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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Brian Kipping plays the Stage Manager in the Highland Summer Festival's presentation of Our Town showing this week at the Northern Lights Pavilion. See story on page 22.

Driver acquitted in 2012 Kash jogger's death

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

A careless driving charge has been withdrawn against a local woman who struck and killed a 70-year-old jogger on Lake Kashagawigamog Road in Haliburton last July.

The decision was made by Justice J. Oates at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on July 16 following a request brought forward by crown attorney Jennifer Broderick.

"The crown has an obligation to objectively

assess the evidence in the case and determine whether there is a reasonable prospect of conviction," Broderick told the courtroom. "The assessment of prospect of reasonable conviction requires the crown to consider whether there are potential defences to a charge laid."

The driver, who was charged with careless operation of a motor vehicle arising in a collision with a pedestrian, claimed she was blinded by a sun burst when she hit Richard Bieler on July 27, 2012 around 7:15 a.m. The woman was travelling eastbound when she struck the Thornhill resident.

"As she approached a gradual curve just west of Brumar Lane, she applied the brakes to slow down," Broderick explained. "As she approached the curve, her view of the roadway was completely obstructed by the rising sun. As soon as the sun hit the windshield, she observed the jogger but it was too late as she hit him with the motor vehicle. She then applied the brakes hard, leaving a skid mark on the roadway."

Two days after the incident, an OPP constable captured video of the route the driver had taken that morning.

"The videotape confirmed that just west of

Brumar Lane, the sun was blinding as it came through the woods and indeed obstructed the view of the roadway."

A technical traffic collision investigation report was also prepared by the OPP.

"The report, using both the evidence at the scene and a formulaic relative to technical traffic collision reconstruction," revealed that the driver had been traveling at a minimum speed of 58 kilometres per hour.

The posted speed limit on Lake Kashagawigamog Road is 50 kilometres per hour.

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503 crash victims dies

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Theresa Ling, a 64-year-old woman from Newmarket, has succumbed to her injuries after being involved in a head-on collision on County Road 503 last week, according to an OPP press release.

The vehicle collision occurred on July 8 at approximately 4:27 p.m. near MacDuff Road in the Municipality of Highlands East, just west of Tory Hill.

The report states a silver Toyota Camry with four occupants including Ling, her husband Brian, and two children ages 10 and 12, was eastbound on 503 when it crossed the centre line and collided with a red Hyundai Elantra.

Brian Ling, who was driving the Camry, was treated after the accident and released from hospital. The children were treated in a Toronto area hospital and have since been released.

Toronto resident Roger Stewart, 81, was driving the Elantra. He is still listed in critical condition in a Kingston hospital. He was the lone occupant of his vehicle.

County Road 503 was closed at MacDuff road for several hours while the OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators conducted their investigation. The OPP are asking for any witnesses to the incident to contact Constable T. Negus at the Haliburton Highlands detachment at 705-286-1431, as the collision is still under investigation.

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Editorial opinion

Taking a heritage detour



By Matthew Desrosiers

I've inherited a few traits from my dad over the years.

I like to play sports, am pretty level-headed, and I appreciate a good beard. But the one trait I like most might also be the one that drives the most people crazy.

You see, I'm a bit of an explorer.

I've driven from one end of Ontario to the next on all the major highways, so naturally they've lost their appeal to me. When I need to drive somewhere, I'd much rather take back highways — also known as the scenic route — to my destination.

I'll putt along at Sunday driver speed to enjoy a nice view, or stop and watch the wildlife along the road instead of honking loudly and flying past.

But really what I'm after are those little villages and hamlets, the old churches and run-down barns that are tucked away in these out-of-the-way places. Dad and I are in our glory finding new ways to get somewhere, just to see what we'll find. That it adds an extra hour or two doesn't factor into our decision-making process — our passengers, mind you, might not be so thrilled.

As I'm driving through these picturesque, historic places, I wonder about their history and who came before. How long has that church been there? How did this place come to be? It's all so interesting and fun to think about.

And that's why I'm so excited for the next few weeks.

This weekend is the Stanhope Heritage Day at the Stanhope Museum. It's going to bring all that history to me in one place, so I don't have to torture my girlfriend with a two-hour detour to learn about how

people used to live.

They're going to have everything from an old printing press — which I'm interested in for obvious reasons — to old camera equipment and demonstrations. They're going to have spinners and quilters, old-fashioned woodworkers and recipes.

Not to be outdone, Gooderham is celebrating its 140th year with a similar event in August, complete with farm animals, vintage cars, and displays from old business owners dating back over 50 years.

What makes these events exciting is learning about the heritage and culture of the Highlands before there was electricity, internet and cottages. It's learning how these people lived and worked, and how they built the communities into what they are today.

I've had the opportunity to hear a lot of stories from the old days through my job with this newspaper. The tales of how someone's grandfather worked the railroad, or of mom's famous recipe passed down from her mother and her mother before, always spark my imagination.

The Highlands are a great place to cottage and a wonderful place to live. The lakes are beautiful, and so are the trees and wildlife. But this place offers more. There's real history here, and it's worth learning about.

Every weekend, we all drive the same roads to get to our destination. Don't you think it's time for a little detour?

