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A racer ploughs his ATV through a mud bog during the Kinsmen Show & Shine on June 15. For results, see page 22.

Reeve Reid fires back at Rigney

By **Mark Arike**
 Staff writer

Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid claims that a petition brought to council by local resident Lois Rigney is full of holes.

At a June 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting, Rigney presented council with the petition, which addresses concerns about township staffing issues and voting patterns.

"I was told I have 10 minutes to say what I want and that's a dangerous thing to tell me,"

said Rigney. "This is not something I ever wanted to do. But after the second firing in the township office, people were stopping me on the street and phoning me."

The petition, which was drafted in April, now has 207 signatures from area residents.

"I was originally asked to bring you this in May, but when the flood happened in April we thought it was very insensitive to bring this issue to you," said the widow of former Minden Hills reeve Ross Rigney.

According to Rigney, more people would

have signed the petition but feared retaliation from the municipality.

"They were dealing with the municipality, they had contracts they wanted signed, they had a business to run, they had family that worked at the township and didn't want to see them fired... There were so many concerns that they would not sign," she said. "The fact that there is this fear does not speak well for the Township of Minden Hills."

Rigney then read from the petition.

"We, the ratepayers of Minden Hills,

are most concerned about the number of department heads and staff that have left the Township of Minden due to the stressful atmosphere of the workplace. This atmosphere does not allow them to do the job they were hired to do by the previous councils."

The petition points out the recent firings of "long-serving employees" who were hired before the current council took office. Those ex-staffers include former CAO Gerry

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People 'duped' into signing petition: Reid

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Morrison, who was let go last July, and former deputy clerk Laura Cunliffe, who was dismissed this past February.

"No performance appraisals were conducted before these dismissals nor were monthly corrective interviews," she said. The petition also states that residents are concerned about

tax dollars being spent on hiring headhunters, lawyers, consultants and advertising to replace those employees.

"We are concerned that an employee found by a headhunter costing \$21,000 resigned just after a year. This meant a waste of taxpayers' money."

Reid adamantly disputes much of the information contained within the petition.

"What I take exception to is that the petition is full of fiction," Reid told The Highlander. "So people have been duped into signing something because they actually believe that what's written on that petition is true."

Reid said the \$21,000

that was spent on a recruiter to hire Chris Voth, former environmental and property operations manager, is now a credit available to the township.

"The petition seemed to suggest that we had lost \$21,000 on his recruitment. He decided to leave us after a year and return to his previous employer. We have a credit with the headhunting firm that we can use at whatever time in the future when we need to do another search."

As for the dismissals of Morrison and Cunliffe, Reid said there were well-documented instances of workplace harassment with both employees.

"When you have a number of staff coming to you with reports of workplace harassment, council has an obligation to deal with those; it is our obligation to create a safe workplace."

In an interview, Rigney called Reid's comment "laughable."

"I can't comment on what the staff said, but the staff that I know liked Laura [Cunliffe]," she said. "The staff that left liked Laura."

The petition also addresses concerns about voting decisions that have been made by members of the Vision Team (councillors Brigitte Gall, Ken Redpath, Larry Clarke and

Reid) since they were elected in 2010.

"We continue to be concerned that the majority of the important decisions of the council are made by the Vision Team 2010 despite the assurance of the reeve that after the election the Vision Team would cease to exist and each would vote according to his or her own conscience," states the petition. "This constant 4-3 vote ignores the valid opinions of the other three councillors."

Since the start of the current council term, seven out of 14 recorded votes had been won by the Vision Team slate.

"If it's a contentious issue, it's very common for a councillor to ask for a recorded vote,"



Photo by Mark Arike

Lois Rigney discusses a petition brought before Minden council.

explained Reid, adding that up until May council had passed over 750 resolutions.

At the recent meeting, Reid told Rigney "there is a high degree of unanimity at this council."

"We feel very confident in the decisions we've made. If you have a lack of confidence in the council that's been elected, you'll have an opportunity in October to express your views," she said, referring to an election.

But Rigney says the 4-3 votes were made in the first year of the new council – and that was when the most damage was done.

"She [Reid] changed the procedural bylaws her way when she did those committees and made council members the head of a committee; it no longer was a volunteer committee."

The petition concludes with a request that council consider the concerns listed and "act on them in the best interest of the ratepayers of Minden Hills before the next election."

Reid asked Rigney to elaborate on what this meant.

"One is that the slate is in fact broken up, and that everyone is voting according to their conscious," answered Rigney, explaining that she and other residents created the petition.

Reid told The Highlander she would like ratepayers to get the facts before making accusations against the township.

"I wish that the small group of toxic and destructive people would cease and desist because they are creating the impression that Minden is a town of nasty, mean people – and that's simply one-sided."

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Editorial opinion

Mind the gap

One hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Now there's a number that'll raise your eyebrows.

If that sounds good, then \$360,000 will give you goosebumps.

Those are the numbers that are coming out of this past weekend's charity golf tournament at the Pinestone Resort. The tournament raised \$120,000 for the Minden Flood Relief Fund which, if the province decides to match the full two to one, means \$360,000 for Minden flood victims.

Congratulations to organizers, the Pinestone, and volunteers for pulling off such a successful event. And to the people who dug deep into their pockets – \$2,000 for a Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson poster at auction and another \$4,000 for a game-used Sydney Crosby hockey stick – thank you for your generosity as well.

Maybe people are getting tired of hearing it, but the way this community can come together and pull something like this off is unbelievable. For the so-called poorest community in Ontario, we're doing pretty well.

But the good times aren't going to last forever. Sooner or later, the money's going to stop flowing.

Some organizations have already felt the impact on their own fundraising efforts. So much money is going to the relief fund – over \$400,000 at last count – that 'donor fatigue' is setting in.

That's why organizers for the Pinestone tournament brought donors in from the city, thanks to some influence by our local NHLers and a timely plug on Hockey Night in Canada. But not all organizations have that kind of pull.

This county runs on volunteers who are managed and funded by our non-profit organizations. These, in turn, need financial support from the community to keep everything working. Where are they

going to get it with everyone donating to the relief fund?

Let me be clear, the Minden Flood Relief Fund is absolutely essential and should receive priority in terms of donations. It's great that it's done so well and that people are giving, but we need to recognize how the flood's impact is trickling down throughout our community.

Make no mistake, our non-profits, the groups we rely so heavily upon, are going to be hurting after this year. The gaps in public programs will become more difficult to bridge with volunteers and donations.

So what's the solution?

I'm not sure that there is one. We have to contribute to the relief fund in order to take care of our vulnerable and hurting community. We also have to donate to our non-profits to keep essential services up to par, such as palliative care, support for our seniors, and kids' food programs.

It will be increasingly important over the rest of the year, especially during the winter months, for people to think carefully about their donations and consider where they might do the most good.

Talking to organizers, I would be surprised if this tournament didn't happen again next year. Depending on the state of affairs in Minden, the beneficiary could be the relief fund, or it could be a different community group or non-profit. Smart investment of donated money is going to go a long way to keeping our services in good order while providing assistance to those in need.

And I'm confident we'll manage to do both.



By Matthew Desrosiers

A community of interest

"Would you tell me please, which way I ought to go from here?"
"That depends a good deal on where you want to go," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where," said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.

— Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll



By Bram Lebo

Now it all makes sense.

In an interview published last week, Reeve Murray Fearrey explained his philosophy for economic development. In essence, his approach — shared by most politicians in the county — is "to get out of the way of business, to let them function without a lot of rules." It's an elegant formula, one of laissez-faire that resonates with our deeply-rooted instincts that tell us private enterprise does things better than the public sector, especially when it comes to economic growth.

Unfortunately, and with the greatest respect for Reeve Fearrey, a politician who has piloted Dysart et al through decades of good and not-so-good times, it's a formula that doesn't work.

The reason is simple: economic and town development are matters of general public interest, but the public interest is generally not a priority for business. It shouldn't be; business is interested in profits.

The public is also interested in profits, as far as they benefit the community and create jobs, but the public has many other interests that can be equally important, for example having towns that are functional and enjoyable.

We have no hesitation passing bylaws specifying the structural requirements of homes and offices to the smallest detail. Yet when it comes to the big picture, designing the towns where much of our commerce and social lives happen, it's hands-off. We let random businesses, some of which are headquartered hundreds of miles away, set the style and form of our towns' growth.

The public interest, when it comes to development, includes ensuring that the most important and used manmade structures in our lives — our homes, workplaces and towns — are suited to how we want to live. Civic planning and zoning bylaws that meet tested principles are the way we ensure that happens.

Our current approach is essentially a declaration of powerlessness, or what one letter-writer, his words not mine, called "toxic complacency." The evidence of its failure is all around us, most obviously in the parking lots that dominate downtown Haliburton, but in many other places as well.

Following the simplest of these planning principles can lead to a cascade of benefits. For example, when you put seniors' apartments in the centre of town, they can live independently longer because everything they need is within a block or two. By saving money on cars, they have more to

spend in-town and indeed provide a constant base of customers for local businesses, and street traffic to support a night life and promote safety. Less driving means fewer parking spaces too, so there's more room for commercial activities. And walking of course is great for your health and for maintaining mobility; function follows form.

Imagine Grandpa going downstairs to play checkers with his friends in the town square, dipping into the grocery store for supplies, doing his banking, heading over to the Legion for supper and listening to an outdoor concert in the same square later that evening before walking the 100 metres home. Of course if Grandpa wants to live in an isolated house with a driveway to shovel, that's his choice; but at least he could have options. With our population expected to be over 40 per cent senior citizens by 2030, he'll need them.

Representing the public interest is not easy. It requires the ability to negotiate with developers; to wisely legislate so as to guide but not stifle growth; to envision a future state and lead the community towards it; and to encourage businesses to do their part. By abdicating this responsibility, our leaders have left it to the fates to determine the future appearance and character of our hometowns. Et voila.

That is a choice. Growth can be directed, past mistakes remedied. It's not easy, but it can get done.

Doesn't regulation inhibit business, kill jobs? No, it does not, just as the building code doesn't stop people from constructing homes. Requiring new apartment buildings to be in-town, creating public spaces, specifying types and hours of business — all of these open opportunities for more, diverse types of commerce. If you miss having a local butcher, unique shops, a movie theatre, and outdoor cafes, you can thank unrestricted development that keeps driving people, literally, in every which direction to the nearest highway.

It comes down to your philosophy of government. Should the public interest prevail, planning and zoning laws be used to direct growth? Or should business do what it likes and the rest of us make do with the results?

Unlike Alice, where we're going does matter. A great deal. If someone is looking out for the public interest, our towns can enable the close, prosperous community we want — we can be much more than the sum of our parts.

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Good luck from The Highlander team!*

Letters to the editor

A few bad apples...

Dear editor,

To the 207 people who signed a petition initiated and presented by Lois Rigney at the June 13 Minden Hills council meeting, to those who reportedly considered signing it but refrained from doing so for fear of retaliation or retribution and to the rest of the community, please consider the following.

The petition presented as fact that this council is dominated by four members who ran in the 2010 election as the Vision Team and that most important decisions are decided by those very same council members (in 4:3 votes). Since the beginning of this term of council on Dec. 1, 2010 there have been 18 recorded votes (a vote where each member says their vote and can be requested by a member at any time). Of those 18, only nine were Vision Team 4:3 decisions. These nine decisions represent 1 per cent of all the decisions made by council up to May 31, 2013 (783 resolutions). Had those people who signed the petition attended even a few council meetings over the past two years, they would have seen that most decisions made by this council are unanimous – something the press knows but seem reluctant to comment on. Had Mrs. Rigney stayed for the duration of the June 13 meeting, she would have seen two members of the so-called slate disagreeing with each other! Differences of opinion are often expressed by this council during discussions but most decisions are unanimous.

