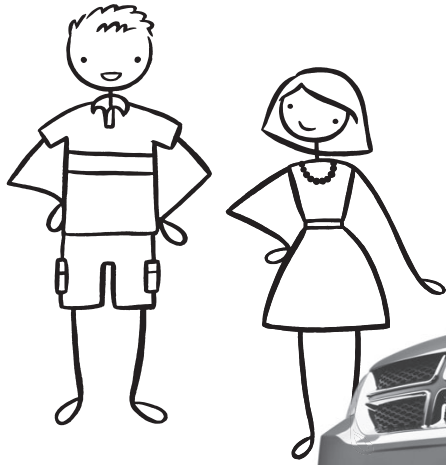
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- Liaise between municipality, provincial ministries and Disaster Relief Committee on any issues.
- Provide record keeping and document control in accordance with municipal instructions and/or Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requirements to ensure complete audit requirements.
- Provide progress reports or updates as requested by Disaster Relief Committee and/or municipality.
- Other required duties are available on the Township website at www.mindenhills.ca

This is a temporary full-time contract position with variable hours that may require evening or weekend work. Project management and an advanced financial and administrative background is required. Remuneration will commensurate based on experience.

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Above: Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey and proprietor Lindsey Snelgrove cut the ribbon at the Sufficiency Suffonsified grand opening on May 18. Right: The Ya Babys perform.

New business brewing

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Haliburton Village's newest espresso bar has officially opened.

On May 18, Sufficiency Suffonsified hosted a grand opening event, complete with ribbon cutting, to celebrate Lindsey Snelgrove's new business.

Snelgrove, a 22-year-old entrepreneur, sells baked goods (including gluten-free), organic teas, lunches and sandwiches. Her services include event catering, personal chef services

and call-in specialty baking.

Although this type of café is not the norm in the Highlands, Snelgrove said she has been winning customers over since her soft-opening in August last year.

The grand opening event was a success, she said, bringing in more customers than she had anticipated. Aided by the "Ya Babys" who played a show from the café patio, customers came in from off the street to join the party.

Sufficiency Suffonsified is located in the Village Barn in Haliburton Village.



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— The **ComputerGuy**

God Mode



By David Spaxman

You wouldn't know it by looking at the desktop or start screen, but Windows 8 practically bristles with settings you can customize. The problem is that they're scattered throughout Windows 8, and it can be time-consuming to track them down individually.

However, there is one way to find them all in one place: You can use what some people call "God Mode." While the term "God Mode" has a powerful ring to it, the truth is it's not a separate mode that you put Windows into. It's really a hidden folder that gives you fast access to many settings spread out across Windows 8. It's easy to put that folder right on the desktop.

First, make sure that you can view hidden files in File Explorer, the system navigation app that in earlier versions of Windows was called Windows Explorer. Run File Explorer, click the view tab, and check the boxes next to "hidden items" and "file name extensions" in the Ribbon at the top. Exit out of that to your desktop.

Then right-click the desktop and select new, then folder. That creates a folder on the desktop named "new folder." Rename the folder: GodMode.{ED7BA470-8E54-465E-825C-99712043E01C}

Note the type of brackets used and the dot between GodMode and the opening bracket. This is important.

The folder icon changes and it has the name GodMode.

Note that the "GodMode" text isn't what turns the folder into a special folder; instead, it's that long string of letters and numbers inside the curly brackets. You can use any name you want before the period just ahead of the opening bracket, and it still points to the same folder and everything works the same.

Double-click the icon, and you'll launch a folder filled with dozens of actions, tools and tweaks, from "change automatic maintenance settings" to "View update history." They're organized by category. Expand or shrink each category by clicking the small triangle next to it. Each category displays a number next to it, showing how many settings there are in it.

To start any action or tweak, double-click it in the list. In some cases you'll follow a wizard, in other cases you'll need to fill in dialog boxes, and in yet other cases you'll be sent to the control panel or another Windows location to do the work.

I found this a great shortcut to all the settings I needed. I was spending a lot of time navigating around Windows 8 to find a simple setting I wanted to change and this put everything in one spot. Hope you can use it.

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



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Disaster relief committee has work cut out

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If we do avail ourselves of that opportunity, we would have to enter into a grant agreement with the [MAH] in order to be able to flow the immediate funds.”

The MAH did a sample of 39 homes prior to the meeting and said that all but two of those were eligible for insurance coverage, meaning they would not be eligible for ODRAP. Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid was concerned that people might apply and receive advance funds, only to later be denied ODRAP. That would mean they would have to pay the money back.

The other concern was the legitimacy of claims. ODRAP covers essential expenses and will only replace existing items. That means if, for example, you lost a washing machine that was 10 or 20 years old, you would only be able to claim the value of that old appliance, not a new one.

“If they can’t support the \$1,000 with legitimate expenses, then they’ll have to give it back,” Reid said. “If [applicants] have any doubts about their eligibility or the amount of their eligibility, they should probably decline.”

The township would be responsible for funds that need to be collected from ineligible applicants, which left some councillors concerned about the risk. Wright-Laking said other communities have had to hire collection agencies to get money from people who could not, or would not, pay back the advanced funds



Photo by Walt Griffin

A month after the Minden flood, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has released funds for relief.

after being identified as ineligible.

Councillor Lisa Schell, however, said that while there is some risk associated with the advanced funds, council could not pass up an opportunity help the community.

“The community has taken a huge hit,” she said. “I think this is just one small thing the township can do to help people

in the short term. For me, personally, it’s a risk that I’m willing to take, and I’m hoping most people that would take it are probably eligible.”

The council voted unanimously to accept the advanced funds.

Wright-Laking said the Disaster Relief Committee will start meeting next week.

“The municipality needs to enter into a grant agreement with the province before the money can be distributed and we have not seen the paperwork for this yet,” she wrote in an e-mail. “Then the committee will start looking at advancing funds after the first meeting.”

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**BEFORE**

Normal water levels.

**APRIL 18**

The day of the flood.

**APRIL 19**

One day after the flood, and the chairs are barely in view.

**APRIL 20**

Two days after the flood, the chairs are completely submerged.

Photos submitted by Sandy Bell

Flood victims remember every day

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

"I love this town more than I did before."

It's not something you expect to hear from a victim of the Minden flood, but when The Highlander sat down with Sandy Bell three weeks after water poured into her basement, that was the feeling she had.

"I bought on Water Street because I wanted to see the water," she said. "I will never leave the river, even though we just had the flood."

Bell was quick to point out she didn't have it as bad as some of the other Minden residents.

"I wasn't affected the way most people were," she said. "I have water in my basement, it's about an inch [or two]. It's still coming in."

"I'm getting tired of it, but I'm not suffering."

Bell woke up on April 18, like most people in Minden, shocked to find the water rising.

"I got up and had a coffee and came out [to my sunroom], and what I saw out there... I grabbed by camera and went down."

She met up with a photographer who was standing along the bank of the Gull, who told her about the situation on Anson Street.

"It was horrendous, and this just happened overnight," she said. "This flood just came down on us. We had no warning whatsoever, and that's the scary thing about this flood."