Yes, Minister



By Bram Lebo

Extreme heat can be as deadly as any natural disaster. Ten years ago, almost 15,000 people, most of them elderly, died during an August heat wave in France. Across Europe, the toll was estimated to be 70,000 — four times the population of Haliburton County. Working people had gone on vacation, leaving older relatives to swelter away in apartments. Many had been forgotten, not to be found for weeks.

The elderly are particularly at risk from high temperatures. They are often less mobile and therefore less able to quickly find cool places and cold water; many are physiologically less able to sweat off excess heat and some, having spent their lives in normally temperate climes, are simply unaccustomed to the warning signs.

To prevent the kind of disaster that happened in Europe, some jurisdictions have emergency procedures in place. When Toronto declares a heat alert, the media is notified and pre-designated cooling areas are opened to provide air conditioned seating and water; citizens are advised to look in on elderly neighbours and relatives. The alerts put in motion a set of simple procedures that help prevent unnecessary health problems.

So when the temperature and humidity started heading up this week, it made sense for us — being in the news business and all — to ask the local health unit if a heat alert had been or would be declared for Haliburton County. We did just that, and to our surprise they didn't have an answer.

"We don't typically declare heat alerts," said the friendly PR man. When pressed on what constituted "typically," he clarified that it means never. Perhaps, he suggested, the municipalities would be doing so.

I checked. The municipalities would not be doing so, mainly because it's not their business, health being a provincial responsibility. Toronto and other places are exceptions, because they are large enough to have their own departments of health. The PR man was unable or unwilling (who can tell?) to say whose actual responsibility it might be to warn people of dangerous conditions in rural areas.

So it fell to yours truly and Roxanne Casey of Canoe FM to decide if it was worth warning Highlanders, 25 per cent of whom are senior citizens, of the dangers of high temperatures and humidity. We called local grocery stores and the legions, and of course all agreed to welcome any overheated seniors; Canoe made radio announcements. It was, we thought, better than nothing.

Nothing, of course, is something with which we Highlanders are familiar. Nothing is pretty much what Mindenites have received so far from the province to help with flood relief. While Quebec and Alberta took only days to issue emergency funds for their recent disasters, Ontario has a wait-and-see approach: you wait, and we'll see how much

we want to give you, after you've raised your own money.

Nothing is also what the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow got after seven years of polite lobbying for better watershed management in the Trent-Severn system. Though the CEWF took cautious pride in winning "a seat at the table" they apparently missed the fact that this particular table was not in the room where things are actually decided. The group, and Haliburton County, were recently and very predictably thrown under the bus by our MP when he proposed a private member's bill that calls for better management of the *canal* — not the watershed that includes where we live, that supports our economy, the same watershed a study done by his own government said was in need of better management. And who can blame him? We watershed fanatics are less than 20 per cent of the riding.

Now, the provincial government is being investigated by the OPP; the feds by the RCMP. Billions upon billions of our money has been wasted by these clowns. And yet we keep going, hat in hand, expecting basic competence and fair leadership from people who demonstrate neither.

Why do we keep doing this?

People talk metaphorically about a social contract: we follow the rules, pay our taxes, and government in turn works responsibly on our behalf. Obviously — obviously — the higher tiers are not fulfilling their side of the bargain. What to do? Perhaps it's time we talked more literally about the social contract and what that implies. Because there's a principle in contract law known as "set-off" which says that if I owe you money, and you owe me money, I can subtract what you owe me from what I pay you.

That is exactly what Minden should do. The next time property taxes are collected, Minden should deduct the costs of flood recovery from what it remits to the province. They could attach a small note explaining that the province can take all the time it wants adding things up; waste as much money as they like debating, assessing, investigating, challenging, stalling and stonewalling and let us know when they're done how it all worked out. The reeve could sign it with a smiley-face over the "i" in Reid.

Seriously, we have a provincial health ministry indifferent to the health of our seniors; a housing ministry indifferent to the plight of flood victims; and a federal environment ministry indifferent to the lakes and rivers that support our entire economy. And we keep going back for more gruel.

Maybe it's time for a different approach in the face of all this indifference. Nice is not working.

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Letters to the editor

The panda in the parlour

Dear editor,

Oftentimes the personal and political spheres are so entwined that it is impossible to voice principled criticism without causing offence. In reflecting upon the “conundrum” of Abbey Gardens (see The Abbey Gardens conundrum, The Highlander issue 91, pg. 37) I have no wish to impugn the character of its founder, who by very appearance is a decent and benevolent man. However, it seems to me that there are several fundamental concerns which should be raised at this point, when there is still time to resolve them with a minimum expenditure of capital and effort.

Though he refers to the founder of Abbey Gardens at several points, Will Jones fails to note that Mr. Patterson is a multi-millionaire who resides in a baronial hilltop mansion, known locally as The Abbey. Apart from his accomplishments in the business world, Mr. Patterson is also an ordained minister. Under these circumstances one must wonder if Mr. Patterson harbours some notion of nudging our community in a theocratic direction.

An ambiguous agenda can be a source of collective anxiety. I believe this is one reason for the suspicions that have been voiced privately about the undertaking at Abbey Gardens. After all, ours is a region settled generations ago by Scots immigrants, by peasants who fled a system based upon enclosures and feudal privilege. How do their offspring feel in their depths about the ascendance of a new laird here in Canada?