The petition went on to criticize the decision to terminate two township staff. While we would very much like to share the details of these terminations with the public, we are prevented by privacy legislation from

doing so. Council knew it had to make some difficult decisions and voted unanimously to terminate these employees. While the discussion of the details took place in closed session and not all council members may have agreed with the direction arrived at, the formal decision was made in open session (the Municipal Act does not allow any decisions to be made except in open session of council). Resolution 12-180 (June 25, 2012) was a recorded vote and passed unanimously. Resolution 13-23 (February 28, 2013) was an unrecorded vote (show of hands only) and passed unanimously.

Workplace harassment includes intimidation and verbal abuse. It has been and continues to be a problem in our municipality. Workplace harassment of municipal staff by municipal staff, members of the public or council might have been acceptable in the past but it is not acceptable now and will not be tolerated. It must stop.

Despite some difficult times, Minden has evolved and moved on. We have a vibrant and growing business community. We have new people moving here. We have a doctor moving to Minden on Dec. 1. We came together during the flood and have raised a significant amount of money for those in need and will continue to do so. We have much to be proud of in our community. It is unfortunate that the words and actions of a few continue to overshadow all the good things that are happening here in Minden Hills and the efforts of the hard working people in our community.

Barb Reid
Reeve, Minden Hills

Thanks from H.A.V.E

Dear editor,

A heartfelt word of thanks from the directors of H.A.V.E. and the recipients of fresh water wells in India to the many volunteers, sponsors, musicians, and donations to our

benefit concert on June 2. Never take our fresh water supplies for granted.

Diane Dawson
Gelert

— The uncomfortable truth

Have you ever felt excruciatingly uncomfortable?

Not the itching powder down the pants type of uncomfortable from when you were a kid. And I don't mean the shuffly bum kind from a restaurant seat that is way too hard. I'm talking the type of uncomfortable you feel when you realize that you don't fit. And no, I don't mean in your pants any longer!

What I'm getting at is when you feel out of place; when you don't belong. You're surrounded by people you don't know and who you have nothing in common with. You're adrift in a room of folks who all seem to be friends, colleagues and allies but none of whom are familiar to you. You stick out like a sore thumb. Or at least you think you do.

This was me a few nights ago. And I wasn't expecting it. I had stepped back into my previous life, my London life, only this time it was transposed into Toronto. I had been invited to a party no less, and I hope that I

can still hold my own at parties but at this one I was a dud.

I can't blame the party or its host, an award-winning architect, celebrating winning another rather auspicious award. And that is just the type of party that I attended many of in my London life. It was a carbon copy of events that I once revelled in: the glitz and glamour, the high rollers and schmoozing, champagne and posh bits of food served on platters by beautiful young waitresses dressed formally in black, as people cruise the room making small talk.

But here I was in the midst of this party and I couldn't do it. I couldn't connect, network or make idle chatter. I stood there like a fool. Then I moved somewhere else, procured another glass of wine, took another large gulp and stood again like a fool, pretending to admire the architecture (wonderfully refined, award-winning architecture by the party host, of course) while feeling utterly lost.

I stayed for the speeches then ran away. I

escaped without making excuses or saying goodbyes, I just fled and came back to my hotel room and wrote this. As I walked home through brightly lit streets that shimmered in the evening rain I realized that I had changed. I can't say that I'd moved on because that would have meant feeling superior or dismissive of my fellow partygoers, when in actual fact I felt petrified of them. I don't think I've regressed either, though.

This feeling wasn't the nervous anticipation in the pit of my stomach that I got when first invited to 'industry events' many years back. No, it was more a sideways shift, a lurch (uncontrollable at that) into a new era of my life, and one that doesn't include parties with Canada's architectural royalty.

I am happy now with beers and bonfires, with local people and small town conversation. I enjoy the fact that sometimes there is nothing to be said (Robbie, thanks for that) or that the best thing to do is just poke the fire, or the guy next to me in his ribs

Photo of the week

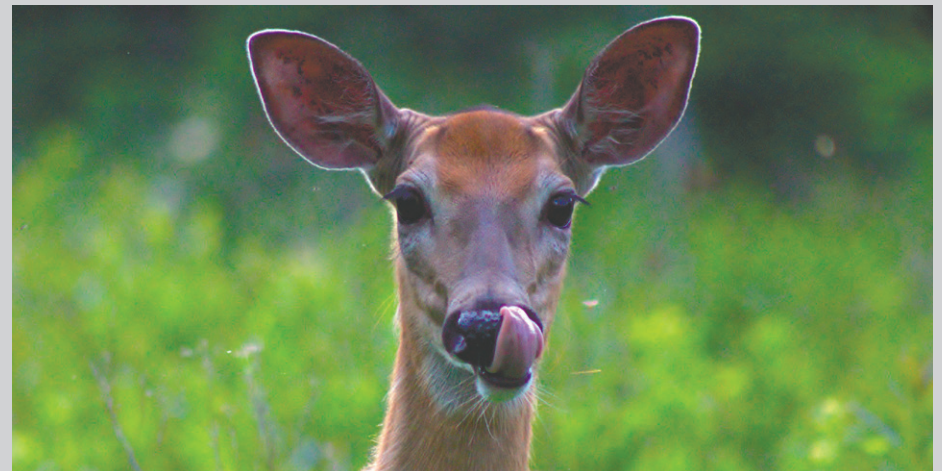


Photo by Tammy Nash

This deer posed for a photo on a sunny day.

Amalgamation could have been different

Dear editor,

Last week Bram commented on amalgamating municipal structures in order to be more efficient.

In many ways I agree with his philosophy in theory. When the province initially pushed for amalgamating municipalities many discussions took place around the county council table. I was on county council at this initial stage however not so when the final amalgamation structure came to fruition.

To me the present boundaries do not make any sense. For example, Irondale is part of Minden Hills yet its closest boundary in the south is Gooderham. Salmon Lake south on County Road 507 is also within a reasonable boundary to Gooderham, however it's part of Peterborough County. Gooderham could have established its own amalgamated municipality considering the close proximity of surrounding areas. Cardiff and Highland Grove, in my opinion should have amalgamated with Hastings as their closest boundary is Bancroft.

Perhaps initial discussions should have encompassed a regional government structure and if such would have been more efficient. Perhaps more in-depth discussions

should have evolved at the municipal and county level much earlier than undertaken. Both levels procrastinated because no one wanted to give up the system as it existed and the province was putting the pressure to amalgamate or they would do it for us, at least that was my understanding.

There was another alternative as I was advised by the province and that was annexation. For example: lower part of Irondale south of County Road 1 amalgamate with Gooderham, northern part with Minden Hills. Northern part of Koshlong Lake off County Road 1 amalgamate with Dysart et al. If Cardiff and Highland Grove had amalgamated with Hastings, a regional government for Haliburton County should have been scrutinized carefully.

This is all water under the bridge now but like the federal senate, redefining government structures must be a priority in the next municipal election. Amalgamation as it exists is not necessarily better and with reduced upper level government funding municipalities must work more effectively.

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham

The Outsider



By Will Jones

and laugh as he spills his beer. A rum and coke will do thank you; no need for Laurent Perrier.

And, although I came away from the architect's party troubled, I realize now that I'm pleased with my loss of social etiquette; I'm enjoying the new me. I'm a country boy now; again. After all I was born in a small village in middle England. My big city life was only a phase, a chapter that I closed when I moved from London to Haliburton, and opening it again as I did tonight, stepping back in time, only made me realize that I have found real comfort in my Canadian country life. I have found that seat that's not too hard, those pants that fit just right, that place where I feel... What do I feel? I don't need to search for a feeling because I know it's just right.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Will you support the farmers market in Head Lake Park?



Fay Martin

Minden

Most certainly I will. I feel that supporting our local producers is very important. Good foods and fresh air. It is a great gathering and an opportunity to socialize.



Sharona Yake

Blairhampton

Absolutely! Great healthy fresh foods and support the local vendors. A great place to meet and chat with all the local community people.



Shushan Woldu

Toronto

Yes! This is our first time up here. So far what we have seen we love it. It is hard to believe this is the first one. We will be back.

Dianne Hagerman

West Guilford

Definitely! I will be there for the fresh vegetables, produce, and the lovely ambiance. I like to support the good local folks that are here to supply us with these great foods.



Hugh Taylor

Haliburton

One hundred per cent, for sure, because I love all the colour and the crowd. It is a very social group of people. I come here to catch up with people and have a very positive experience.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: UPTON

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Like many Haliburton residents, Karl Upton knows what it's like to have more than one job on the go.

"You have to do that here," said Upton, who lives in Eagle Lake with his wife Terry.

Upton was born in Haliburton – in fact, he was one of the first babies born in the old hospital, which was located where the radio station Canoe FM now sits. At the age of 14, his father moved the family to the city when he was hired at the Toronto International Airport.

"He took a maintenance job in the building," said Upton.

His three brothers also ended up working at the airport at the same time as their father. But Upton never applied.

"I went out one time and was just going from factory to factory. I got a machine job, so I worked there for five years."

At the age of 22, he moved back to the Highlands with his previous wife, Sharon. At the age of 41, Sharon passed away from cancer.

When he moved back to Eagle Lake, Upton took up a carpentry job in Dorset. He learned the skills he needed by watching his father, who often did handy work around the house.

"We didn't have the money to hire anyone so you just did it yourself."

During his career, he also worked for the Municipality of Dysart et al for 15 years as an equipment operator. He retired in 2003.

"I ran the grader for seven or eight years," he explained.

Upton also plowed the roads in the wintertime and helped make road repairs.

"It was anything from gravelling

roads in the summer to snowplowing, sanding and keeping them open in the wintertime."

Despite having to get up early most mornings, he thoroughly enjoyed this line of work.

"I don't like getting up in the morning, but I don't have a problem doing it," he chuckled.

After his retirement from the municipality, Upton began working for his son Bernie, a licensed carpenter. But as he started taking more trips down south with his wife in their motor home, he advised his son to hire someone who would be more readily available.

"I've retired three times," said the 68-year-old, who now operates his own haulage business.

"I bought this truck four years ago and I work in the summer months," he said, referring to a tandem dump truck located in his driveway. "I used to plow driveways in the winter months for myself, but now we go south for a couple of months."

Upton doesn't miss working full time, and says he still maintains a full schedule.

"I wonder now how I ever managed to hold a full-time job," he laughed.

Upton has owned his 34-foot motor home for the past 18 years. He and his wife take some long trips on their own, but many of their excursions are with their friends and fellow musicians.

"Most summers we go away for a week and entertain ourselves."

Their musical group, "Uptown Country", regularly performs for Highland Crest residents and at Community Care events.

Although it can be challenging to find full-time work in Haliburton, Upton has never once considered leaving for the



Photo by Mark Arike

Karl Upton considers himself a country boy.

bright city lights.

"When I started with the township in '87, that was my first full-time job. In the summer you'd do carpentry work and maybe work up until November. Then you would start to work in the bush after the snow, so you're talking close to Christmas. Then you'd have a layoff in the spring."

For him, seven years spent in the rat race was enough.

"I know what it was like and I had no desire to raise my children there."

However, he's enjoyed many trips to see Leafs and Jays games (his nephew, Bernie Nicholls, played for the Los Angeles Kings and several other NHL teams).

Upton is proud of his Haliburton roots and wouldn't change a thing.

"I was born in the country and I'm a country boy," he said.

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Highlander news

And in this corner...