On her dock along the Gull, Bell owners some Muskoka chairs that are bolted down. The pictures taken of her chairs as they were swallowed by the river over the coming days became somewhat famous.

"Everybody you could think of came into town to see what this was all about," she said. "The traffic was steady out here on Gull River, but what I found out after a day is that people were coming back over and over again. They said they were coming to town to measure the height of the river by looking at these chairs."

While people snapped photos, however, Bell and her neighbours were getting nervous when the water started to cross Water Street.

"It was at that point we decided to sandbag," she said. "We started to get scared on this street, and the neighbours seven houses in a row, we did sandbagging all day. We worked on adrenaline because we really thought the river was going to come over and finish it at that point."

"It never did. We survived. That's my story: we survived. But so many people, I can't believe what they're going through."

The worst part of the flood was not knowing what was going to happen next.

"It was panicsville. It was not knowing. Honest to God, that was our biggest problem. What is happening? What is going to happen? Are they going to lift more boons? Is it going to come down and totally flood us? The biggest problem was the rumours that were going around."

The lack of information led to rumours, which in turn caused panic. Thankfully, the community's leaders stepped up to tackle that problem, she said.

"Barb Reid announced that she was going to open up on the township site, what you heard and whether it's true," Bell said. "That was the best thing she did. Then you could tell people to go on the site. That was an excellent move of Barb Reid's."

People's main source of information throughout the flood, however, came from Warden Carol Moffatt's Facebook page.

"Carol Moffatt's Facebook page was wonderful. Everybody was [on it]."

As panic started to settle and frustration set in that the water wasn't going away, Bell tried to keep her spirits up. She recalled one particular story where a couple stopped at her house, and she jokingly offered to sell it to them very cheap.

"He said to me, 'I could probably afford your house, but not the realty taxes because you have water frontage now,'" she laughed. "We needed things like that. We laughed, and I repeated that story many times and other people laughed. We were afraid it was going to be worse, but we also tried to laugh and get through it."

"And we did."

The community's response throughout the flood has left its mark on Bell and her friends.

"[There are] a lot of retirees here," she said. "A lot of people moved here. Every single person I've talked to has said thank God I chose Minden to move here. The people are great here. The Mindenites were there for you, they helped us. Everybody is happy they moved here."

"That's an important thing that came out of this. Everybody is impressed."

And so, while the flood caused her no small amount of hardship, that's why Bell is more in love with Minden than ever before. The community came together and helped each other through.

If you have a story about the flood, whether in Minden or not, please share it with us. Call Matthew at 705-457-2900 or e-mail matthew@haliburtonhighlander.ca.

Minden Flood 2013



Photos by Mark Arike

Top left: Members of the Outloud! Womyn's Voices sing a number of songs, including those that address the importance of the environment. Top right: Heritage Ballet dancers hold their finishing pose. Left to right are Madeline Hopkins, and Rebecca Hamilton. Left: Archie Stouffer students Danie Allison, left, and Samantha Steffenson bust out some moves to "Dynamite".

Talent unites for flood victims

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They entertained a large audience through song, dance and the spoken word.

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On May 18, several talented local residents took to the stage at the Minden United

Church for the "Mending Minden" musical variety concert. Former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher Wayne Cooper emceed the festivities.

The event raised \$2,345 for the township's trust fund for flood victims. Donations to the fund will be matched two-to-one through the province's Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP).

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Cottage maintenance is not optional

If you're reading this, there's a good chance you're already up at the cottage – or are at least thinking about the next time you will be.

It's great to sit back and relax on the dock with a cold one, or jump in one of those refreshing lakes.

But have you made sure to get your cottage ready for this summer season?

Summer isn't quite here yet, so maybe you should create a checklist to ensure everything around that cottage property is in tip-top shape.

Did the winter weather wreak havoc on your roof? There's only one way to find out – by going up.

If you have asphalt shingles, make sure strong winds haven't torn them apart. If you're comfortable doing it on your own, begin repairs with a thin-bladed pry bar by lifting the edges of neighbouring shingles

held down by tar. Bend them back above the damage zone and remove the remains of the dead shingle as far up as you can reach. Then pull out visible nails. You'll then have to trim two inches off the back of the shingle to ensure it fits into place. If more trimming is needed, don't be afraid to do it. Finally, secure new shingles with blobs of roofing tar from a caulking gun.

Inspect the black polyethylene pipe that makes up your cottage property's plumbing system. Tight connections are a must if you'd like to avoid problems. Bring heat into the equation and you should be good to go. First, slide two loose screw clamps over your pipe. Then warm gently with a propane torch. Finish by slipping the poly over the fitting and torque down the clamps with a socket wrench while things are still warm.

Rot can pose a problem to decks and foundations if you don't practice a little regular maintenance. Pick up an affordable pump-up weed sprayer and a jug or two of clear zinc-based wood preservative. It's completely safe and will take you about an hour of work each spring.

Since you're likely to have friends and family over at your wonderful property, it's also wise to make sure you won't run into septic



problems. Many older cottages were built with smaller septic tanks, compounding the problem of a slower drain field. If waste water ends up flowing onto your property, then perhaps it's time to improve the drainage of your system.

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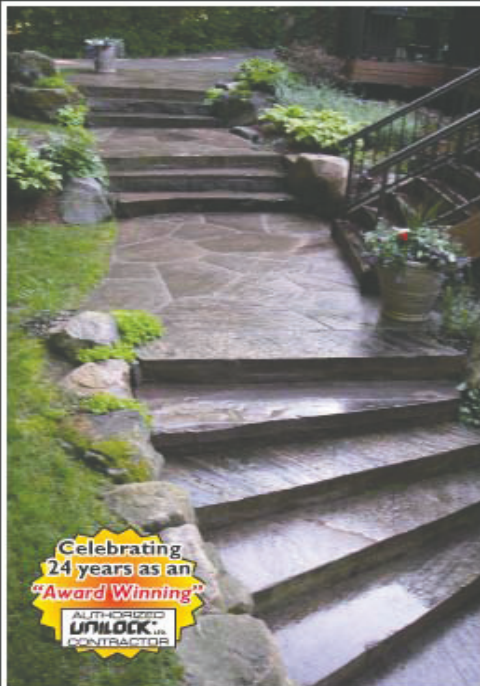
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Planning pays off when building your own dock

So you've made the decision to build a new dock. What now?

Whether you're replacing a damaged dock, upgrading an existing dock, or building your first one, there are certain do's and don'ts you should be aware of.

Bre Allin, Emmerson Lumber's dock expert, said the most important thing people need to know is that a dock cannot be a permanent structure.

"It has to be removable," she said.

Because you can't change the shoreline, the dock has to be designed to be removed. If the Ministry of Natural Resources comes by and finds a permanent dock in place, they can get rid

of it.

That's why floating docks are a good choice, she said.

"You would come in and we would discuss sizing. We do docks from 6x14 to 12x20. We discuss sizing and the types of floats you want, and how high you want it to sit in the water."

Most of the decisions nowadays boil down to aesthetics, she said. From the type of wood to what finish you want on the dock, it all comes down to what you like.