Another cause for concern lies in the fact that Abbey Gardens’ impressive retail outlet has been designated as the Food Hub. What does this title suggest about the founder’s intentions? By definition a hub lies at the centre of a wheel upon which a number of spokes converge. Now, from the green perspective that is frankly an odious image, suggesting centralized control functions, whereas many in this relegated region are striving to establish non-hierarchical relations amongst themselves, even if their efforts under the rubric of transitional community seem meagre by corporate standards.

The absence of a central hub fosters

redundancy across the system. With its many cross-cutting links and overlapping services, a distributed system rich in redundancy may function at a less than efficient level in normal times; but in a crisis when the hub goes down (and contrary to Will Jones’ assertion, it can fail under various crisis scenarios), a dense community network can be promptly activated to preserve our community from hardship and privation.

Many growers, myself included, take positive pleasure in eliminating the middleman through garden-gate sales and/or farmers’ markets. This form of trade helps us get to know those who consume our produce. At the same time, standing on our own ground, we have an opportunity to educate our customers about the precariousness of small-scale agriculture within the capitalist world-system.

Knowing that corporations typically undercut prices to eliminate local competition, the canny grower must take pause to consider the implications of marketing their produce through the Hub, even if an attractive price is offered initially. Once they become dependent upon the Hub for a substantial portion of their revenue, they will then be at the mercy of future administrators, persons not necessarily of Mr. Patterson’s ilk, who in a competitive environment might well decide to slash purchase prices in order to dominate the market with privately subsidized high-tech produce.

One way to resolve the Abbey Gardens’ conundrum is to incorporate the Food Hub under an altogether different name and in the form of a co-operative association, whereby the members – producers and consumers alike – would derive revenue in proportion to the labour and produce they contribute.

I trust the Food Hub board is sufficiently independent to contemplate transforming their yearling organization along such lines. Were they actually to do so, I would be among the first to purchase shares.

Doug Smith
Blairhampton

— Fish, chips and a slice of perfection, please — The Outsider

The conversation went something like: “I can’t believe it. Great food for less than fifty bucks and just look at that view.” With arms spread wide the tourist grinned gleefully at his family and said: “You can’t get this in even the best restaurants in Toronto!”

He was right. I was there for the exact same reason and it seemed that we’d both got the best seats in the restaurant, or rather out of the restaurant.

Like my fellow diner, I have been to fancy eateries. I’ve visited a few in Toronto and many in London, and I’ve enjoyed wonderful meals in most of them, although mashed potato and gently fried calves brain wasn’t a crowning moment in my culinary adventures. However, when searching out the best places to eat, a prospective diner of the common variety like me – i.e. not rich nor famous – has to contend with fully booked restaurants and waiting lists, snooty waiters and being overlooked for the choicest table. We end up feeling glad even to be allowed in the doors of some top restaurants and then

put on a brave face when the whole event is not quite as magical as we expected and our wallets are well and truly eviscerated.

That wasn’t the case in Haliburton Village when I sat eavesdropping on the tourist and his family as they ate dinner. Mom smiled approvingly. Little kid chirped up about staying forever and even the usually sullen teenage daughter (I’m making an assumption that she is usually sullen because they all are, aren’t they?) looked around appreciatively and grinned a mouthful of fish and chips at her dad.

Damn it! I’ve given it away; the location of the best place to eat in Haliburton. Both the tourist and I were sampling the delights of Baked and Battered, the new fish and chip shop on Highland Street. Now humble fish and chips may not sound like a restaurant connoisseur’s dream but, just as when I visit a high-class restaurant in the city, I like to judge my overall experience and so in addition to the food, pleasant service comes into the equation, as does price and of

course, location.

You see, we were both sat at benches under the canopy of the town dock. The vista spread before us as we munched our very tasty battered haddock and chips (and this comes from an Englishman with many years of fish and chip experience) was that of pink tinged clouds, deep blue sky and evening sunshine glinting off ripples as they spread across Head Lake. A loon’s haunting song echoed across the water. It became the soloist, accompanied by the soft rhythm of the drumming circle away to my right. The moment was perfect. I looked at the tourist and said: “Wonderful isn’t it? Best seats in the restaurant.”

He stared at me for a couple of moments; the look on his face made me think he’d misheard and thought I’d threatened to chop him up and feed him to bears.

I began to speak again: “Wonderful isn’t it?” But he was already ushering his family away from the dock, half eaten meals clasped to their chests, to the safety of his over-sized,

people with break and enter.

Our fire department is a volunteer department. These men and women work regular full-time jobs and still they make time and put their lives on the line to save people and property. To say that “our cottage would likely burn to the ground before the fire trucks got there” is wrong and, quite frankly, offensive.

I guarantee our police and firemen would be there doing everything they can to help you and your family (despite your comments). Maybe next time you should think twice about making “terrible, unwise and unfair” comments.

Tracey Pratt
Minden

Photo of the week



Photo by Debbie Ross

A pileate woodpecker caught on camera.

Minden water billed separately

Dear Editor

I am writing in response to the letter from T Murray Girt on Sharon Lake (see Water charge is a money grab, The Highlander issue 91, pg. 5).

I would first like to point out that my taxes do not cover my water and sewage usage. That is a separate bill we pay four times a year. We pay for the amount of water we use and amount of sewage we create. Since I have to pay for my water, why should you be able to get water for free from the fire hall?