Reid, Gall spar over policy at Minden council

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

After looking at the best practices of four other municipalities, it appears that the Township of Minden Hills will soon have two separate policies to govern the use of social media and information technology.

"What staff have done is separate those two policies," said CAO Nancy Wright-Laking at a June 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting. "I would request you consider a motion so that we can discuss these two separate policies."

At a May 30 meeting, Wright-Laking presented councillors with one policy that covered the use of social media and IT. At that time, councillors agreed that each item should fall under two separate policies.

Three council members came up with their own version of a social media policy, which was then reviewed by staff and underwent some "minor, but necessary, changes."

Councillor Brigitte Gall expressed concern over a line in the IT policy, which was included from the previous draft.

The sentence read: "Access, altering or divulging any data or information outside of an employee's or councillor's responsibilities will result in disciplinary action or dismissal."

Gall asked if she would be permitted to share links promoting the township's news and events through her own Facebook page.

"Certainly, posting events and linking to websites is something we'd want to do," said deputy clerk Michael de Rond, who explained that this part of the policy is intended to protect the personal records of township staff.

Gall asked that the policy be revised to clearly state that it's the township's data that

is being referred to.

Council then discussed the social media policy – which led to debate between councillor Gall and Reeve Barb Reid. Gall expressed concern over wording in the policy which stated that "employees who participate in inappropriate use of social media and/or online communication may be subject to disciplinary action, including termination of employment."

She didn't believe the policy should be able to govern how an individual uses their personal social media outside of work.

"Actually, council members and staff are obliged by the terms of the code of conduct,"

said Reid. "It covers any venue."

Reid said it would be "contrary" to the code of conduct to include Gall's amendment in the document.

Gall said that setting restrictions on how someone uses their personal social media would be like mandating how they interact with others at a party.

Reid told Gall that members of public office forfeit some of their rights and freedoms.

"If the topic is the Township of Minden Hills, a member of staff, a member of council or a decision that's been made by council, our code of conduct covers those subject matters regardless of what medium you chose to use," she said.

It would be fine, however, for one to use social media to communicate about what's going on in the community, Reid pointed out.

"Nobody would have any reason to challenge you on that," she said.

Gall requested a copy of the code of conduct to take a closer look at its terms.

"You should have the code of conduct," said Reid. "Have a read through it and I think you'll find the language in the code of conduct is fairly clear about the obligation on the part of staff and members of council to be respectful regardless of the medium..."

Both policies will be brought up for discussion at the June 27 regular council meeting.

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Barb Reid
Reeve, Minden Hills

Obit published for missing teen

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Although police haven't been able to confirm if the body of a deceased female located in the Bear Lake area was that of 18-year-old Sophie Smith, an obituary for the London, Ont. native has been published in the Toronto Star.

Around 12:50 p.m. on June 14, Haliburton Highlands OPP were notified that Smith had run into trouble while canoeing on Kawagama Lake near Dorset. An area resident transported her to a safe location in the narrows between Kawagama and Bear Lake.

When the OPP were later informed



Sophie Smith

that Smith didn't return to her residence, officers from the local detachment, along with the regional canine unit, emergency response unit, marine and helicopter unit were dispatched to the Bear Lake area to conduct a missing person search.

At around 12:30 p.m. on June 15, local OPP Const. Paul Potter told The Highlander that a body had been located. A press release sent out that afternoon stated the incident was under investigation and police were awaiting the results of a post-mortem examination.

Smith's obituary describes her as "beautiful, bright, talented, caring and hilarious."

In the summer months, Smith operated a smoothie stand in Dorset.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Gail Marcuzzi, director for the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, presents Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director, with a \$4,000 cheque to fund two Broda chairs.

Donations buy specialized chairs

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Highland Wood and Hyland Crest residents will enjoy two new Broda medical chairs thanks to a \$4,000 donation from the Florence Nightingale Home Foundation, a charity affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star.

The donation helped the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) pay for the two chairs, which cost \$5,200 for the pair.

Members of the foundation were at the

hospital in Haliburton to make the donation to the HHHSF on June 13.

Gail Marcuzzi, a director with the foundation, said she was excited to make the donation.

"It's a pleasure for me to make this presentation," she said, adding that she had personal ties to the Highlands and that the hospital was dear to her.

This is the second donation HHHSF has received from the foundation. They received a \$5,000 donation in 1999 towards their capital building campaign.

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Disaster Relief Committee (DRC)

Groups and/or individuals wishing to present a donation to the Minden Hills Flood Relief Fund are asked to please contact Michael de Rond, Secretary to the Committee at mderond@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext 215

Please check this page for updates as well as www.mindenhills.ca Donation & Flood Information page.

Meetings and Events

June 24

8:30 am, Disaster Relief Committee meeting, Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Common Room

7:00 pm, Disaster Relief Committee Public meeting for Application Distribution, Minden United Church

June 25

4:30 pm, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting, Administration building, 2nd floor boardroom

7:00 pm, Canada Day Partner's meeting, Community Centre, Room 3

June 27

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

Public Water Tap Notice

Effective July 8, 2013, a coin operated water tap will be available for public use at the current water tap location of St Germaine and Pritchard Streets (beside the municipal parking lot). Water will be available from the tap at a rate of 0.25/4 litres.

Request for Tenders

We are requesting tenders from qualified contractors to supply and install windows in the Lochlin Hall building located at 4713 Gelert Road, Minden, Ontario.

A mandatory site visit has been scheduled for Friday June 28, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Lochlin Hall.

Tenders to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked
"Tender No. EPO 13-003 Lochlin Hall Windows"

No later than Thursday July 11, 2013 12:00:00 noon local time to:

Clerk's Office, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne street, PO Box 359
Minden ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Ivan Ingram, Environmental & Property Operations Manager

Tender documents and full details regarding the site visit can be obtained at www.mindenhills.ca or by visiting the Clerk's Office, 2nd floor.



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Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Uncertain Horizons by Bertrand R. Pitt
May 14 – July 1

Nature's Place

Listen to the Night: Bats of Ontario (From the Royal Ontario Museum)

Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village

Church & Religion in Early Minden

Nature's Place

Check out the Cultural Centre's newest addition (formerly the R.D. Lawrence Place) Includes new galleries and a Children's Discovery Centre

LECTURES

Cultural Centre

Church & Religion
June 29, 2013 at 1:00pm
Common Room

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Minden Hills Museum's Schoolhouse

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Sunday June 23 from 1pm-3pm

A Cultural Fair is a unique promotional opportunity that puts many different not-for-profit cultural groups / organizations, in Haliburton County, under one roof!

To plan your summer schedule this is a must attend event. Here you will be able to pick up programming schedules and talk with organizers to learn what groups offer.

Cultural organizations that wish to participate please call the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763

Fire Calendar Winners

Week of June 17

Kim Ballantyne and Angie Eastman

The Township of Minden Hills is having their annual



CANADA DAY CELEBRATION!

Crazy River Raft Race

Calling all creative Highlanders; now is the time to get busy building crazy rafts and making costumes for Minden's Canada Day Crazy Craft race on Monday July 1st. Prizes will be given for the Most Enthusiastic Crew, Most Creative Costumes, Most Original Raft and first to finish. No entrance fee....young people under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian....under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Race start is at the Rotary Park at 12:30 PM on July 1st. Registration is from 11 AM to 12:15 PM. All entrants must wear lifejackets.

PLEASE NOTE: due to the high water levels of the Gull River, this event may have to be cancelled for safety reasons. Check the townships website for any updates.

For more details contact Bill Chadwick at bill.chadwick@sympatico.ca or 905-853-0955.

Calling all you fishing enthusiasts out there!

Minden's Canada Day Celebration is just around the corner so we want all you kids who are 15 years and younger, to start practicing your fishing skills for the Kids Fishing Derby.

This is a live weigh in contest so bring a bucket to hold your catch, a fishing rod and some bait and come and see how big a rock bass you can reel in. Registration is from 7:30-8:00 am at the Town dock (across the road from the Post Office) and continues until 11:00 am when the prizes will be awarded. First place is a bicycle donated by Dave Shaw! So get practicing.

We hope to see you there!

Did You Know?

Water Distribution Part 1

The Township of Minden Hills water pumping and distribution system, wastewater treatment plant and collection system are under contract to the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for operation, maintenance and treatment. Minden Hills staff conducts wastewater collection and water distribution. Water for the Village of Minden is supplied from two wells and is chlorinated prior to being pumped to the distribution system.

The sewer system is flushed annually and fire hydrants biannually. Both receive routine maintenance.

See pages 9, 10, 12 for additional ads

Highlander news

HHSS a bit safer thanks to OPP

Defibrillator donated in honour of fallen officer

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School athletes are safer thanks to a donation by the Ontario Provincial Police association and the Dave Mounsey Memorial Fund (DMMF) of a defibrillator in the athletic complex in honour of fallen officer Eric Nystedt.

On June 13, members of the police association, joined by Nystedt's family, made the presentation to the school's administration. The defibrillator was purchased by the association through the DMMF. It is the 29th defibrillator dedicated to honour a fallen member of law enforcement. It also marks the 20th anniversary of Nystedt's death on July 3, 1993.

Nystedt was born in Sault Ste. Marie in

1968. He was recruited into the OPP in September 1990 and, upon graduation, was assigned to the Minden detachment. He had been on the job for less than three years when he was stabbed and bled to death after responding to a domestic assault call.

"For five years, Eric's memory was celebrated in a memorial run in Sault Ste. Marie," Const. David Ackerman said during the presentation.

In 1999, a five-kilometre run/walk was started in his name to remember all officers killed in the line of duty.

"Signs were posted on the route giving the names of the fallen," Ackerman said. "The last one read, 'Let there be no more.'"

Nystedt's mother, Mary Lou Buerkle, was thankful that her son was being remembered in this way.

"I would like to thank the OPP," she said. "They've been very supportive. I really appreciate them donating the defibrillator in Eric's memory. That's very nice and I appreciate it."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Constable Dave Ackerman (left) addresses the HHSS Grade 10 careers class during the presentation of a defibrillator in honour of fallen officer Eric Nystedt. Pictured with Ackerman are Nystedt's mother, Mary Lou Buerkle, and Const. Karen German.

Gull Lake annual meeting focuses on flood relief

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The Gull Lake Cottagers Association (GLCA) held their annual general meeting recently, and flooding in Minden Hills was a hot topic.

More than 125 members and guests attended the June 2 meeting at Kilcoo Camp, hearing presentations on construction of a Bell Mobility tower on Highway 35, progress on a lake plan (details are available at www.gulllakeplan.com) and the Minden Hills flooding.

Shawn Chamberlain, owner of the Dominion Hotel on the banks of Gull River in Minden, was invited to provide his observations on the flooding and participated in a question and answer session.

The GLCA donates to various charities annually, including the Minden Hospital Auxiliary and the Amici Camping Charity for children's summer camping in previous years.

This year GLCA directors selected flood relief as a major focus.

Members kicked off fundraising at the meeting by auctioning a signed Mats Sundin Toronto Maple Leafs jersey donated by board member Nick Evans. Gull Lake cottager Charles Simon won it with a \$500 bid, with the full amount going toward flood relief. In total, \$1,250 was raised at the meeting.

Members also agreed to hold a silent auction in support of flood relief at the GLCA's annual members' regatta during the Civic Holiday weekend in August.

"The GLCA Board directs a portion of proceeds into local charities in the Minden area annually as a part of good community stewardship," the association reported in a press release. "GLCA members remain committed to investing in the community of Minden and rebuilding through personal donations and continued patronage of the many shops and restaurants in the area."

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Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Offices.

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This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and the *Municipal Tax Sales Rules*, as amended, made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant Land Transfer Tax.