"There are extras you can put on, like bumpers," Allin said. "There's also a product called Dock Armor, and it's a lighted bumper."

Docks can be designed in various shapes and sizes, including u-shaped docks that create a swimming area in the middle.

One of the biggest mistakes people make when choosing to build a new dock is to think it's easy and do it themselves.

"We use forklifts," Allin said. "The biggest mistake people make is thinking they're going to be able to move the dock by themselves. The weight of these things is in the hundreds of pounds. We deliver it to the nearest boat launch or landing."

Once the dock is in the water and floated into position, Allin recommends some kind of stain be applied to protect it. She said 99.9 per cent of all modern stains are

water-based.

"It is ok to stain once the dock is in the water," she said. "If you do nothing to your dock, it doesn't matter if it's pressure-treated or cedar, it's going to go grey."

If you're new to having a dock, or are upgrading to a bigger dock, it's important to make sure you properly anchor it, otherwise you might find it downriver.

"As the docks get bigger, the anchors need to get bigger as well."

If you have any questions about building a new dock for your cottage, contact your local experts before attempting anything on your own.

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Bears come in all shapes and sizes and can be found roaming around this "Natural Work of Art" we call the Highlands. Since your property is likely near their natural habitat, there's a chance you'll come across one of these exquisite creatures.

But if you'd like to reduce your chances of attracting momma bear and her cubs to your cottage, there are a few things you can do in an effort to keep them away.

First, be sure to keep that smelly garbage in a secure place and take it to the landfill as soon as possible. If you plan on leaving garbage outside overnight, you're just asking for trouble.

If you plan on using a composter, do it in a sealed and controlled manner. Also, make sure you place the composter at a

safe distance away from the cottage or any other building you use. Bears are attracted to decaying materials, too.

Don't leave nuts and acorns lying around on your property. Bears love these treats and will climb trees to get them. If a bear finds any of these, it just might hang around for days.

Always ensure that food containers, such as recyclable cans, bottles and jars, are washed out properly. Keep the garbage and recycling in a locked and secure location away from the cabin and other buildings.

Bird feeders are also very attractive to bears. When given the chance, they will locate and raid them. If you'd like to feed the birds, do it during the winter season when the bears are hibernating.

Bears aren't the only animals that like to eat on the run. So if you follow these tips and start implementing them today, you'll increase your chances of keeping raccoons and other pesky critters away from your humble abode.

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Highlander arts

The week that was

Haliburton might be 'a natural work of art' but this past week both nature and technology played their parts in enhancing the artscape.

My friend Hugh and I often walk together and last week we went to a beautiful, vast and sloping field bordered by an old forest. Hugh started taking pictures with his new phone. He wants to start painting again and he was capturing some landscape images for reference. As I watched him snapping away I realized that in this case technology had replaced charcoal and a sketch pad as a means of capturing preliminary images.

It was a gorgeous day; blue skies and puffy clouds, and Weasel, my Jack Russell, was bounding away at top speed, soon to be seen as a white dot moving on the far horizon of the emerald green field which was verdant with the sprigs of new growth. We walked on a bit and then I saw the bird. It was a sandhill crane.

The solitary rust-coloured crane stood majestically tall, in a small gully, about 50 metres from us. Hugh managed to get a few distant pictures before Weasel saw the bird and started making a bee line towards it. The crane, seeing the danger, started

an awkward, gangly run in an attempt to gain enough speed for takeoff. Weasel was within a few meters of the bird when the crane spread its huge wings and slowly gained altitude. It circled the field a few times cranking raucously, before it angled away in high dudgeon.

We carried on, over hill and valley, until we came to the end of the field and entered the sun-sparkled woods where we found wildflowers in abundance. Hugh took more pictures. We moved on to a boggy micro-environment which looked so primordial that I half expected to see giant dragonflies with two meter wingspans droning overhead.

Then we heard Weasel barking to beat the devil, but we couldn't see her. I thought she'd merely treed a squirrel. "I don't think so," Hugh said, "look over there." He was pointing to the other side of the bog. There, sitting somewhat incongruously at the base of a tree, sat a huge black bear. I was worried about Weasel who I still couldn't see, but luckily she came at my call, all aquiver with excitement. I put her on the leash. The bear looked over at us and nodded, as if in thanks for not having been

made to climb the tree. Then he slowly ambled off.

A couple of days after the walk I attended a gathering of 'Live Poets in the Pub' in Minden, where, except for a microphone to amplify several soft-spoken performers, technology was absent. The entertainment was provided by some of our best poets who simply read their poems and told anecdotes. There were a couple of moving moments in reference to the recent floods, poets were auctioned off to the highest bidders, and the whole affair gathered a goodly sum on behalf of the flood relief fund. It was a sobering yet insightful evening.

Later in the week I mingled with people at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery where Montreal artist Bertrand R. Pitt was opening his 'Uncertain Horizons' exhibition. It was time for more technology as 'Uncertain Horizons' is an interactive audio/video installation. Visitors are requested to stand on one of several weight-sensitive pads and face a wall upon which a series of urban and rural images are projected. When there is weight on the pads the projected images start to vibrate

and the sound of a heartbeat fills the room. As more people stand on the pads the quicker the images start to vibrate, and the quicker the heartbeat becomes. According to the artist the throbbing sounds and vibrating images "lead to a critical and poetic reflection on our sense of perception and our impact on the environment." The exhibition, which runs until July 1, is a lot of fun, but I don't recommend it for people who might suffer from epilepsy.

On Saturday evening it was time for some music in Minden, courtesy of the dynamic Harrison Kennedy, who performed a mini solo acoustic set before giving way to the amplification of his great band in a stunning performance of vintage rhythm and blues.

So, the week was a wonderful mix of the natural world, the spoken word, music and technology. When mixed in the right proportions, such as it was, it's a grand recipe.



By George Farrell

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Highlander arts

Dusk Dances choreographer plays her position

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Jordyn Brown isn't a chess master.

But oddly enough, she plans on bringing the game to life during the 2013 season of Dusk Dances.

"I got my idea last year during Dusk Dances," said Brown, who was recently named choreographer for the youth dance piece. "I really don't know where it came from."

She admits she thoroughly enjoys the chess scene in Harry Potter, and views it as a game that the older generation likes to play in the park.

Although she's in the process of developing the dances for her piece, which is titled "Checkmate", the plot has been established. In the 10-minute dance, children will perform as chess pieces and battle it out until there is one dancer left on a larger-than-life chess board.

For the past 16 years, dance has played an important role in Brown's life. She got her start in ballet at just five years old.

"I was figure skating first and then wanted to try dance," explained the local resident, who was born and raised in the area. "Then I stopped figure skating and just did dance."

Brown began her dance career with Haliburton Dance Arts (now the Haliburton Dance Academy) and ended up at Heritage Ballet. She always participated in dance exams and entered a few competitions.

She has performed in Heritage Ballet's The Nutcracker (she choreographed a piece in last year's show), three seasons of Dusk Dances and Patria's Princess of the Stars at the



Haliburton Forest.