Also I was angered by their comments about our police and fire departments. We have excellent police officers who work in our area. They work hard to keep our town, businesses and cottages safe and have, on many occasions, apprehended and charged

climate-controlled, assisted-parking, oh-so-shiny SUV.

“Did I say something wrong?” I asked my lovely wife. She smiled, and after popping another chip into her mouth, said: “You said something, that’s what was wrong. Don’t you remember being in the city? No one talked to people they didn’t know and now here you are trying to strike up conversation with complete strangers. Anyone would think you were a local!”

I ruminated for a moment or two, savouring the tang of tartar sauce-dipped fish eaten with fingers. I looked at Little Z, who was feeding chips to a family of passing ducks and smiled back at my wife. “Oh well, his loss,” I mumbled, mouth half full of fish. And then I went back to staring out over the lake from the best restaurant seats in town.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What are you doing to stay cool?



Lisa Schell

Minden

I am picking up some watermelon and snacks and heading out to 12 Mile Beach with my son, niece and nephew. Together we will be swimming and taking it as easy as is possible.

Mary Forbes

Peach Lake

Actually I am staying in the lake or in the shade as much as I can. Taking it easy and drinking lots of water.



Mary Stiver

Halls Lake

Nothing! The heat does not really bother me and neither does the winter cold. I enjoy all of the seasons and that is why I live here.

Murray Hopper

Tilsonburg

Swimming and drinking lots of water. Doing the least amount of work possible. Doing some fishing but that is not work.



Pat Maulson

Minden

We live on the river so we are dunkin' our toes in the river and slowing our pace down to keep cool.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: WISSEL

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

What do pirate ships, medieval castles, and rainforests have in common?

No, these aren't settings for Disney movies. They're things you might find in one of Gloria Wissel's classrooms.

Wissel is a retired teacher from the Niagara region who spends her summers cottaging in the Highlands with her husband. During her career she taught mostly elementary students, from Grade 1 to Grade 6, using activity based programming.

While the concept of activity based programming is not unique to Wissel, she took it to a whole new level.

"If we were doing medieval times, everything would fit into it," she said. "Your language, reading, art and everything was put into that."

But she didn't stop there. The school year would break into themed units, like rainforests, and the lessons would be planned around the themes. The classroom would also undergo a transformation.

"[With] medieval times, the room was a castle and it was built that way," she said. "We built it into a castle. We would put up turrets and we would have names."

To make a classroom into a rainforest, the kids would hang netting from the ceiling and have vines across the room. They built trees and had plants.

Wissel recalls one year she started off with her teaching partner as cruise directors. They told the students the school year was a cruise.

"We [were] going to cruise through the school year," she said. "We had a party that first day of school, so when they went home, they were hooked. This is what was going to happen for this year. It was going to be fun."

But the fun wasn't restricted to the classroom.

"Every unit that was finished, we had a celebration," she said. "If we could find a field trip to go with it, we did."

One year the class did an explorer theme as pirates. Wissel brought her students to the Toronto Harbour for a field trip. They went sailing.

"We had a great time. I said to the kids, if I'm not having fun, then I'm not a happy lady."

It wasn't easy getting everything organized for her classes.

"Teaching's just not something you do from nine to five," Wissel said. "It doesn't work like that. We spent hours, we used to spend weekends, and every class was different so every year, you could use some of the same stuff to a point, but everything had to be adjusted to fit the needs of your students."

"But we had a good time."

Although taking her students on exciting adventures was a lot of fun – not unlike the famous Miss Frizzle from the Magic School Bus cartoon – her time teaching special needs students stands out as the highlight of her career.

"The school I taught at in Grimsby had a special needs class, and my girlfriends both taught those classes. I got interested in them because I wanted to get them involved in other classrooms and be part of the classroom, see how normal children live."

Wissel took her students into regular classrooms to work with their peers. She said it taught her students a lot, but the regular students also learned to be respectful and understanding.

"They had to learn you needed to accept these kids," she said. "You don't have to be around them if you don't want to be, that's your option. But you will treat them like normal children and you will show them



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Gloria Wissel looks back fondly on her teaching career.

respect, because that's what they deserve."

Besides learning to read and write, her students also learned living skills.

"They're wonderful kids," she said. "It was the best time of my teaching career. I enjoyed it the most. I loved teaching but I really enjoyed being with them."

Even though she retired just last year, Wissel couldn't stay away. She's a volunteer with the education program for Community Living in Grimsby.

"Community Living is your association for the [developmentally challenged]," she said. "What we did was, we talked to each one of them and asked what it is they wanted to learn because a lot of them cannot read and a lot of them have ideas of what they want to do."

One client, Barb, said she wanted to be able to read the newspaper.

"So we helped her with her reading abilities so that she could read a newspaper," she said. "It's amazing how bright they are. They are extremely intelligent people, they just have different kinds of disabilities that keep them back."

Clients range in age from 21 to 62. Some live alone with support from program

workers, while others are home with their parents. Wissel's first term with the program was for four months in January, and she intends on participating again next year.

But she couldn't be away from her clients for that long. Her friend is the recreation and leisure coordinator for the organization and is bringing three clients to Wissel's cottage in the Highlands for a vacation.

Later in the summer she's also expecting a group of male clients to come visit as well.