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Note: H.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

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NOTE: This document need not be registered.

Highlander news

Minden Disaster Relief Committee picking up steam

Over \$400K raised
towards \$1.3M target

By Adam Kingsmith
Contributing writer

Bill Obee subbed in for chair Jeanne Anthon this week in what was a very busy meeting for the Township of Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee (DRC).

First on the agenda was a post-mortem of last weekend's highly successful charity golf tournament at the Pinestone Resort spearheaded by a group of local community partners, including professional hockey players Cody Hodgson and Matt Duchene.

The tournament – which was attended by 180 golfers and included a charity auction and a buffet dinner donated by the Pinestone Resort – raised approximately \$120,000 for flood relief efforts in what DRC member and

organizing partner Andrew Hodgson called “a great night and a great event.”

According to the DRC's most recent calculations, the amount raised over the weekend puts the total monies collected for flood relief so far at just over \$400,000.

Some other fundraising initiatives on the horizon include a proposed storefront space in downtown Minden complete with photos and videos of the flood, an informative tent for Canada Day which will be manned by a team of volunteers, as well as an online fundraising campaign that is still a few weeks away from launch.

“People are encouraged to contact the DRC if they have a fundraising event coming up so that we can spread the word around the community,” Nancy Wright-Laking, chief administrative officer for the Township

of Minden Hills, said during the fundraising initiative discussion.

“The community is certainly rising to the challenge – I'm very impressed,” said Jack Brezina, DRC member and fundraising coordinator, speaking on all the fundraising efforts to date.

As for long-term fundraising goals, substitute chair Bill Obee highlighted “it will be six to eight weeks at least before the DRC has a number in mind.” Hodgson echoed those sentiments by adding, “we're not going to have a number until summer's end.”

For now, the DRC has decided to go with

the province's initial rough estimate of \$1.3 million as a fundraising target – a target that is still expected to be matched by the province at a ratio of up to 2:1, even though that number may drop as more people

have been able to claim some damages under insurance than previously expected.

Once the six-week claimants process begins – the committee will start sometime in early July – more accurate estimates of the total flooding damage, and thus the total fundraising need, will start trickling in.

In order to familiarize flood victims with the claimants process, the DRC plans to make sample application forms based on a Thunder Bay template ready by week's end, as well as host an informational meeting to address any questions or concerns on June 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Minden United Church.

“[Flood victims] need to know that the DRC is behind them,” Brezina said.

As for both interim funding, up to 40 per cent of the total money raised, and advanced emergency funding, up to \$1,000 to help victims cover the cost of repairs, the DRC concluded that none of that money can be given out until a further consultation with the province is completed later in the week.

*The community is
certainly rising to the
challenge – I'm very
impressed.*

Jack Brezina
DRC member



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- Minden Agricultural Society: Raffle Tickets
- Local artists with their work on display-Lions Club Hall-Bobcaygeon Street
- Cooling Station-Common room at the Cultural Centre (with movies playing all day), with free ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy (1-2:00pm or until supplies last)
- Haliburton County Farmers Association “Meet the Animals”- Cultural Centre
- Spinners and Weavers demonstrations at the Cultural Centre
- Timber Frame Building demonstrations at the Cultural Centre
- Tai Chi demonstrations beside Organic Times
- Lions Club and Rotary Club BBQ's
- Free Popcorn - Minden Community Volunteer Policing Association
- Get your name in for BEST COSTUME for a chance to win a prize-Main Table
- CANOE FM Hosting all day long

Other Events to set your watches for:

- 8:00** Rock Bass Fishing Derby, register at town dock at 7:30. For children under 15 years of age.
- 11:00-12:00** Highlands Concert Band in concert at main stage
- 11:00** Fishing Derby closes
- 11:00-12:15** Crazy River Raft Race registration Rotary Park begins
- 11:30** Canada Day Opening Ceremonies: Legion Parade, National Anthem sung by Melanie Prentice along with Highland Concert Band. Opening remarks and cutting of the Canada Day Cake.
- 12:15** Haliburton Dance Academy-performing at the Main Stage. Be sure to get a good spot to watch the performance!
- 12:30** Crazy River Raft Race starts at Rotary Park, finish line at the bridge in town with assistance from Minden's Amateur Radio Club
- 1:00-2:00** Highlands Concert Band in concert at main stage
- 1:30** Rubber Duck Race - Gull River - Minden Lionesses

At dusk, Fantastic Fireworks at the Fairgrounds sponsored by the Minden Fire Department, the Government of Canada and the Township of Minden Hills and Hosted by Moose FM! (\$5.00 parking)

Food 4 Kids needs volunteers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Food for Kids program has been serving up healthy meals and snacks to students in Haliburton County for the past 14 years.

But without the help of dedicated volunteers, none of it would be possible.

That's the message Gail Stelter, chairwoman of Food for Kids, delivered in an impassioned speech at the annual Food for Kids volunteer appreciation luncheon on June 12 at the Bonnie View Inn.

“This program cannot work without volunteers,” said Stelter. “It doesn't matter how dedicated you are. It doesn't matter how dedicated the steering committee is. Without you, we will be cutting back the amount of snacks that we can serve and the number of times we can be in a school.”

Stelter challenged the volunteers to recruit at least one person who would be willing to dedicate one or two hours of their time per week to the program.

“The volunteers are out there; we know that,” she said. “We know they're spread out and are volunteering in all sorts of things.”

An active volunteer in the community, Stelter joined Food for Kids four years ago. It was the first organization she chose to get involved with after moving to the area.

“There's no greater priority than the children. The children of Haliburton County will come to school without food; children of Haliburton County will have an hour bus ride before they get to school and are hungry again. Our children need us and we need you.”

Food for Kids currently has 55 volunteers, but according to coordinator Aaron Walker, some of these individuals will be leaving the program this fall.



Photo by Mark Arike

Brad Park

“There's a huge, huge spread of people involved,” said Walker. “Everyone is very impassioned.”

Some volunteers have been with the program since it started, while others, like Walker's seven-year-old daughter Trinity, just recently started helping out.

“She has volunteered three mornings a week for this entire school year,” he said proudly.

He concluded by telling the volunteers that their involvement will “last a lot of kids a lifetime.”

Before lunch was served, Brad Park, franchise owner of Haliburton Foodland, announced that his store

would be running a campaign between June 21 and July 11 in support of the program.

“Next Friday, all Foodland stores across Ontario will be donating to a local charity or cancer research,” explained Park. “I chose Food for Kids.”

Between those dates, customers will be asked to buy a \$2 paper house upon checkout. Park said he would match the total amount raised at the end of the campaign.

“If it's \$5,000 then I'll pay \$5,000,” he said, as the room burst into applause.

Park and his father Bob (the former store owner) have been staunch supporters of Food for Kids for several years.

It costs approximately \$75,000 per year to cover annual expenses. More than half of that – \$45,000 – comes from grants while the remaining funds have to be raised by the steering committee.

Without the support of Foodland, Stelter said it would be very challenging to bring in \$30-35,000.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Aaron Walker by e-mail at awalkerfood4forkids@gmail.com or call 705-455-2358.

Highlander business

Harcourt inventor stumbles on fuel tag idea

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

If you've got more jerry cans than you can manage, a Harcourt man might have the solution for you.

Rob McConnell was walking to the fuel storage area of his new cottage when he tripped over a root and fell to the ground. Looking up, he saw four jerry cans, didn't know which one he needed for his boat motor, and immediately thought there had to be a better way.

"I stumbled on the idea," he said.

Now, eight years later, McConnell has his product, Fuel Well, in Canadian Tire stores across Canada.

"Fuel Well is a contents identification tag for portable fuel containers (PFCs)," he said. "What it does is we have incorporated a number of perforated knock-outs which depict all the most popular blends and ratios that people would use for their power equipment."

You can identify quickly what type of fuel, and what mixture, is in each can. The tag also comes with a blank space to write, with permanent marker,

what equipment the fuel is for.

It also gives a place to list the stabilization date for the fuel.

"We know many people have actually destroyed engines because of water content," he said. "You can go to your PFC right away, identify where that fuel is going, what the contents are, and whether it's fresh or stale."

The product has gone through a long development process.

McConnell's background contributed greatly to Fuel Well's success. Being a licensed mechanic, but also having experience with computers and design work, he was able to develop it from start to finish.

Fuel Well was featured in Canadian Tire's 'The Lion's Lair' in May 2011, which is the company's version of popular television show The Dragon's Den. McConnell was chosen out of hundreds of applicants to be one of 20 presenters to Canadian Tire. He left the Lion's Lair with feedback from Canadian Tire executives. After implementing those changes, the product launched in April 2013.

"We're pretty proud of this because

this is a local thing," he said. "All of our design, branding and website were all designed here, locally."

Fuel Well is more than just a PFC tag. It's an entire program geared towards improving the environment, McConnell said.

"Getting the right fuel to the right engine is extremely important," he said. "If you run your engine too rich, you will be exhausting hydrocarbons, unspent fuel, and all sorts of harmful emissions."

The website, www.fuelwell.ca, contains tips for how to properly store your PFCs to be both safe for the owner and the environment. There is also a fuel mix calculator on the site that can be accessed on smart phones and tablets so PFC owners can always mix the right amount of fuel.

"We're providing these solutions to the 12 million PFC owners in Canada."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Rob McConnell (left) tells Dean Polley about Fuel Well.

A Loon-y idea

You know what's awesome?

The Internet.

What's not so great is the utter pain it is to find a fast, reliable Internet connection in so many parts of the world. With its latest moonshot, Google X Labs is fighting that headache with creativity, attempting to make an awesome thing even more awesome by spreading the Internet to the furthest reaches of the earth.

The delivery method? High-flying, Internet-spewing balloons.

Yes, you read that right.

It's called Project Loon and the name couldn't be more apt on all kinds of levels. Even after hearing Google's pretty convincing pitch, it still sounds crazy, but the *right kind* of crazy.

In a nutshell, Google wants to send legions of balloons up to 60,000 feet, twice the altitude of commercial airplanes, where they'll be free to harness the natural energies of the wind and the sun to create a world-wide web of connectivity. The network devices attached to the balloons communicate with a specialized Internet antenna that's attached to someone's home. Each balloon is also communicating with the other balloons in the air and this network is relaying an Internet connection from a local internet service provider (ISP) in the area. The network devices on the Project Loon balloons have been designed to filter out all other signals in the area and specifically focus on delivering Internet connectivity to users on the ground. Google's massive computing power, mixed with government wind direction data, will theoretically help navigate the balloons around the globe, delivering 3G (or better) speeds to the masses no matter

where the masses are. That's assuming everything goes to plan, of course.

Like I said, nuts. Completely bonkers.

But a Google-made video proves that the big brains in Mountain View have thought hard about this particular problem. You can watch it on YouTube by going to the website and searching Project Loon.

Google warns that the project is still in its early stages, but this week Project Loon is undergoing its biggest test yet with 50 people trying to connect to 30 Google balloons that are sailing the skies over Canterbury, New Zealand. Hints of Project Loon first surfaced in the Wall Street Journal in May, and while the idea seemed far-fetched at the time, in retrospect, this is coming from the forward-thinking Google division responsible for both Google Glass and self-driving cars.

Want to see the high-flying, potentially world-changing chicanery in action? The Project Loon's Google+ page (<https://plus.google.com/+projectloon/posts>) packs plenty of behind-the-scenes photos of the endeavor. Residents of the southern hemisphere may just get an up-close view of the balloons before long: Google is hoping to bring Project Loon to other countries on the same latitude as New Zealand and eventually find other countries around the world to partner with in order to launch more balloons and increase the reach of the network.