While in university she danced with the Royal City School of Ballet.

Ballet might be Brown's first love, but she has warmed up to other dance styles over the years.

"I like doing different types of dance," she said, recalling various workshops she participated in as a Dusk Dances performer.

Brown is looking for up to 12 girls and boys between the ages of five and 18 to star in Checkmate. No previous

dance experience is necessary.

"Anyone can be in it, whether they dance or not," she said, adding that this is a great opportunity for kids who might be new to dance. "In a short period of time they get to go through the process of making a piece and

then performing it for people at the end."

The dance itself will fall into the contemporary category, she said.

"It's theatrical, expressive movement... It will probably have a heavy influence of ballet."

If participants have experience in other genres, they'll be encouraged to showcase them. Brown's nephew, for example, wants to breakdance.

"I really want to pull that out of the kids – their own special talent that they have."

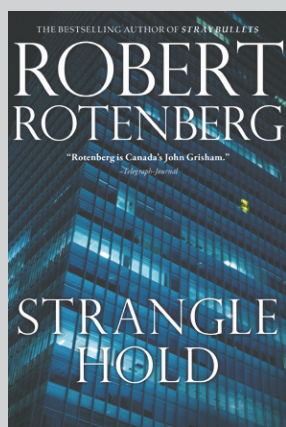
Brown promises a fun experience, however a serious commitment is required. Dancers will have to attend a number of rehearsals and appear in all four evening shows (July 18-21) in Head Lake Park.

Those interested in performing in Checkmate should contact Brown by e-mail at brown.jordyn@gmail.com or call 705-457-0038.

To learn more about Dusk Dances visit www.duskdances.ca.

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. *Stranglehold* by Robert Rotenberg 🇨🇦
2. *Whiskey Beach* by Nora Roberts
3. *Taking Eve* by Iris Johansen
4. *The Little Shadows* by Marina Endicott 🇨🇦
5. *Mount Pleasant* by Don Gillmor 🇨🇦

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *My Way: An Autobiography* by Paul Anka 🇨🇦
2. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill 🇨🇦
3. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
4. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee 🇨🇦
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

Mount Pleasant, a new novel by Canadian Don Gillmor, tackles dark issues such as debt, marriage breakdown and death in the family and yet it manages somehow to maintain an overriding sense of wit. It is currently one of our most popular books at the Library – the novel's Toronto setting no doubt appeals to Haliburton County readers.

Harry Salter is crippled by debt and undergoing a bit of a mid-life crisis. His father Dale, who was a partner at an elite wealth management agency (and who was himself quite wealthy), is suffering from dementia and been on death's door for some time. When Dale dies, Harry is in many ways relieved. He expects a modest inheritance, enough to put him back on the right track. What he receives, however, is a very modest inheritance. His father, as it turns out, did not have much of an inheritance to give.

What exactly happened to Dale's estate? Desperate, Harry delves into his father's financial situation to determine where the money went. What he finds instead is that his sense of self was built on a sense of financial entitlement – something which no longer exists to him. Reserve this cleverly observed dark comedy at your branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

Library News

Our Minden Hills Branch is now accepting water-testing kits all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Testing kits are available to be picked up at the branch anytime.

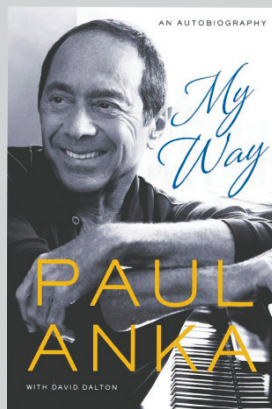


Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Sybil Roodenburg, a library volunteer, organizes some books for sale.

Books by the buck

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Books for a dollar? Yes please.

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (FOL) hosted their Minden Hills Branch Library Giant Book and Book Basket Sale on May 18.

Paperback books were sold for 50 cents, while hardcovers cost only a dollar. For the big readers, \$15 bought a big red tote bag filled with books.

Also on sale were themed book baskets. "We've had a lot of success with them,"

said Heather Thom, FOL president.

The most popular basket is the 'Outhouse Basket', complete with comical reading material and toilet paper, she said.

Money raised by the FOL is used to buy equipment for Haliburton's libraries, develop programming, support children's programming, and to enhance collections.

Last year, the organization provided \$2,000 to use on computer purchases, and this year will be buying five e-readers.

On June 15, the FOL will host another Giant Book and Basket Sale at the Trash and Treasures sale in Haliburton.

Highlander outdoors



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: ATVers make sure to avoid a large puddle which has formed across the trail. Below: Councillor Cecil Ryall, left, and intern Laurelea Dirstein chat with councillor Joan Barton while she does up her helmet.

Highlands East embarks on off-road trail development

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With a shiny silver helmet strapped tightly to my cranium, I made my way into the passenger seat of a top-of-the-line side-by-side.

Little did I know that I was in store for a rip-roarin' kind of ride through true Haliburton Highlands terrain.

My driver was local resident and member of the Highlands East trails committee Tammy Donaldson. I learned it was her first time operating one of these ATVs, however I didn't let that bit of information send me into a state of panic (I soon discovered that she was quite capable of operating such a high-powered vehicle).

A group of us set out on an early morning ride along a rugged trail on Green's Mountain, which is located near Gooderham. The "field workshop" was part of a three-day educational forum that focused on the management of off-highway vehicle recreation in Highlands East. The event was hosted by the municipality in partnership with the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC) and Sustainable Trails.

Our off-road safari was exhilarating, but it certainly came with its moments. As we entered water-logged parts of the trail, I observed chunks of mud fly towards my lower half as we spun our way through. I

narrowly missed a few pieces as I swiveled to and fro (as much as my seatbelt permitted).

But this wasn't just about going out for a

joyride. I learned that there are trail enthusiasts who take these outdoor adventures quite seriously. Some of the novice riders want a smooth, comfortable trek through the forest while others seek a challenging climb over rocks, bumps and other obstacles.

The Municipality of Highlands East has taken notice of their passion for this recreational pastime and is looking at ways to cater to this market.

"Highlands East is investigating the potential for development of recreational trails in the area," said councillor Joan Barton. "What's motivating our interest in this is the potential for economic development and job spin-off."

Barton said it's a well-known fact that off-road vehicle ownership in the municipality is on the rise.

"There is a lack of areas where owners can enjoy them," she said.

Since there are also non-motorized trail

users, there needs to be something for everyone, added Barton. She believes the municipality has the potential to offer the best of both

worlds to residents and visitors alike.

"There are enough trails in Highlands East that everyone can be on the kinds of trails they want."

The recent workshop was part of the initial planning stages, said Barton. Land management decision-makers,

recreation planners, resource specialists, and leadership representatives from OHV recreation and other stakeholder communities were invited to the management workshop.

The municipality received a grant to bring NOHVCC representatives – who are experts in their field – to the community. They included Tom Crimmins, a trained forester with 32 years experience, and Jack Terrell, the organization's senior project manager.

"They did two days worth of workshops, which were phenomenal," said Barton. "We also had the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) speak to us and all the trails users in terms of rules and how you deal with the use of Crown land."