"I've had them here before. They'll go travel around and sort of broaden their horizons."

The vacation also provides respite for the clients' usual caregivers.

Wissel's passion for teaching and educating stems from an experience back in her elementary school days.

"When I was a little girl I struggled in school," she recalled. "I had a Grade 6 teacher who decided 'I'm going to help you succeed, survive and become the best you can.' So I thought, you know something, I'm going to do exactly what she did."

To this day, former students stop her in her neighbourhood all the time to ask if she remembers that time when...

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Highlander news

Sun 'blinded' driver

Continued from page 1

To determine whether or not there was a reasonable prospect of conviction, Broderick said she reviewed several pieces of evidence including the statement the driver gave police and the statements of two witnesses who were at the scene following the accident.

Broderick said she also examined similar careless driving cases.

"In order to prove careless driving, the crown must prove – beyond a reasonable doubt – that the driver failed to pay due care and attention, or failed to give other persons using a highway necessary consideration given the circumstances."

Near momentary inattention or a simple kind of error in judgment isn't sufficient enough to lay a careless driving charge, Broderick pointed out.

None of the evidence shows that the driver was travelling on the wrong side of the road prior to the accident, said Broderick.

"I have considered that there is no evidence, prior to the curve and prior to the emergence of the sun, that she was in the opposite lane of traffic."

Broderick also took into consideration the fact that this wasn't the driver's "normal route."

She concluded that speed wasn't a contributing factor in the collision, and that the driver wouldn't have been able to predict where the sun burst would occur.

"Although in the police video there was

some evidence of intermittent bursts of sun, I'm not satisfied that those circumstances were such that a reasonable person would necessarily take steps to address the issue. In fact, for most of the drive the video demonstrates that visibility is not an issue."

Broderick said a judicial officer received an overview of the crown's evidence in the case and determined there was a "questionable reasonable prospect of a conviction."

Justice Oates acknowledged the tragic outcome of the incident, but said decisions in the courtroom must be guided by case law.

"A lot of the principles and reasons that were just outlined to the court... those principles are outlined in various cases in Ontario," said Oates, adding that a court "at this level" is obligated to follow those principles.

Although Bieler's family members didn't attend the courthouse, they were aware that the charges were most likely going to be withdrawn.

Leonel Apter, Bieler's son-in-law, was outraged by the ruling.

"My problem is that this girl walked out of there without any marks on her driving record whatsoever," said Apter. "Her abstract is clean as a whistle – it's no different than if she would've run a red light and gotten dismissed."

He said the driver should have reduced her speed along the entire length of the road because of the intermittent bursts of sun.

"If there's black ice on the road and it's the



File photo

Richard Bieler was struck by a vehicle on Kashagawigamog Lake Road in 2012.

middle of winter, a reasonable driver will take a safety precaution and thereby go slower than the speed limit."

Apter believes the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) is flawed and is nothing more than a cash-grab.

"The Highway Traffic Act does not protect the citizens of Ontario, in my opinion," he said.

"As proven here, you can ultimately kill somebody and just say you sneezed or the sun blinded you and you're good to go."

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Meetings and Events

July 22

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Minden Cultural Centre, Common Room

July 25

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Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00am)

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TENDERS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF PARKSIDE STREET CONTRACT NO. 13-5629

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See pages 29 for additional ads

Highlander news

Ontario too slow with relief

By Adam Kingsmith
Contributing writer

It has been a difficult summer for flood-vulnerable communities across Canada.

The flood damage and devastation wrought on Minden Hills and the Kawarthas this April was also felt to an increasingly destructive degree by Calgary and southern Alberta in late June.

With primary estimates of damages between \$3-5 billion dollars, over 100,000 displaced, and four people confirmed dead as a direct result of the flooding, government officials declared the 2013 Alberta Floods to be the worst in the province's history.

As such, the Alberta government moved swiftly to distribute pre-loaded debit cards for those who qualified for financial assistance – \$1,250 per adult and \$500 per child, no less than a week after the flooding occurred. As of early July, over \$43 million dollars worth of pre-paid cards had been distributed.

"We have made changes to the Disaster Recovery Program because of these extraordinary circumstances," said Alberta Transportation Minister Ric McIver. "These changes have shaved weeks off the normal process, and this means we are beginning face-to-face conversations with, and providing financial support to, affected Albertans within days, not months, of the floods."

What's more, the province of Alberta – through the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) – has already pledged an initial \$1 billion to help communities in what could be a 10-year rebuilding effort.

"I promise you that on behalf of the government of Alberta, we will do everything that it takes to ensure that people can rebuild their homes, rebuild their lives and rebuild their communities," pledged Alberta Premier Allison Redford. "This is a provincial disaster recovery plan and our commitment is to fund disaster

recovery, in every municipality and in every home that's been affected."

In the Highlands, the disaster relief and recovery process has been moving a fair bit slower.

The Ontario government has put aside \$18 million for the 14 communities affected by the flooding. Unlike in other Canadian provinces, however, the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program (ODRAP) places the initial burden of fundraising directly upon the counties affected by disaster. Only after municipalities submit their final fundraising totals can they receive the majority of their disaster assistance money from the province – matched at a rate of up to two to one.