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



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Highlander business

A new home for Northern Expressions

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Northern Expressions has opened its new location for business.

Formerly the Northwood Inn, a 10-room motel and bar, the 13.5-acre property and 8,000 sq.-ft. building was purchased by Northern Expressions owners Stephen Tomiuck and Karen Burnett on Feb. 8, 2013. "We wanted more space," Tomiuck said. "We've been growing our business over the last seven years."

The store re-opened on June 1.

Prior to moving to their new location along Highway 118, Northern Expressions operated four buildings. Their main store, located next to the Beer Store plaza in Haliburton, couldn't handle all the inventory by itself. Anyone who visited the store would have noticed the cramped space inside. They also had three rented warehouses to hold their inventory.

"We were renting all facilities, [didn't] have enough space, and we thought we would like to get something larger and try to bring everything together."

Tomiuck and Burnett operate three divisions under Northern Expressions.

The first is the retail business, selling furniture, home décor and giftware, among other product lines. The second division is wholesale, what the owners label as casual outdoor living essentials. This is outdoor furniture.

The last division is an e-commerce website at www.northernexpressionscanada.com.

"What we're really doing is running three businesses now from one location," Tomiuck said.

The three-storey building lends itself well to this amalgamation, with each division receiving its own space.

Now that they've moved, Tomiuck said Northern Expressions has room to grow.

"Our expectations are to grow our business further, to expand all three divisions of our business," he said.

Together, Tomiuck and Burnett are always looking for new product lines to bring in.

"We try to get exclusive lines that are not here already," he said. "We see a market need for something and try to acquire it for this area."

But expanding the retail side is not the only opportunity that's afforded to them at the new location. Burnett said they're keeping their options open.

"We're not keeping any blinders on," she said. "Certainly there's options for growth in a lot of different areas."

For example, the business doesn't require all 13.5 acres to run its daily operations. As such, the owners might consider selling part of the land off for development or to a business partner, if that partnership makes sense for both parties, Tomiuck said.

"It's more land than we need to use."

Before any plans can come to fruition, however, work needs to be completed on



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

From left, Bill Burnett, Stephen Tomiuck and Karen Burnett, owners of Northern Expressions, are settling into their new location at the old Northwood Inn.

the building and property. When the couple purchased the Northwood Inn, it required significant renovations to make it safe to all the stock.

Tomiuck brought in local trades to replace existing electrical, drywall, plumbing, etc. Regulars at the Northwood Inn might not recognize it, although not everything has changed.

"We tried to keep as much of the identity of the building as possible," Burnett said.

They've kept the old bar to use as an administrative space, and are using beer coolers as storage space. Even the old walk-in freezer in the kitchen is being used to store inventory.

Phase 1 of the project is now complete, which includes 5,000 sq.-ft. of functional space. Phase 2, which is expected to be complete by the end of summer, will free up the remaining 3,000 sq.-ft.

"We expect all our operations to be in one facility by the end of the summer," Tomiuck said. "I'd like to thank [our trades]. They've

done an awesome job here. It's been quite a project."

Local companies that have worked on the Northern Expressions project include Barry Miscio Contracting, B-Dry Roofing and Exterior, County Sign and Display, Del Sharp Electric, Enviro Contracting and Septic, Green Lake Plumbing, McKee Security and Telephone, Stoneworks Masonry, and Walker's Heating and Cooling Systems.

"We had up to 20 men working here at one time, working together and accomplishing the task. [It has] been awesome."

Although the road has been long getting to the point, both Tomiuck and Burnett love the new location.

"We like the setting," Tomiuck said. "This setting is a northern expression. There are deer walking through the parking lot, we've got hawks flying over us, there's nature around us all the time here. We just feel that the land and the building suit our business and our name so much."



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Highlander arts

What'sUp

Digital cameras offer new landscapes

There's a saying that a poor workman always blames his tools. While in many instances that might be the case, it might also be stated that a good workman needs a good tool in order to produce his or her best work.

Nowadays one of the most commonly used tools is the camera. There are all types of cameras, from the point and shoots (P&S) to the high-end professional equipment. The nifty P&S cameras target the casual photographer, but nowadays many people use the camera on their cell phones as well. Incidentally more images are captured on cell phones than any other type of camera system. Though most P&S and all cell phones are pocketable and are great for many applications, if images and prints of a larger size are required they leave a lot to be desired.

Photographers who are primarily concerned with image and print quality but who may not be full time professionals are often called photo enthusiasts, and they represent a rapidly growing section of the market. Many of them don't want to carry around the heavy and obtrusive DSLR (digital single lens reflex) camera systems the pros use. Instead they prefer more compact cameras with their smaller interchangeable lenses.

Manufacturers have realized this and have

designed compact system cameras (CSC) specifically for the enthusiast. These cameras and their lenses are compact due to the fact that the cameras don't contain a mirror-based optical viewfinder. They also have smaller sensors than the DSLRs (though the sensors are larger than in most P&S cameras). Because of their smaller size the CSCs are more discreet than DSLRs. They're ideal for travel and street photography though they won't exactly fit in your pocket.

CSCs also have better lenses than those found in P&S and cell phones. Consequently the image quality is substantially better. Right now Sony, Panasonic, Olympus, and Fujifilm are the leaders in the CSC marketplace, with the micro four thirds cameras being the biggest sellers.

Cameras which feature the micro four thirds sensors turn out remarkably good images, but they're still not up to the quality of those produced by the DSLRs with their full frame sensors. Sensor size, pixel count and lens quality are important

factors in determining the quality of image.

For printing images up to 16x20 inches, the micro four thirds cameras are adequate, but what many enthusiasts have been waiting for are cameras that offer a larger sensor than the micro four thirds and produce images on par with the DSLR's.

Now there are such cameras, and Sony and Fujifilm are two companies which offer a larger sensor CSC. Ironically some professionals who purchased CSCs as back-ups to their DSLRs are surprised to find themselves using the CSCs almost exclusively.

Will the CSCs eventually replace the DSLRs like some experts are predicting? Will outfits like Sony and Fujifilm continue to make inroads into what once was exclusively Nikon and Canon territory? Only time will tell; but the roads will have many diversions.

For instance Sony has recently produced a 20 MP "professional pocket camera with a massive sensor giving you DSLR quality photos



in the palm of your hand." So the beat goes on, and the landscape changes yet again.



By George Farrell

Are you in the market for a new camera? Whether you're a casual photographer or an enthusiast, finding the right one can be a daunting experience; so here's a few tips. Do your homework and identify what you need in a camera. Then go online and thoroughly research cameras that fit your needs. The possibilities might seem endless, so try to narrow down your selection to a short list before talking to a salesman. Get answers to some important questions you've gleaned from your research. Does the camera feel good in your hands? Is the menu system to your liking? Are the controls well laid out? How quick is the auto focus in low-light situations? Does the camera also meet your video requirements? You will want more questions answered, but you get the idea.

Take your time. One camera will eventually emerge which will be the right one for you, and your new tool will hopefully help you produce your best work. Happy snapping.



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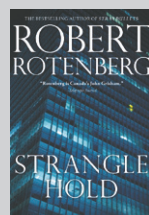
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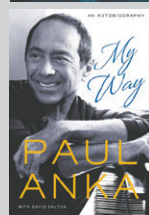
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2. *Whiskey Beach* by Nora Roberts
3. *Taking Eve* by Iris Johansen
4. *Inferno* by Dan Brown
5. *Mount Pleasant* by Don Gillmor 🇨🇦



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1. *My Way: An Autobiography* by Paul Anka 🇨🇦
2. *Eating Dirt* by Charlotte Gill 🇨🇦
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4. *Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes* by Kamal Al-Solaylee 🇨🇦
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

New to our top five fiction list is a book by an author that is no stranger to best seller lists the world over.

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Left: Terry Craig of Artech Glass Blowing Studios makes a glass skull with horns during a demonstration at the Treasures and Trash sale. Right: A variety of items were up for sale.

Treasures and trash take more than doubles

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Some found their treasures, others might have bought trash, but everyone was satisfied with the annual Treasures and Trash sale held this past weekend at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

"It was really good," said Laurie Jones,

executive director at the gallery. "Lots of people did well."

Exhibitors were up over last year by 15 per cent. There were 54 vendors at the sale on June 15, over the 47 from last year.

"We maxed out this year, unless we start colonizing the area over by the library."

After paying expenses for the day, the gallery raised \$1,017, which is also an improvement over the \$400 from last year.

Events during the day included a butter tart contest. The Little Tart from Donald was the big winner.

"They did it under wraps and there were people sitting outside the window of the gallery wanting to know what was going on, the results."

The beer tent was not the big success organizers were hoping for and may not be back at next year's sale.

The gallery also celebrated its 50th anniversary during the sale. They bought a giant cake from Foodland and brought pieces out to people in the park.

Jones said it took 105 volunteer hours to make the event happen.

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Highlander sports



Minden scores hole-in-one

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

In terms of dollars raised, it's the most successful golf tournament the Pinestone Resort has ever hosted.

It was also a shining example of how the community comes together during times of need.

On June 15, 200 golfers descended upon the resort for the first Minden Flood Relief Golf Tournament. The full-day event, which included an evening dinner with live and silent auctions, raised \$120,750.

With up to two-to-one matching funds expected to come from the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP), the event actually raised a possible \$362,000.

"Everyone in the community came behind this," said Matthew Phillips, general manager of the Pinestone, after the event.

A large part of the reason the event raised so much money is that the Pinestone donated its staff and facilities. This in-kind contribution alone was valued at \$30,000, said Phillips.

Over 100 volunteers, including Pinestone staff, helped make the event a reality.

"I have a phenomenal team here at Pinestone Resort," said Phillips in a speech at the evening dinner. "I have to let you know that every single one of them came forward and donated their time."

He also praised the organizing committee, which included members like Vince Duchene and Gail Kivela, the Pinestone's director of golf.

"You two are machines," laughed Phillips. "I've never had the privilege of working with people as talented as you."

He recalled how Duchene phoned him at 3 a.m. to review details prior to the tournament.

"Your ability to pull in all of those resources – the sponsorships, donations, having the boys involved [Matt

Duchene and Cody Hodgson] – has just been phenomenal," he said, adding that Kivela was the "organizational queen."

For Matt Duchene and Hodgson, it was a cause they both felt strongly about.

"I couldn't believe how much water and devastation there was," said Duchene, who learned about the disaster through family and friends while he was in Colorado. "When we got the chance to put something like this together, we jumped at the opportunity."

He spoke to his father Vince, who "got the ball rolling."

"My dad has done so much for this tournament. He's worked endless, endless hours and he's had a lot of help from some amazing people here."

Duchene used his star power to promote the event through various national media outlets, and even drove around to pick up items for the auction. But the grunt work, he says, was done by the flood committee.

"That's been unbelievable," said the Haliburton native.

Hodgson was equally as stunned by how the town of Minden had been affected.