Barton said the municipality is currently investigating three potential sites for off-road trail development, one of which is Green's Mountain. However, there are management issues with the property due to the fact it is on Crown land.

"There are precedents in other situations... the MNR has entered into partnerships with other organizations and municipalities to manage these areas. That means that once the MNR and the municipality come to an agreement on what the partnership is going to be, it is possible for a municipality to assume management of an area of Crown land."

Barton cited the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails in Algonquin Highlands as a perfect example of this kind of arrangement. "[The Township] of Algonquin Highlands manages it, it takes place on Crown land."

Barton said that the municipality would have to be able to ensure remedial work is a possibility along the trail and that it would be a financially sustainable endeavour.

"Highlands East doesn't have extra money to take over Green's Mountain and manage it," she said. "We would have to come up with a business plan for Green's Mountain that the MNR would find acceptable."

Barton estimated that it would take anywhere between 12 and 18 months to come up with a plan for Green's Mountain.

"It's a big idea and if it's going to happen it's not going to happen overnight."

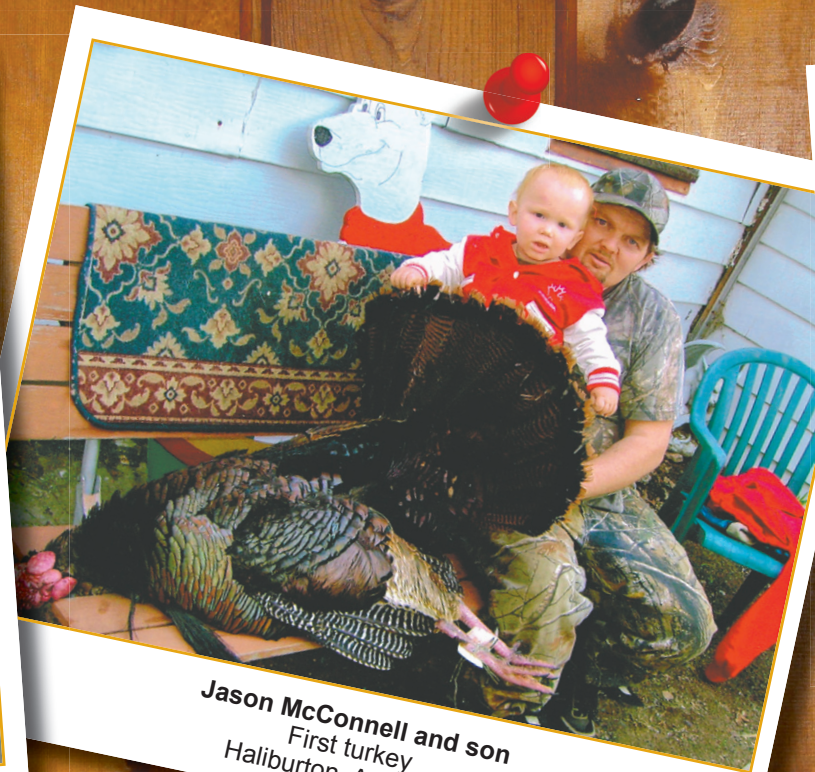


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Highlander outdoors

Fly fishing experts to launch Haliburton club

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

Haliburton could soon have its very own fly fishing club.

The idea, formulated during long winter evenings when talking about fishing is all two anglers can do, was the brainchild of ex-international angler Phil McMahon and *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine assistant editor, Steve Galea.

The duo are keen fly fishers, both have taught and guided anglers, and McMahon has even captained the Irish Fly Fishing team. Their mission in forming the Haliburton Highlands Fly Fishing Club (HHFFC) is to promote the sport locally, connect with other fly fishers and encourage novices to try out a different way of catching fish.

"We want to dispel the myths about fly fishing and show that you can have the time of your life catching crappies, bass, even muskie on flies, as well as brook trout and rainbows," says McMahon. "People think that you need rivers to fly fish but there's some great fun to be had right here in Haliburton, and, with a little training and advice, anyone, young or old, can learn to fly fish."

McMahon explains that the club will be affiliated with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and that he hopes to hold regular monthly meetings at the fish hatchery. Initially however, anyone interested in getting involved is invited to meet at

McKeeks on May 27 at 6.30 pm.

"We'll get together for an initial chat and see how many people are interested," says McMahon. "If we get some good feedback we'll move on from there and I hope to be able to arrange regular meetings where we'll have fly tying demonstrations, guest speakers, tackle advice, entomology talks, fishing trips, all kinds of interesting things going on."

McMahon has experience both in running a fly fishing club – he was chair of the Lough Owel Angling Association in Ireland – and in tuition, having taught and guided on rivers and lakes in Ireland and Canada. He is currently on the pro-staff of North American tackle manufacturer Streamside.

McMahon envisages the HHFFC taking fly fishing to a whole new local audience by holding fly casting demonstration days, where newcomers to the sport can try their hand, and into local schools.

"As an ex-headmaster I am comfortable talking in front of children and as a long-time fisherman I'd like to give something back to the sport that has given me so much over the years," he says. "Kids, even kids here in Haliburton, need a reason to get outside and enjoy nature, and fly fishing is a wonderful way to do that."

McMahon's enthusiasm is infectious and the years of experience that he and Galea will bring to the fore means that the club will benefit newcomers and experienced fly fishers alike.



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Fly fishing expert Phil McMahon grins in anticipation of fishing Head Lake.



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Above: The large audience at Fleming College's Great Hall can't help but laugh at David Phillips's weather jokes. Right: David Phillips uses gestures to help get his message across.

Weather guru warns climate change is a real problem

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Tornados, hurricanes, floods and ice storms. As the world continues to warm up, the weather seems to keep getting wackier.

And it's not just a figment of our imagination, according to David Phillips, Environment Canada's senior climatologist.

"There's overwhelming consensus that the world seems to be warming up," said Phillips, who was the guest speaker at a May 16 event hosted by the local chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women's club. "This is occurring everywhere; it's not just in one ecosystem."

Phillips gave examples of dramatic weather events, including the recent flood that damaged and destroyed homes and businesses in Minden and other parts of cottage country.

"There were humongous amounts of rain and flooding issues," he said, adding that the flooding shouldn't have happened. "I always think the seeds of a flood are sewn months or seasons before."

From September to the middle of April, the area received "normal amounts of precipitation," explained Phillips. Snowfall precipitation was down by 20 per cent from what it would normally be.

"Every month, from September through to March, it was warmer than normal. Why was there a flood?"

It was somewhat of a perfect storm, explained Canada's own weather guru.

"You got 30 per cent more snow between February and April. It was the last part of winter that was the tough part."

April was one of the coldest April's on record. Some snow had melted and the ground was moderately thawed out. Then came the monsoonal rainfall.

"Never has there been so much rain in 10 days. At some stations we had 150 millimeters of rain, which is twice as much as you would normally get in April."

Temperatures in April also jumped from 15 to 19 degrees Celsius.

"What we saw are these humongous amounts of rain and then people are wondering whether we're going to see this again."