For flood victims in Minden Hills, this means waiting until summer's end before seeing a sizeable contribution to their reconstruction efforts. In the meantime, they will be forced to subsist off advanced emergency funding – up to \$1,000 forwarded to those affected now and subtracted from their final grants later, in order to cover damages to primary businesses, permanent residences, and essential appliances.

"ODRAP is a process that has been around since the 1960s," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. "As such, the whole program needs to be revisited and rethought in order to get it moving more quickly in the future."

Scott has been appealing to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and

Housing for more advanced funding and a streamlined process since the onset of the flooding.

One of the major problems with the ODRAP process according to Scott is the sheer amount of time it took for areas like Minden Hills to be declared a disaster zone in the first place. As the burden of proving disaster status rests primarily on the townships, it can be some time before the province even declares that all-important state of emergency.

"This lag puts us behind at the get-go," continued Scott. "The province needs to give us more of a hand in

data collecting and fundraising from the outset, especially in smaller communities dealing with limited resources such as Minden Hills."

"Ontario is the largest province by population," Scott added. "While we want to see things moving faster, and should be garnering more insights from the systems being put in place by other provinces, we have to

remember that Ontarians can have different needs and demands."

Scott also highlighted the fact that while the process has been slow, "Minden has done really well for a smaller community thanks to the tireless work of the disaster relief committee."

"But regardless, the bottom line is that disasters happen," said Scott. "The government needs to have money ready to help out those affected more quickly in the future."

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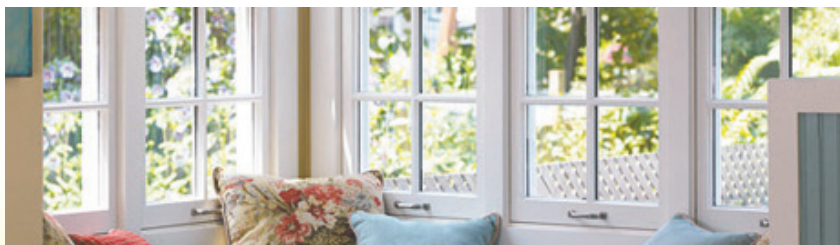
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A Haliburton County ambulance pulls out of the garage.

EMS plans wage rise

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The county's emergency medical services (EMS) department plans to amend its 2013 operating budget upon approval from county council.

It's a good news story, as the amendment is required in order to take advantage of available provincial funding.

When developing the 2013 budget, the department worked with historical provincial funding plus an estimated one per cent cost of living allowance (COLA).

Recently the province announced the county's 2013 Land Ambulance Funding Grant will include a 1.5 per cent COLA, which means the county will receive additional unbudgeted revenue of \$10,600.

Since the province bases future financial support on the previous year's budget, the county must re-open the 2013 EMS budget

and add these funds or lose the resulting higher support in 2014.

EMS director Pat Kennedy reports the funds will be allocated to wages and benefits to "offset potential pressures" resulting from the February arbitration settlement with CUPE 4435, which represents the primary care paramedics who provide 24-hour land ambulance services. The award terms include a shift premium increase of \$0.90 per hour and increases in vision and dental care benefits.

The funds would also be allocated toward as yet unknown costs for summer overtime or additional staffing of ambulances.

Following a fourth quarter review, if funds are still available the department will provide additional training opportunities for staff.

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Highlander business

Enjoying the art of tea in Wilberforce

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Sometimes you just need a cup of tea.

That's the idea behind Lynda Wootton's business, The Tea Cosy, out of Wilberforce.

Wootton owned and operated the Cushion Cottage Gallery until her building was sold. She decided it was time for a change.

"A friend of mine was taking the targeted initiatives for older workers course at Fleming [College]," she said.

Wootton decided to join the program.

"You assess yourself upside down and backwards and see where your strengths are, your weaknesses, and out of that you could go further with the course if you wanted to."

Originally Wootton planned to reopen the Cushion Cottage Gallery and decided she wanted to add on a tea room.

"It was a nice community thing to do and it was just the ambiance and everything," she said. "It was just who I like to be. I like to entertain people, make them feel comfortable."

To that end, she took courses on social media, marketing, and, of course, tea.

Her tea program, offered by George Brown College, contains eight units. She's completed six. According to Wootton, she will be a certified tea sommelier once she completes the remaining two units.

"The tea has taken off," she said. "It's a

business which is very relevant right now. It's becoming so popular, you see tea rooms and places popping up all over the place."

Although Wilberforce is a small town, Wootton is confident her business is going to take off.

"I think there are enough people around who like a good cup of tea rather than a cup of coffee," she said. "Hopefully, as I gain knowledge, I'll be able to educate people a little bit on it."

The Tea Cosy is not a place, yet. Right now, Wootton operates out of her home and imports various teas for sale. She also blends her own teas, and sells tea accessories.

"It's all things tea."

She launched the business last spring and has been working on getting her products out to market. She's attended both the Haliburton and Bancroft home shows, and is participating in a joint venture with the South Algonquin Diner in Wilberforce.

Every Wednesday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Wootton brings a variety of teas with her to the diner for patrons. She also serves some treats alongside other goodies from the diner.

"It's a time to calm down, have a nice relaxing cup of tea, just go and visit friends or bring friends with you and try different teas."

Her teas are also located in Katie's Catering and Coffee House in Sunderland, and the bulk store in Haliburton.