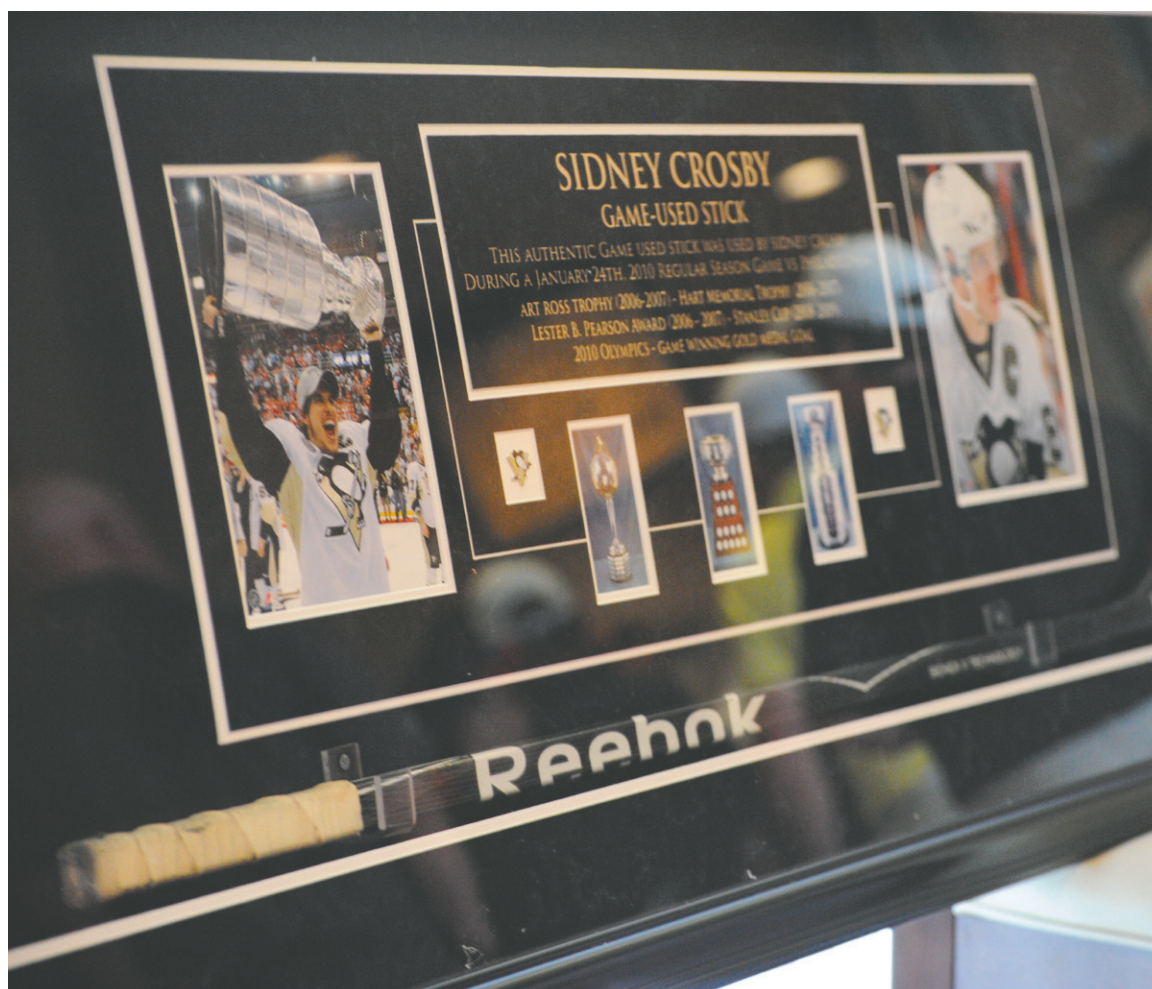
"It's really unfortunate what happened to the families and businesses there, but we're here trying to do our best to raise money and help families the best we can," he said.

Hodgson used to live in Haliburton and now cottages in the area. His grandmother grew up in Minden's flood plain. The Buffalo Sabres centre said his uncle, Andrew Hodgson, was part of the event's organizing committee.

"Vince Duchene, my uncle Andrew, Walt [McKechnie], and Matt and Gail at the Pinestone have really done a great job organizing it all."

The evening's silent and live auctions featured 66 items, many of which were hockey-related. A signed – and game-used – Sidney Crosby hockey stick went for the highest bid at \$4,000.

Highlander sports



Photos by Mark Arike

Page 16, top: NHLer Cody Hodgson greets local resident Parker Pietruszyn. Page 16, bottom: A Team Canada jersey up for auction. Clockwise from top: Colorado Avalanche centre Matt Duchene engages in hockey talk with golfers. A signed and used Sidney Crosby stick was one of the many high-ticket live auction items. Golfers fill the Pinestone for the evening's silent auction and dinner. Reeve Murray Fearrey and Donna McCallum take off at the shotgun start.

Highlander sports



Photos by Warren Riley

Left: Highland player Chaosity #8WD trips over her opponent. Highland player #10 Leg O Lass scores and looks behind after passing Simcoe blockers.

Highland Roller Girls slam South Simcoe Rebels 212-110

By Warren Riley
Sports reporter

Their real names aren't important; they're introduced by their derby names.

Jennerator, Hammer Toes and Punky Piper are a few names used by the Highland Roller Girls (HRG) that competed against the South Simcoe Rebels (SSR) at Minden's S.G.Nesbitt Arena on June 15.

The Saturday evening spectators were in the hundreds and supported their home team with applause, screams and horn blasts. The HRG responded with an intense war cry that

echoed throughout the arena.

The main objective of the derby is for the 'jam', who is the only player that can make points, to pass the opposing team's blockers. This is where the game can and does get rough.

The first half of the game was dominated by the HRG handing out a continuous barrage of tenacious shoves and incessant jolts. The Simcoe Rebels were simply outmaneuvered and outclassed. The Roller Girls #10 Leg O Lass and #6 Jennerator bulldozed their way on successive jams to help end the half by a score of 145 to 48.

The oval track of a derby is usually banked at each end allowing the player to maintain a consistent speed but, in this case, they were flat which made the player decelerate and at times leave the track. In many instances, this was the case causing the player to return to the track at the point of exit losing precious time. For some, the girls were both checked and knocked out of bounds or consequently fell.

The Highland Roller Girls continued to show their superiority in the second half by outpacing South Simcoe and adding precious points. The HRG blockers continually

pounded their opponents denying their jammer a pass to score. HRG's Leg O Lass maintained her prowess by circumventing the opposition's blockers and added 24 more points.

Both teams were showing exhaustion from the continuous pounding as players were falling of their own accord. There were two minor injuries during this half requiring aid but nothing that would knock them out of the game.

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Highlander sports



Chamber scores too

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Fun was the order of the day at the Blairhampton Golf Course where the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce hosted its FUNraising Chamber Golf Day.

Rosemarie Jung, Chamber executive director, said 39 golfers hit the course on June 13. They participated in 18 holes of golf, including several special competitions.

The golfers competed in a cast-off contest, where a golf ball was attached to fishing line and they tried to cast it into a bucket.

There was a longest soft drive competition, where golfers were asked to drive a marshmallow as far down range as possible.

Most didn't get it past the tee.

Other contests included a hole-in-one, closest to the pin and a mystery hole.

Dave Dollo won the 50/50 draw for his foursome. They donated their share of the money to the Minden Flood Relief Fund along with the Chamber, bringing the total raised to \$340.

"It was a lot of fun," Jung said. "Everyone was very supportive of the cause."

The staff and volunteers at the Blairhampton were excellent, she said.

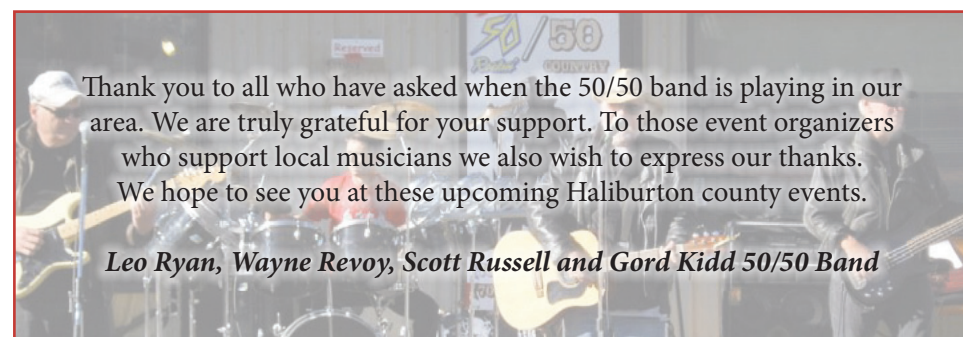
"[They] were really helpful."

Golfers were treated to a continental breakfast and barbecue lunch. The rain, which threatened to ruin the day, held off until the last golfer was off the course.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Mark Utting drives a ball after trying his hand at the marshmallow drive competition. Right: Doug Macnab wills the ball to go into the hole.



Thank you to all who have asked when the 50/50 band is playing in our area. We are truly grateful for your support. To those event organizers who support local musicians we also wish to express our thanks. We hope to see you at these upcoming Haliburton county events.

Leo Ryan, Wayne Revoy, Scott Russell and Gord Kidd 50/50 Band

50/50 Band Schedule in Haliburton County

SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH IN KINMOUNT 5PM - 8PM

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FRIDAY, JULY 19TH IN MINDEN
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FRIDAY, JULY 20TH
STANHOPE HERITAGE DAYS
@ the Stanhope Community Centre 10am - 2pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND IN HALIBURTON
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Junior Highlanders

Haliburton writer's turtle book wins award

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Haliburton writer and watercolourist Janis Cox has won the children's book award at The Word Awards for her work, Tadeo Turtle.

The national award was presented June 12 at The Word Awards gala in Mississauga. Sponsored by The Word Guild, The Word Awards are held annually to encourage and promote Canadian Christian writers.

Tadeo Turtle is a short poem written and illustrated by Cox for children ages two to seven. Tadeo longs to be different, but through an exciting adventure he learns to accept the way in which God created him.

"I've had people tell me, especially a blind writer, that it's very good because it shows those... that have not got that normal body, that that's what God made them for, that there's a reason they're like that, so they can use those gifts they were given," says Cox. "She thought it was great for kids with any... unique character, because we're all unique."

A former elementary school teacher and small business owner, Cox says she didn't think of writing for herself until 2001. Happy, but feeling empty, Cox began attending a "warm, comforting" church and after much study and questioning, finally embraced a faith-filled life.

She began keeping a daily journal and blogging on several websites about her life and faith, wrote 150 poems within the first two years, developed Bible studies and joined

The Word Guild.

Cox then began studying painting at the Haliburton School of The Arts with artists such as Marta Scythes, Gary Chapman and Jack Reid, and joined The Village Art Group (local painters). Cox also studied with American artist JoAnn Mathews while vacationing in Arizona.

Cox says the idea for Tadeo wasn't hers. "It wouldn't have happened without the leading of God."

One day while writing in her journal Cox began thinking about how much God cares for us and how we must accept ourselves as we are.

"I had not been writing poems since 2002," she says. "I was sitting there and all of a sudden I started to write [Tadeo]."

When she later created the watercolours, she knew she was painting beyond her own ability.

Eventually she showed the poem to her family. When she learned her youngest granddaughter had asked to hear it again immediately, Cox decided to self-publish.

She ordered books from website Shutterfly for The Word Guild's June 2012 Write! Canada conference, but they didn't arrive in time so she took a paper demonstration copy. Hesitant about further investment, she told God that if she sold five books, she would self-publish Tadeo more formally through Christian-based Word Alive Press, which also provides marketing support.

By the end of the conference she had sold

three books. Then someone at final checkout noticed it and bought one and a woman managing checkouts bought another.

Cox will now be able to add an award sticker to her book but she isn't resting on her new laurels. In between conducting Bible studies at her church and volunteering in the community, Cox has written a second Tadeo story and is about to start the illustrations, is developing a gift book of devotionals, and is editing her Bible study material to create an

e-book.

If that wasn't enough, she's also working on a new picture book with a deeper storyline than the Tadeo books.

"I'm really excited about that one – I can see the pictures [already]."

Tadeo Turtle is available in Haliburton at Master's Bookstore and the Rails End Gallery and online at MadeInHaliburton.ca. It is also available online at Amazon and Indigo.