Around the globe weather patterns are changing, said Phillips. To obtain evidence of this, one doesn't have to look any further than the insurance companies, which have been making significant payouts to victims.

"They've got data to prove that the weather is becoming wackier and wilder. Their payouts for weather-related disasters have doubled every five to 10 years, since the 1970s."

Phillips said nowadays insurance companies are paying out more money for floods than fires.

Changes in society also play a role in how the planet is being impacted.

"What we're seeing is more damage because of who we are – our moods change, our clothing, our buildings materials... there's twice as many people living in the world as there were 40 years ago in vulnerable areas."

More and more people want to live close to the sea and other dangerous areas such as avalanche zones and flood plains, said Phillips.

"We're also changing the surface of this Earth. The land use of this planet has changed in the last 100 years. When you go from a Prairie grassland to a wheat field to a parking lot, you change the reflectivity of that surface and you change the climate. There's no question about it."

It's time for people to start recognizing the changes and responding proactively to them, he said.

"I think we aren't doing enough," Phillips said, pointing out that politicians have a long list of other pressing issues to deal with.

"I don't blame policy and politicians for not embracing it in a way that I wish they would maybe embrace it. There are so many issues they have to deal with. Dealing with science is easy; dealing with the response and the policy is a much tougher challenge."

Phillips said climate change is an issue that isn't going to disappear anytime soon.

"I think we have to take it seriously. It's not an annoyance or inconvenience. It's about reality."

Highlander environment



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Above: Property owners clean up the areas around their lakes. Right: Mike Giza, MACA president, and Phil Wiseman pick up garbage left around near Miskwabi Lake.

Cottagers clean up for spring

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Now that the snow is gone and nice weather has arrived, cottagers have come up to partake in their favourite activity this time of year.

Clean up.

Members of the Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) gathered on May 19 to pick up the garbage that accumulated over the winter. The group spread out with pick-up claws and garbage bags in hand, braving black flies to clean up the area.

Mike Giza, MACA president, said it's amazing what gets left behind in the winter.

They collected 22 bags of garbage and 16 bags of recycling from the area, including a 45-gallon drum, five paint cans, deck stairs, a half sheet of plywood, 30-foot metal strapping, a large flower pot, a tire, boat parts, and various pieces of metal including a 1950's Pontiac hub-cap.

After the clean up, members of the association met at Giza's residence for a barbecue.

MACA covers lakes Miskwabi, Wenona, Long Lake and Negauni.



Highlander life



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Haliburton Highlands Museum summer intern Sophie Creelman, left, and director Kate Butler welcome visitors to the historic Reid house. Top right: The parlour room greets visitors as soon as they enter the home. Above right: The kitchen in the Reid house was not only the largest room, but also the busiest.

Reid House opens to the public

Restoration work continues in upper level of building

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's still a work in progress, but history buffs have something new to check out in Haliburton.

"The upstairs of the house hasn't been open for quite a while," said Kate Butler, director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, when talking about the upper level of the historic Reid House. "We're still doing work, but at least people can come up and take a look."

For the last little while, museum staff and board members have undertaken the renovation project to repair water problems. It was opened to the public on the Victoria Day

long weekend.

"We're just delighted the Reid House is coming along," said Butler. "We're getting it back to the way it should be."

Built in 1882 by John Russell Reid, the home was originally located in downtown Haliburton near Rotary Park. It was picked up and moved to its current location – beside the museum.

According to Butler, Russell likely moved to the Highlands with his family because the area was marketed as a farming destination.

"The family was probably lured here by a lot of the advertising that was going on in England at the time," she said, adding that he returned to England after a few years in Haliburton.

His son, John Russell Jr., stayed at the home after his father left.

"Clearly, life here suited him more than it did his parents."

The Reid family occupied the home until 1967. In 1968, the museum officially opened. The Reid House was then restored to reflect life in the 1900s.

Since the family lived in the home for so many years, it contains a mix of old artifacts as well as reproduced items.

"It kept being modernized," said Butler.

The main floor features a parlour room, dining room and large kitchen. The renovated upstairs includes a master bedroom and a bedroom that would've been shared by three children.

There is a basement, however it's being used as a storage space for the museum.

Butler says the home is a great example of architecture from that period of history. What makes it unique is that the family's story can be connected to the home.

"I'm really interested in bringing this house to life," said Butler, when asked about her future plans for the home.

She hopes to host occasional evening events, interpretive tours and museum programming.

"I want it to be more of a living, breathing space," she said.

The museum, located at 66 Museum Road, is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Highlander sports

Minden's Karate Kid goes for black

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

Shintani Wadōkai Karate is a form of martial arts and is presumed to be the largest organization of a single karate style in North America. The Wadōkai style was founded by Masaru Shintani in 1966 and bears his name.

At a young age, 15-year-old Owen Mackeigan of Minden chose Wadōkai karate as his discipline and fitness program. Mackeigan understood the philosophy of karate by incorporating its principles; move along rather than move against and harmony rather than physical strength.

"When I was about six or seven years old, I noticed that I was really interested in karate and I liked it," he said.

"Basically, everybody has their own kind of sport and I do karate, which for most is better than doing nothing. It keeps me active as it was something quite different

compared to the other sports offered in Minden. Everybody else was playing hockey or soccer and I just wanted to learn karate and help others. I wanted to use karate as a form of protection or as a means of self-defense. Those

were my main reasons."

Mackeigan teaches twice a week in Minden and goes to class in Lindsay once a week.

"I teach at Archie Stouffer school and I

I intend on passing the philosophy and program to other young students.

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teaching class of which at present are all boys. We have had only five girls in the history of the club but you can't force them to

return. I'm hoping that might change in the near future."

Immersing oneself in a sport can be arduous and time consuming but Mackeigan won't let that notion hamper his future.

"I intend on staying with karate my whole life and hopefully plan on going as far as I can. So far, I have advanced to a junior black belt because of the age limit [15] but next year I'll have a full black belt."

Sid Mackeigan is Owen's grandfather and is proud of his grandson's accomplishments.

"He has travelled a long road so far," he said. "Besides karate, Owen is in the Silver Flutes Marching Band and the Army Cadets and I will fully support him in all his future endeavours especially at karate."

"My grandfather started karate when he was in his early 50s so as you can see, it's a great sport to get involved with; you are never too old to participate. My goal is to pass on my karate agenda to others and my intention is, when I receive, I give back to others."

Photo by Warren Riley



Photo submitted by Angela Emsley

Haliburton mountain biker Nick Emsley finishes in top 10

Nick Emsley finished in 10th place over the weekend at the XC Marathon #2 race at Ganaraska Forest. He competed in the under 40 men's category. Emsley had to keep well-hydrated during the 64-kilometre race. He said he is feeling strong headed into the up and coming O-Cup race.

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Left to right: Michelle, Ireland, Devon and Sean Feeney mountain biking in the Highlands.

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Family gears up for mountain biking

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

There are many forms of exercise for outdoor enthusiasts, but mountain biking is becoming the most popular.

It requires endurance, core strength and balance, handling skills, and self-reliance.