This upcoming weekend, Abbey Gardens has agreed to carry some of Wootton's teas and put them on display in their newly-opened Food Hub.

Because she doesn't have an official home for The Tea Cosy yet, Wootton isn't sure exactly what the business will look like in the future.

"It's evolving and shaping up," she said. "I don't know where it's going to end up. It might end up with a tea room in town, I don't know."

One of her favourite things to do is blend her own teas, a process she's slowly coming to master.

"It's fascinating," she said. "There's just so much to it."

Gentle Green is one of her home blends. It's a Japanese green tea base with lemon

grass and peppermint. She's already sold a lot of this blend, and is thinking of ways to incorporate blending into her regular business.

She's thinking of putting on an event with her classmates where a table is set up in a room with ingredients. In the middle of the table are the teas, made with various bases. Patrons can then choose their own ingredients and blend their own teas.

"This is what people used to do years ago," she said. "You would go after a meal and blend your own tea."

As The Tea Cosy evolves, Wootton hopes to expand her distribution around the county. For more information, contact her at 705-448-2030 or via e-mail at thecushioncottage@gmail.com.



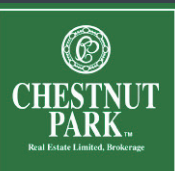
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Lynda Wootton enjoying a cup of tea.

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Left: Lions Club members Fwin Norry, left, and Colleen Mewha count the 50/50 draw tickets. Above: A woman bids on an item in the silent auction.

Lions chip in \$7,900 for hospital equipment

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A new event hosted by the Minden Lions Club has raised \$7,900 for the Minden hospital's equipment needs list.

Over 100 people attended The Great Minden Hospital Benefit on July 13 at the

S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre.

The event featured live and silent auctions, and a dinner provided by the Minden Lions and Lioness Clubs. The festivities were emceed by local radio personality Mike Jaycock.

Past Lions Club president Paul Norry said the hospital is in need of a new portable

ultrasound machine.

Current president Alan Manning said the club would like to make the fundraiser an annual event.

"I think we could try to fit it in with an annual event," said Manning. "We want to see how it goes and the response has been good."

On every third Friday of the month, the club hosts an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Lions hall, which is located at 166 Bobcaygeon Road. Funds raised at the dinners go towards various community projects.

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Training leads to better EMS scores

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The county's emergency management services (EMS) department has just received a good bill of health from the province.

Over the past six years, the department has reduced the number of its service areas requiring attention from 22 to three. Those healthy numbers come from the latest three-year review of ambulance services by the Emergency Health Services branch of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

The highly detailed review covers service levels in areas such as employee qualifications, training, patient care, vehicles, medical care equipment, and communication. The final report was received in May and presented to the county's emergency services committee for information at its July 10 meeting.

In 2006 the Ministry identified 22 county

EMS service areas requiring attention. In 2009 that number dropped to 12. Last year only three areas were identified: staffing (improper notification of a resignation), incident reports (the Ministry identified one call in which a paramedic should have completed an incident report), and call report documentation (of 299 audited call reports, nine were missing something; for example, this could be a postal code or mention of oxygen use for a patient who reported shortness of breath).

Call report deficiencies were identified at 96 per cent in 2006. The EMS department lowered that to 38 per cent in 2009 (the provincial average was 84 per cent), and further reduced it to three per cent last year.

In the report the Ministry review team noted "the service is to be commended for the team findings."

County EMS director Pat Kennedy says the department's achievements are especially

notable given that call volumes have increased consistently, by five per cent over the past six months alone, due to population increase, aging, and more frequent inter-facility transfers (up 21 per cent since last year).

"[Our improvement] has a lot to do with our process, and documentation has been a huge issue," says Kennedy. "We audit 100 per cent now of our calls, so we're putting more effort into that and following up with the paramedics immediately to help with completion of documentation."

The department has also steadily improved service levels through training changes.

"Ongoing training is now almost a daily function here on some pieces of equipment, and then we'll use SurveyMonkey (online survey company) extensively so that we're monitoring that they're actually reading the material, and then we have a training room now in each base," Kennedy explains.

"Now we've moved to electronic ambulance call reports, we can monitor the number of skills [updates] each paramedic does... So we're really starting to be able to tailor our training to each individual paramedic, which is far superior in lots of respects to the old 'sit in a classroom' kind of thing."

Expectations of paramedics are increasing all the time and county EMS staff are meeting the challenge, says Kennedy.

"I've noticed a real dramatic change over the last few years. Paramedics, when they're down, they're actually studying now, which didn't happen 10 years ago... I'm really proud of the staff. We've asked a lot over the last four or five years in how we've changed the way we do business, and the staff have responded."

Highlander health

EMS, hospital come through in emergency

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Emergency services arrived quickly and worked together seamlessly the day of the recent head-on car crash on County Rd. 503.

"We had probably the best example of all the things we try to do here since I came on in 2006," says county emergency medical services (EMS) director Pat Kennedy. "It all came to fruition."

According to OPP news releases, five people were injured in the July 8 accident near MacDuff Road just west of Tory Hill in Highlands East.

All five people were transported to Haliburton hospital before being transferred to Kingston and Toronto area hospitals.

Kennedy says that with the new Tory Hill EMS station operational and an additional ambulance retained this year, the EMS department was able to have the first ambulance on the scene within seven minutes out of Tory Hill.