HHSS makes it a trifecta

Students of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Interact Club had their most successful fundraising campaign to date this year. They raised \$7,758.09 over a week of fundraising events, capped off by their annual Rotary Radio Day, hosted by Canoe FM. The club is affiliated with the Rotary Clubs of Haliburton and Minden, who also helped out on the radio day. Of the money raised, \$5,758.09 was donated to the Minden Flood Relief Fund during a presentation on June 13. The remaining \$2,000 was donated to Free the Children to support agriculture in Gufubao, China.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

The HHSS Interact Club present a cheque to the Minden Hills Disaster Relief Committee. Pictured above are: Andrew Hodgson, Haliburton Rotary Club president; Shelley Houser; Bill Obee; Jack Brezina; Brent Devolin, Minden Rotary Club president; Drew Hewitt; Dan Marsden, HHSS principal; Larry Clarke, Minden Hills councillor-at-large; Barb Reid, Minden Hills reeve; and Jennifer Paton, HHSS teacher and Interact Club advisor. Front row: Daryl Woodley, Caitlyn Griffin, Christine Darlington, and Zach Cox.

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Head Lake Farmers Market

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The farmers have come to town.

On June 18, the Haliburton County Farmers Market held its grand opening at Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village.

Market manager Karen Sloan said it's been hectic getting everything organized for the new location, but the first day went off without a hitch.

"I'm so thrilled that we're here," she said.

Almost all of the market's scheduled vendors, 25 of 29, were on site for the grand opening. Sloan said shoppers could find jewellery, berries and fruits, vegetables, meat, food, breads, herbs, perennials, and even dog treats.

The market will come to Head Lake Park every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. until the first week of September.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: Glen Smith buys some asparagus from Cyndi Leahy of McLean Berry Farms. Above: Dysart et al reeve Murray Feary prepares to cut the ribbon for the grand opening with Ward 1 councillor Andrea Roberts (left) and market manager, Karen Sloan.

Big Canada Day plans in Gooderham

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Gooderham is gearing up for its annual Canada Day celebration.

This year's event will be held on June 30 at the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre to ensure as many people can attend as possible.

The day's events include an Odds and Sods sale, horseshoes, softball, barbecue, a live band, and fireworks.

Celebrations kick off at 10 a.m. with the Odds and Sods sale until 3 p.m. It's a combination of yard and craft sale, so visitors can expect to find unique items

for sale, according to a press release. For anyone who has something to sell, they should contact Sharon Stoughton-Craig at 705-448-2981 ext.227.

To sign up for the horseshoe tournament, players need to be at the pits by 2:30 p.m. For more details, contact Ron Barr at 705-447-3092.

Gooderham and Irondale residents who want to play softball can contact either Ken Craig or George Simmons. The tournament is open for men, women and children. Players should be at the ball diamond by 2:30 p.m.

Rounding out the evening and setting up for the fireworks display, the Highlands Trio will be performing

their first outdoor concert of the season from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Organizers are expecting close to 2,000 people at the free event. According to the press release, the day has been supported by the Gooderham Station 3 Firefighters and the Gooderham Community Action Group. They have also received a \$1,700 federal grant from Heritage Canada.

For more information on Gooderham's Canada Day celebrations, visit the Gooderham Exploration Centre or online at www.highlandseast.ca or www.gooderhamontario.ca.

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Highlander events

Mud Bog and Show & Shine results

Truck and ATV enthusiasts gathered at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 15 for the annual Kinsmen Show and Shine. Visitors watched ATVs plow through a mud bog prior to the truck pull starting later in the day. Find a list of the truck pull and mud bog winners below.

Results of the 2013 Kinsmen Truck Pull:
2x4 pickups, sponsored by Taylor Brothers Truck Sales

- 1) Steve Camochan
- 2) Greg Jarvis
- 3) Loran Dolliver

4x4 gas short wheel based pickups, sponsored by Garbutt Disposal

- 1) Loran Dolliver
- 2) Mike Dolliver

4x4 gas long wheel bases factory pickups, sponsored by Muskoka Chrysler/Muskoka Auto Detailing

- 1) Dave Shaw
- 2) Cole Callan
- 3) Jason Dwyer

4x4 gas long wheel based non-factory pickups, sponsored Zenner Concrete Pumping

- 1) Andrew McGill
- 2) Branden Beatty
- 3) Kyle Garbutt

4x4 diesel pickups, sponsored by Merrill Barry Co. Ltd

- 1) Ryan Eagleson
- 2) Blain Cooper
- 3) Kevin Alcock

4x4 chipped diesel pickups, sponsored by Debler Well Drilling 2011

- 1) Josh Fawcett
- 2) Shawn Elmhurst
- 3) Walter Dwyer

4x4 duel wheeled pickups, sponsored by Carquest of Minden

- 1) Cameron Young
- 2) Josh Upton
- 3) Mike Wilbee

4X4 Duel Wheeled Dump Box, sponsored by Hammond Haliburton

- 1) Gary Lewis
- 2) Robbie Stevenson
- 3) Tony Prentice

Pro street diesel pickups, sponsored by Minden Fire Dept and Minden Lions Club

- 1) Josh Fawcett
- 2) Ryan Kelly
- 3) Josh Upton

Circuit 4x4 pickups (gas\diesel), sponsored by Bancroft Concrete Pumping and Highlands Accounting

- 1) Kyle Garbutt
- 2) Jake McFadden
- 3) Kevin Way

Tandem dump trucks, sponsored Tom Prentice & Sons In Memory of Marg Prentice

- 1) Darren Gilbert

Tri-axle dump trucks, sponsored by Louie Reynolds & Sons Trucking

- 1) Dave Pettes
- 2) Tom Prentice
- 3) Terry Prentice

Log trucks, sponsored by Ray Johnston & Sons Trucking

- 1) Gary Lewis



Photo by Warren Riley

This racer charges his way through the mud bog.

Highway tractors, sponsored by C&R Transmission Services

- 1) Stephen Carano
- 2) Ryan Eagleson
- 3) Mike Geisberger

4x4 chipped diesel dual pickups

- 1) Jason Reay
- 2) Pat Kitcheman

Listed below are the results for the 2013 ATV Mud Bog:

500cc and below stock machines

- 1st - Daniel Monaghan (500 Can-am): 16 Seconds
- 2nd - Connor Verschuuren (450 Yamaha): 33 Seconds

501cc to 700cc stock machines

- 1st - Jordan Howe (660 Yamaha): 11.52 Seconds
- 2nd - Caitlin Kippen (550 Polaris): 12.07 Seconds
- 3rd - Cameron Ogden (550 Polaris): 15 Seconds

Seconds

701cc and above stock machines

- 1st - Ken Westlake (800 Can-am): 7.54 Seconds
- 2nd - Chase Hacking (1000 Can-am): 7.75 Seconds
- 3rd - Ray Fudge (800 Can-am): 8 Seconds

599cc and below modified machines

- 1st - Trevor Warner (500 Can-am): 6.88 Seconds
- 2nd - Jennifer Stricker (550 Polaris): 8.04 Seconds
- 3rd - Jeremy Dupuis (500 Can-am): 8.46 Seconds

600cc and above modified machines

- 1st - Keith Warner (800 Can-am): 4.97 Seconds
- 2nd - Catherine Turner (1000 Can-am): 5.04 Seconds
- 3rd - Jay Sydock (800 Can-am): 5.31 Seconds

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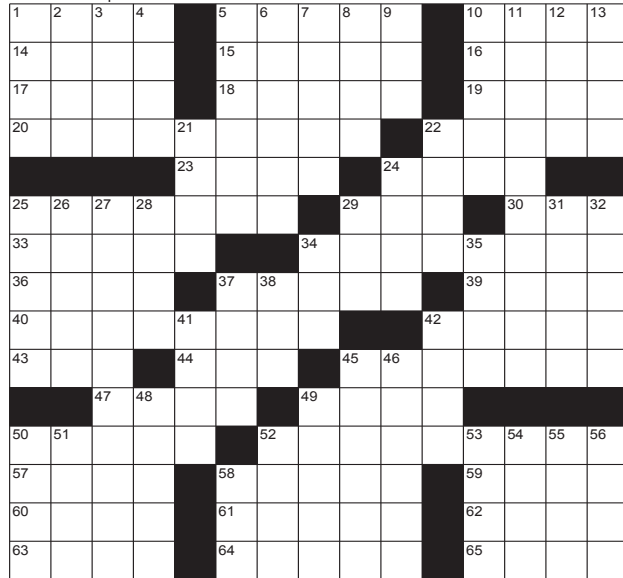
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5. Disrobe
10. Barking sounds
14. Cake decorator
15. Taunt
16. Bangkok native
17. "Of ____ I Sing"
18. ____ tube
19. Color
20. Pitcher's target (2 wds.)
22. Door hardware
23. Contact ____
24. Confront
25. Least fresh
29. Likewise not
30. RR terminal
33. Diva ____ Callas
34. Fragrant
36. Related
37. Panama ____
39. Advertising emblem
40. Check
42. Photocopier liquid
43. Blasting substance (abbr.)
44. Stately tree
45. Oriental
47. Verbal
49. Invitation abbr.
50. Summarize
52. Essential
57. James ____ Jones
58. Benefactor
59. Opera solo
60. PDQ's kin
61. Lethargic
62. Dare
63. Legendary story
64. Salamanders
65. The ____ of March

DOWN

1. Accompanying
2. Resound
3. Appear
4. Lumber source
5. Actress Julia ____
6. Renter
7. Raves
8. Enlightened one's words (wds.)
9. Part of MPH
10. Garret
11. Diamond substitute
12. Snake's tooth
13. Spot
21. Appeal
22. Hurt
24. Trick
25. Clever
26. Captured
27. Member of the nobility
28. Pocket fluff
29. Gun org.
31. Golfer ____ Woods
32. Oak nut
34. Dancer ____ Miller
35. Many (2 wds.)
37. Use a phone
38. Objective
41. Harvest
42. Chef's measures (abbr.)
45. Accompany
46. Wards off
48. Designer ____ Lauren
49. Refresh
50. 500 sheets
51. Not difficult
52. Zero
53. Hindu dress
54. Dry
55. Move upward
56. Tibetan oxen
58. Clamor




Last week's puzzle solutions

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JUNE & JULY 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Book launch , Ruth Still's "Beside the Still Waters" – Haliburton Highlands Museum, 2-4 p.m. Call 705-457-2760 for more information. All you can eat spaghetti dinner - Minden Lions Club, 5-7 p.m. \$10 per person.	Archaeology Day – Haliburton Highlands Museum, 11-4 p.m., all ages welcome. Call 705-457-2760 for more information. Strawberry supper – Ingoldsby United Church, 4-7 p.m. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$7, 5 and under free. Boutique and bake sale tables beginning at 9 a.m.	Fashion show – Haliburton Legion, 2-4 p.m. Tickets \$20, all proceeds used to benefit the Haliburton Hospital. 705-457-3859.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Contract Bridge (every Tuesday) – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305. 100.9 CanoeFM Bingo - (every Tuesday), 6 p.m. 705-457-1009 Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care, 9:00 a.m. 705-457-2941	Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330	A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941	Salad and strawberry supper - St. Peter's Church, 5-7 p.m. Adults \$12, children under 12 \$6, children under 4 free. Tickets at the door. Cold plate strawberry supper - Highland Grove Community Center, 4-7 p.m. Adults \$12.00, 12 and under \$6.00		The Hand of the Maker art exhibition "Light" featuring the work of artist Sue MacDonald starts today and runs until July 4 – The Art Hive (Highway 118 between West Guilford and Camarvon).