For Sean Feeney and family of Thornhill, biking has become a staple activity. They relish each opportunity to ride the trails at Sir Sam's at Eagle Lake.

"We are here to enjoy the outdoors, to enjoy the cycling as a family and to really pursue the fun of fitness," said Feeney. "My oldest daughter Devon is eight years old and wants to race here in mountain biking, so we are going to practice. Where it goes from here, whether it's a matter of completion or the Olympics in the future, is not even on the horizon. But really it's to enjoy the activities, the outdoors, the fresh air and having a smile."

The Feeneys were at Sir Sam's this past weekend for the opening of mountain bike season.

Ireland is Feeney's youngest daughter and she enjoys the challenge of negotiating the terrain.

"This is her fifth day riding a two-wheeler

and we are struggling with containing her enthusiasm."

It took Michelle Feeney a decade to fulfill a promise to her husband. She now tags along with family in tow and delights in the opportunity to be participating.

"I'm an occasional mountain biker and we are here to spend some time with the family," she said. "I work out with mountain biking so I can spend some time with the kids. Sean and I agreed that each one of us would take up one of the other's sports and it has taken me 10 years to finally do it. I'm relatively an amateur mountain biker but I'm certainly enjoying it."

"I intend to spend a fair bit of time here at Sir Sam's this summer," Michelle continued. "The trails are beautiful, well-maintained and there is a wide variety of options for every skill level. It makes me comfortable that I can find something [a trail] that is not intimidating for me as an amateur rider and that is safe for the children. It gives my family the confidence they need to continue which is needed to develop in the sport."

Feeney expressed his gratitude to Sir Sam's for the treatment they have always received.

"They have created a facility and environment that is fascinating, engaging and a safe."

Highlander announcements

HODGSON, Betty Hope – passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Sunday, May 19, 2013. Loving daughter of the late Franklin & Udine Hodgson. Dear sister of the late Franklin (Buzz) Hodgson and his wife Colleen. Granddaughter of the late Mae Parker. Loving niece of Clayton & Jean Hodgson, Grayce Walton and predeceased by William and Claudia Hodgson and Fredrick Walton. Beloved Aunt of Wendy (Robert) Snook, Joseph Hodgson and great aunt of Sarah (Jeffrey) Webster, Lee Snook, Dylan McConnachie, Morgan and Jake Hodgson and great great aunt of Haley and Connor Webster. Fondly remembered by her many cousins and close friends. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery in Haliburton on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. with a reception to follow at Haliburton United Church Hall. If desired, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes would be appreciated by the family and may be arranged through the Stoddart Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 24 Mill St., Lindsay K9V 2L1 (705-324-3205). On-line condolences may be directed to www.stoddartfuneralhome.com



Kathleen Huffman

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of Kathleen 'Kay' Huffman (nee Dakin). Loving wife and best friend of Paul Thomas Huffman for over 62 years. After marrying in December of 1951, Mom and Dad relocated to Halifax, Nova Scotia where they welcomed their five children; Tom, Bob, Rick (Lynn), Jacque (Henry Verbruggen) and the late Mike (Jean). Upon Dad's retirement from the Navy, they returned to Port Hope, Ontario to raise their family. In later years, Mom and Dad retired to their cottage in Wilberforce where they enjoyed gardening,

bird watching, feeding the deer and spending time with their fourteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Mom's faith and integrity was an inspiration to us all. She will be greatly missed.

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5. Pile up
10. Astonishes
14. Teen's woe
15. "The Godfather" organization
16. Preserve
17. Part of DVM
19. Store away
20. Wear away
21. Repose
23. Squeak by
24. Ship's pole
27. Made mistakes
29. Bro, e.g.
32. Significant times
34. Pack tightly
35. Noble-minded one
37. Map parts
40. Not so much
41. Luster
43. Drop heavily
44. Squeal
46. All people
48. Noticed
49. South American capital
50. Modern
51. Musical drama
53. Animal's den
55. Friend
56. Display stand
60. Doctrine
64. Dominate
66. Admission of guilt
69. Floating
70. Actor Roger ____
71. Laundry appliance
72. German mister
73. Musician ____ John
74. If not

DOWN

1. Writer ____ Barry
2. Bakery employee
3. Upon
4. Marsh grasses
5. Buddy (Fr.)
6. Adult male
7. Distant
8. King's title
9. Speaks
10. Braying beast
11. Picnic favorite
12. Call forth
13. Basted
18. Drive off
22. Gull's kin
25. Gotten up
26. Impulsive
28. Hoarse
29. Fine sand
30. Suggestion
31. Popular book
33. Hard metal
34. Movie theater
36. Daisylike flower
38. Quality of sound
39. Erupt
42. Like a villain
45. Tragic king
47. Police attacks
51. Actress ____ Winfrey
52. Hesitation
54. ____ O'Donnell of TV
57. Peak
58. Refrigerate
59. Tangle
61. Lass
62. Cows' comments
63. "The Diary of ____ Frank"
65. Corn piece
67. To's partner
68. Twilight, to a poet

Last week's puzzle solutions

5	6	7	3	4	2	8	1	9
3	8	9	1	6	7	5	4	2
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Fun Fact:
Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers were all invented by women.

MAY - JUNE 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Send your not for profit events to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca for a free listing in our events calendar.</p> <p>Local events listings available at your finger tips!</p> <p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>Purina Walk for Dog Guides – Head Lake Park, 12 p.m.</p> <p>Joyful Noisemakers, followed by a brunch – Minden United Church, 11 a.m.</p> <p>26</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>Haliburton Highlands Fly Fishing Club first meeting – McKeck's, 6:30-8 p.m.</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Orientation Workshop – John Howard Society, 2:30-4 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care, 9:00 a.m. 705-457-2941</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330</p> <p>29</p>	<p>A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!</p> <p>30</p>
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<p>31</p>	<p>Felt Stomp – The Art Hive, 11 a.m. Live music, baby lambs and a stompin' good time!</p> <p>Rotary Club of Minden Auction/Dinner - Minden Community Centre, doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. \$30 per person.</p> <p>JUNE 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>3</p>

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION?

<p>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!</p> <p>Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2 p.m.</p>	<p>Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. 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.</p>	<p>Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.</p>
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Send your
community event to
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Highlander events



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Students scrub cars for prom

All it takes are a few suds and some elbow grease to make your car shine like new. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduating students were cleaning cars on May 18 to raise money for their prom. At \$10 per wash, the team of student car-washers was kept busy as cars lined up down to the road. Pictured above: Tiffany Wilson and HHSS principal Dan Marsden scrub down a truck.



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HHHS CEO flips burgers for flood relief

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) president and CEO, Varouj Eskedjian, serves Cathy Outram a cheeseburger on May 21 at the Haliburton site. Eskedjian was also barbecuing on May 17 in Minden. Over the two days, HHHS raised \$891.20 for the Minden Flood Relief Fund.



COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Help Drill Fresh Water Wells in India

An afternoon of **LIVE MUSIC, DELICIOUS BBQ, GIFT RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION**
(portion of proceeds to Minden Flood Relief Fund)

Where: Wintergreen Maple Syrup Barn
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When: Sunday, June 2 • 1 - 5 pm

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Stan & Nick Russell

Alysse & Daniel

Chad Ingram / Tim Tofflemire

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Friday, May 31 4 PM - 9 PM

Saturday, June 1 10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, June 2 10 AM - 4 PM

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◆ **Over 150 Exhibitors** ◆

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FREE Draws - FREE Parking

• New Products

- Help for any **home or cottage** project
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- Emphasis on **home building, renovations, landscaping, hobbies, crafts, boats & docks**
- **Lounge, Great Food** and **Entertainment**

Fun For The Entire Family!

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Wayne Hussey 705-457-2892

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A moovin' and groovin' night in Minden

Juno nominee Harrison Kennedy and his three-piece band brought blues music to life at The Dominion Hotel on May 18. The Hamilton resident, who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer, had many patrons up out of their seats and on the dance floor with popular hits from the Motown era. In the 1970s, Kennedy sang lead and harmony with the soul music group The Chairmen of the Board. The recent show was part of the Canadian Blues Legends series, hosted by The Dominion Hotel and George Farrell Productions.



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Beautiful Home/Cottage \$289,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1150 sq. ft. home
- 105 ft. clean sandy shoreline
- Boathouse at waters edge
- Decking, fire pit, gentle sloped lot
- 20 x 22 garage, year round access

Peace & Tranquility \$234,900



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath 1,050 sq. ft.
- Short walk to Restricted motor lake
- Decking, screened in porch
- Treed, partially landscaped
- Great family retreat



Chris James*
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ext 222

Boyd Road \$159,900



- Wonderful get-away spot
- Stunning views & abundant wild life
- Plus snow mobile trails
- Small pond on property
- Many fabulous building sites
- Includes a trailer, garage, shed & sauna/shower house

Brady Lake \$155,000



- Great level lot, 112 frontage
- Municipal year round road
- Hydro, phone at lot line
- Enjoy water skiing, fishing, ATVing & snowmobiling
- Don't miss out have a look today

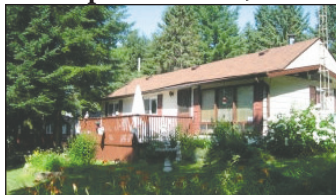


Lindsay Elder**
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Susan Johnson*
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Maple Lake \$189,000



- 3 bedroom/1 bath seasonal cottage
- South exposure
- 115 feet sandy shoreline
- Located on 3 lake chain
- Year round municipal road

Country Living \$224,900



- 3 bedroom bungalow renovated throughout
- Private 2 acre lot overlooking Cranberry Lake
- New furnace, windows, electric, insulation, plumbing
- Master with ensuite, open concept, woodstove
- 1,500 sq. ft. well maintained living space



Cathy Bain*
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Clear Lake \$439,000



- White pine post & beam, built in 2006 with log bunkie
- 3 bdrm, open concept, cathedral ceilings
- 120' SW exposure with rock & sand shoreline
- Emerald green spring waters, less than 2 hrs from GTA.

Pigeon Lake \$279,000



- Charming 3 season cottage with a great cottage feel
- 1,100 sq. ft. with 4 bdrms, cathedral ceilings, lakeside porch
- 300' south facing frontage on 2 separately deeded lots
- Sand shoreline on a quiet spring fed lake south of Minden

Expansive View \$249,900



- 2 bedroom, 1 bath home/cottage
- Recently renovated, oak kitchen
- Dock and fire pit areas, decking
- Propane airtight, thermal windows, metal roof
- Access to Kashagawigamog Lake (5 lake chain)

Lake View Home \$159,900



- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1244 sq. ft. home
- Mature treed level 1.17 acre lot
- Attached insulated garage, sunroom
- A/C Jacuzzi, hardwood floors, bunkie
- Close to snowmobile, ATV, walking trails



Anthony vanLieshout***
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Modern Waterfront Home \$528,900



- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2,100 sq. ft. home
- 104 ft clean shoreline, 5.21 acres
- Finished lower level walkout
- 30 x 30 garage. Shed
- Landscaped lot, decking, easy access

Neat As A Pin \$189,900



- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1800 sq ft home
- Close access to Long Lake(2 lake chain)
- Heated, dry-walled and insulated garage
- Lower level rec room with walkout
- Turn key set-up - available immediately



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Lorri Roberts*
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Beautiful Log Home \$359,000



- 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2972 sq. ft
- 2 propane fireplace, hot tub room
- Above ground pool with decking
- Oversized double garage
- A MUST SEE!! Available IMMEDIATELY

Waterfront Home \$499,000



- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 1934 sq. ft.
- Stunning view from upper and lower decks
- Shallow entry to water
- Level lot with new docking system
- Just minutes from Haliburton



Larry Hussey*
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Coleman Lake \$249,500



- 3 bedrooms
- Quiet motor restricted lake
- Private waterfront
- Gradual entry, sand bottom
- Easily convert outbuilding to bunkie
- Year round road, close to amenities

Gull River \$151,000



- Great 2 bedroom starter home/cottage
- Minutes from Minden Village
- On picturesque Gull River with miles of boating
- Clean & neat and fully furnished
- A must see!

Sharon Lake \$189,900



- Quiet no motor boat lake at the end of the road
- Over 5 acres
- Sunset views
- 3 bedrooms

Kennisis River \$89,900



- Enjoy kayaking/canoeing/tubing
- 211 ft riverfront - 1.21 acres
- Level, partly cleared, treed at river
- Driveway in, hydro at lot line, year round access
- Near Big Hawk Lake & Halls Lake
- Snowmobile trails nearby



Luba Cargill**
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Little Hawk Area \$199,900



- Spacious 3,300 sq. ft. home
- Short walk to public access
- Hiking and snowmobile trails in area
- Short drive to Halls Lake beaches
- Double det garage & large drive-in shed

Lochlin Area Lot \$17,900



- Private, well treed 2.8 acres
- Storage shed on lot
- Hydro at road
- Year round municipal access
- Build your home or getaway!



Hal Johnson**
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Loop Road \$125,000



- 3 bedroom in town home
- Walkout basement
- Large back yard
- Upgraded high efficiency oil furnace
- View of Dark Lake

Redstone River \$164,900

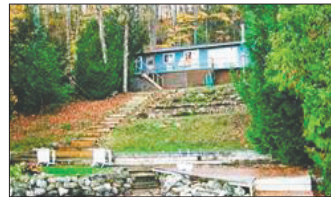


- 1140 Barry Line Road
- 4.54 acres with 1,875 river frontage
- Appliances & fully furnished
- Built in 2007
- 2012 taxes \$948



Diane Knupp*
705-488-3077

Salerno Lake \$369,900



- Updated 3 bedroom
- Open concept, pine floors
- 133 feet shoreline, sand beach
- 2 docks, gorgeous waterfront
- Deep water, great swimming

Salerno Lake \$399,000



- Four season 3 bedroom
- Full basement with walkout
- Stone fireplace, wood floors
- Wrap around deck, hot tub
- Gorgeous shoreline and view