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Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.
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Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
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Highlander events

Shout sisters make some noise

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The voices of 30 women singing as one rang through Haliburton United Church last week.

The Haliburton Shout Sisters choir performed for 130 guests on June 13 for their annual fundraiser. While the final tally isn't in yet, Lauren McCauley, choir director, said they will donate to both SIRCH's Lend a Hand program and the Minden Flood Relief Fund.

The ladies performed two sets over the course of the evening, singing classics like John Lennon's Imagine and Bette Midler's The Rose. McCauley said the choir's favourite song to sing is Almost Home.

"We started in September," she said. "This

is the Haliburton choir's second year. There were some songs from last year, but eight new ones for this year."

The choir also performed at this year's Colourfest, and over the weekend at 5:45 a.m. on June 15 at the Relay for Life.

McCauley said the choir takes a break over the summer but starts up again in September.

"Who knows, maybe we'll do the Northern Lights next June, I don't know," she said. "We hope to recruit more members. We seem to grow every year."

Women of all ages are welcome, and no experience is necessary. You don't have to be able to read music, either. Anyone interested should visit their website at www.shoutsisterchoir.ca.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

The shout sisters performed a variety of new songs and some classics.



Photo by Mark Arike

Cancer survivors, led by members of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, set out on the first lap around the track.

Relay walkers, volunteers unite for one night

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's a 12-hour overnight event that reminds them what they're fighting for.

Dozens of them are cancer survivors while others know of someone who lost the battle. Others simply attend because they want to do their part.

At Haliburton County's seventh annual Relay for Life, a mix of these individuals joined forces to demonstrate their support towards the fight against cancer.

Dorset resident Marlene Shortreed is a cancer survivor who participated in the June 14-15 event held at the high school's track.

"I was lucky," said Shortreed, who was diagnosed with melanoma six years ago when she was in her 60s. "It could've eaten away into my inner cheek. Then it would've been terrible; I might not even be here today."

When she was 18, Shortreed suffered a severe sunburn, which she believes played a factor in her diagnoses.

"I stayed in a boat for eight hours," she recalled. "My face was all distorted. I had to stay in all summer."

Chemotherapy cream was used to treat the cancer on her face.

"Thank heavens it didn't come back," she said, explaining that it took two years for her to receive the diagnoses.

"When you see something like that and it doesn't bleed, you know that there's something wrong. I'm glad it's off of there."

Shortreed said all of her siblings have been affected by melanoma.

"It's a genetic thing," she said, adding that her daughter was diagnosed at the age of 25.

As a member of the JCs CR Warriors (one of the top local fundraising teams), Shortreed has been attending the Haliburton event for the past five years.

"I wouldn't miss it," she said. "The camaraderie is very good. It's good for people to come out and share their stories because we tend to feed off one another. Some are worse than others, but we will talk about it."

As an individual, Shortreed has been nothing short of a fundraising machine.

"I'm good at fundraising," she chuckled, "and I don't do it on the computer. I go door-to-door."

By using that approach in Dorset, Shortreed said she raised approximately \$3,000 this year. Last year, she was the second highest fundraiser.

Local resident Cynthia Kocot lost her mother to breast cancer when she was only 12 years old.

"That's my main reason to be doing it," said Kocot, who formed a team of nine participants, five of whom were high school students.

Her mother passed away in her 30s, but Kocot remembers little about what she went through.

"I think I blocked it out a lot," she explained. "It was about a year-and-a-half after she died that you didn't say cancer, you didn't mention anything... because I would lose it."

Kocot commended the Canadian Cancer Society for the research work the organization has helped fund.

"I have a friend whose daughter was in Grade 3 and survived because they've done so much with childhood cancers. It's definitely a worthwhile cause."

Grade 9 students Paiten Smolen and Cassie Stoughton also participated in the event because they believed in the cause.

"This is the third year that I've volunteered for it," said Smolen, who helped sign in cancer survivors.

"I think it's important for the high school students, because not only can we get [community service] hours out of it, it's a good cause to help out with."

Stoughton agreed with her friend and fellow teammate.

"Not only are we doing something great, but we get to hang out with friends in the process," she said.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Above: A couple of young participants join a Taoist Tai Chi demonstration. Left: Signs show the totals raised by some of the top fundraising teams.



Local cancer fundraiser revenue, participation down

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The seventh annual Haliburton County Relay for Life raised just over \$92,400 – a 34 per cent drop from the previous year's total.

There were also 10 fewer teams in the 2013 event, which took place between June 14 and 15 on the field of the high school.

Organizer Aggie Tose said the decline in participants couldn't be attributed to just one factor.

"Some people just need a rest from it," she said. "The reality is we've had rain for how many years now, so that's always a hard fact to deal with. But I don't think it's anything in particular."

When asked if she thought the recent flooding disaster would have an impact on fundraising, her answer was yes.

"If they said we've given to Minden, our committee [members] would say, 'just come and see the event.'"

To freshen things up and create new excitement, next year's event will be held at the fairgrounds in Minden.

"My feeling is it's a county event – we need to move it," said Tose, who added that the event has sponsors in both Haliburton and Minden. "It's not going to stay there. It will be moved back and forth."

Despite the lower turnout, Tose was pleased to see a record number of high school students participate, both as volunteers and team members.

"Without the kids there isn't going to be a future Relay," she said, adding that several of the soon-to-be graduates plan on participating in other Relay events while in university.

Since it was started in 2007, the local Relay event has raised over \$1.1 million for the Canadian Cancer Society. After last year, the event hit its \$1 million milestone. Over the seven-year period, the 2010 event was most successful with over \$205,000 raised.

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of **Marjorie Coulter (nee Francis)**

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, June 13, 2013 with her family by her side. At the age of 82.

Beloved wife of the late Harold Coulter. Dear mother of Dale (Susan), Faye (Bill), Beverly Ann (George), Trudy (Tony) and predeceased by her son David. Loving grandma of Scott, Debbie, Shelly, Donna, Earl, Karen, Tony, Codie, Dylan, Curtis, Jordan, great grandma of Austin, Olivia, Maya, Georgia, Ava, Madison, Carson, and Abigale. Dear sister of Phyllis, Garnet, Danny and predeceased by Jean and Tony. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1017 Wigamog Rd., Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Interment Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Minden Community Centre.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Congregation of the Jehovah's Witness would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Nona Lymburner

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at her residence with her family by her side on Wednesday evening, June 12, 2013 in her 74th year. Beloved wife of Elmo Lymburner. Cherished daughter of Grant Nickle. Loving mother of Robert (Noreen) of Oshawa, Cheryl of Haliburton, Todd (Carol) of Courtice and Donna (Barry Thompson) of Minden. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jason, Lisa, T.J., Jesse, Kaitlyn, Hunter and Macy. Dear sister of Bernie (Tessie) and Gene (Pat). Predeceased by her mother Rebecca and sister Sheila. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and her extended family. Nona loved outdoor activities, snowmobiling, cooking and being with her family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Monday afternoon, June 17, 2013 from 4 - 7 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday morning, June 18, 2013 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation 1 hr prior). Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Lung Association or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.



www.communityfuneralhomes.com

Highlander events



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Life in a bottle

Sufficiently Suffonsified, a café in Haliburton Village, hosted artist and green-thumb Karen Sloan for a terrarium workshop on June 15. Sloan said 10 women attended the workshop where they worked on succulent terrariums. "It was a lot of fun," she said. "I think everybody had a good time."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Harmony Meirik browses the book collection and baskets for a hidden treasure.

Library friends raise \$600

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are once again contributing to the county's libraries.

The organization raised \$600 at their book sale on June 15 at the Treasures and Trash sale in Head Lake Park.

"That money will be used by the Friends to assist in augmenting the book collection in the county," said Friends past president Heather Thom. "This year we will be

definitely assisting the new library in Wilberforce, particularly the children's department."

The group has already donated \$1,000 to the Municipality of Highlands East's financial campaign, she said.

Part of the money will also be used to support local book clubs.

"We have a lot of book clubs in Haliburton," Thom said. "They always supply us with the titles they want to read the next year, and over the summer we buy a lot of those books and get them ready for

the fall."

Thom said she was very happy with the turnout at this year's big sale.

"We had a lot of repeat customers who had come last year and remembered and came back, so yes, we were quite happy," she said, adding that their \$7 bag of books was one of the hot items of the day.

"I'd like to thank the community for donating all these books, which makes it possible to raise this money for the library."

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Art Workshops – 2013

Highlands East Studio Tour is expanding the workshops that were introduced in 2012. This year we are offering three workshops

Level 1 – Mastering Techniques in Acrylics with Peter John Reid

July 29, 30 and 31 at the Robert McCausland Centre - Gooderham

Cost per person - \$175

Introduction to Watercolours with Wendy Bachiu

August 9, 10 & 11 – Robert McCausland Centre – Gooderham

Cost \$150 per person

Level 2 – Mastering Techniques in Acrylics with Peter John Reid

August 12 to 16 – Robert McCausland Centre – Gooderham

Cost per person - \$290 Following the completion of the third workshop session

There will be an "Art Show" to enable the artists to display and / or sell their work.

Art Show will be held the evening of August 16 7:00 - 9:00pm and August 17 10:00am - 5:00pm. For placement and registration for these courses as well as the course outline and required supplies.

Please contact: Jan Simon at JanDreamweaver@aol.com or 705-448-2868 Space is limited for each course, so early registration is recommended

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Highlander life



Photo by Warren Riley

Stan Farrell enjoying his 90th birthday party at the Minden Legion.

Minden war veteran celebrates 90th birthday

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

Reaching a milestone in one's age is always an event worth recognizing.

For war veteran Stan Farrell of Minden, a small group of guests gathered at the Minden Legion to celebrate his 90th birthday on June 12.

When asked what he believed was the major contributor for his longevity, his answer was immediate.

"My wife," he said. "My wife looks after me. My health is pretty good and I exercise a little. I play golf but I quit curling last year. I'm not that steady on the ice."

Farrell served his country (England) by flying with the Royal Air Force during the Second World War.

"I flew in a B-26 Marauder also known as 'The Widow Maker'. It was a twin-engine torpedo-shaped light bomber."

"I was the wireless operator and I sat just behind the pilot," he continued. "Most of

my experience was involved in Palestine in the Middle East with what was called communication flights. We flew all around Syria and Jordan but that was after the war."

"I saw a little action but not that much," he said. "We never got into too much action because we flew in a box formation. That's a formation of six aircraft in a box configuration and our B-26 was a heavily armed aircraft. Our missions were to do light bombing over towns and cities."

One mission that stands out in Farrell's mind was a VIP flight.

"We had a flight in Palestine where we flew Lord Arthur William Tedder, Marshal of the Royal Air Force. He was touring and we flew him around Palestine for a week. That was quite an honor."

Farrell enjoyed his birthday and intends to reach the day when he will celebrate his centennial year and receive a letter from the Queen.



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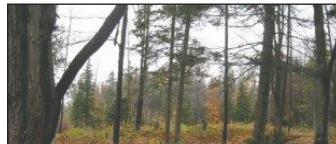
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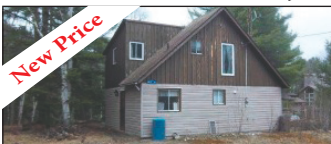
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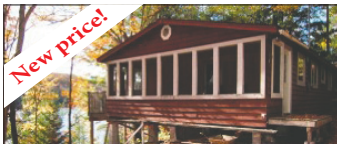
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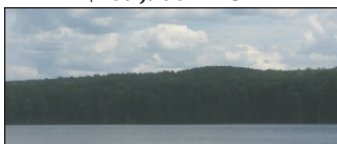
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