"A year ago that would have probably been 25 minutes coming from Haliburton," says Kennedy.

"Some of our staff have participated in enhanced training and enhanced skills, and our first crew on the scene [was] part of our first graduating class out of that. [They did] some immediate interventions."

In total, three county ambulances and two Bancroft ambulances attended the scene.

"We had all patients removed from the

accident [scene] within 40 minutes, which is just super. It sounds like a long time, but when you're coming from Bancroft or coming from Minden or wherever, it was 40 minutes we had everybody in motion."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services enacted its emergency plan, and at the height of the accident had six physicians, both X-ray technicians and up to 10 nursing staff at the Haliburton hospital, according to Kennedy.

He also praises the ORNGE air ambulance service.

"ORNGE has been criticized a lot over the last few years but this was an example of the new ORNGE. They declined [the call] because that was the night of the bad weather in Toronto, so they couldn't fly out of Toronto, but what they did – and I've never seen or heard of [this] – is they immediately dispatched two critical care land ambulances from Toronto."

The Ottawa air ambulance service called "about 20 or 30 minutes into the accident" to say they could see a window opening on radar so they dispatched air support.

"Just as they were about to set down we had a big rainstorm," says Kennedy, who thought that meant the end of air support. "Basically what [the pilot] did was he just got more altitude and flew above the storm until it passed over, and set down."

All in all, the response went extremely well from the department's perspective.

"It just seemed to me standing back and watching the actions of my staff that this is



File photo

Within minutes of the accident, Haliburton Hospital enacted its emergency plan, bringing six doctors and up to ten nursing staff to the site.

what we're trained for... A terrible accident, but the way my staff reacted and just all the agencies interacted, it went very, very smoothly, there was no confusion."

"We're small, we're rural, but this whole community just comes together in times of trouble, as we've seen time and time and time again no matter what the challenge is."



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Clockwise from top left: The Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum. David, Deborah and Mitchell Lloyd explore the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum. The Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum SS No. 3 Stanhope School display. Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum committee members Bill Forbes and Adele Espina with the war display.

History comes alive in Stanhope

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum has new treats in store for history buffs and kids of all ages at this year's Stanhope Heritage Day.

The 11th annual event features displays, demonstrations, children's events, a barbecue, entertainment and more.

The former one-room schoolhouse houses a display of First World War memorabilia that now includes the rare 'dead man's penny', a bronze memorial plaque given to the families of soldiers who died in the war, as well as a soldier's uniform on loan from the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

"The purpose of the display is to show war on the home front," says Adele Espina, a new member of the museum oversight committee who is primarily responsible for organizing this year's display. Contents

feature both war-related memorabilia, including a photo of the Hurricane war plane purchased in full by local school children, and items representing the work done at home.

"The Welch family has donated over the years all sorts of artifacts belonging to Charlie and Harry Welch, who were two Stanhope soldiers who were both killed in the First World War," says Espina.

Born in 1893 and 1897 respectively, the Welch brothers died in different battles just months apart in 1917. Recently donated items from the Welch family include the two dead man's pennies received after the men's deaths.

Artifacts from SS No. 3 Stanhope School in Boshkung have also been added this year. Long-time committee member Bill Forbes, a former teacher and principal, says we tend to assume one-room schools ended at Grade 8, but Boshkung School ran to Grade 10.

Visitors will see the recently donated school bell, a desk, class pictures, and a mannequin dressed in typical teacher's clothing from the school's early days.

The museum pulls out the stops for Heritage Day. This year demonstrations include beekeeping, fur handling, the making of wax candles, rag rugs, soap and maple syrup, basketry and quillwork, stringed instrument construction and printing press operation.

Children can have their faces painted, meet farm animals, do crafts, play traditional games and enjoy the Wildlife Show at 11 a.m.

Vintage cameras, dolls, chainsaws, canoes, paddles, cars and snowmobiles will be displayed, as will the unique Haliburton Gold lake trout, which geologists maintain is more than 10,000 years old. Award-winning citron marmalade, heritage seeds, local farm produce and garden gifts will be available

for sale.

A barbecue lunch will be provided by Todd's Independent of Haliburton. Gord Kidd & the 50/50 Band and Celtic Slow Jam are scheduled to entertain.

The committee recommends visitors arrive early for the always popular bake sale and bring a hat, sunscreen and water as most events take place outdoors.

Heritage Day will take place July 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the museum grounds, 1123 North Shore Road, just northeast of Carnarvon in Algonquin Highlands township. Admission is \$2, with children age five and under admitted free. A detailed event guide is available at www.stanhope-museum.on.ca.

The museum's regular hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with admission by donation. Group tours are available by calling 705-489-2162.

Highlander life

Couple returns from Korea to care for daughter

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

In a 24-hour period, Sue Tiffin and her husband, Justin, quit their teaching jobs, packed their belongings and left their home in Korea to return to Canada.

It was a difficult decision to make for the couple who called that part of the world home for the past eight years.

The reason for the move: to provide care to their seven-month old daughter, Harper Solace, who suffers from generalized infantile epilepsy with tonic seizures.

"People have been telling us that we're strong to be able to get through this, but of course we have no alternative but to continue living and loving each other and our baby," said Tiffin, who grew up in the Haliburton Highlands.

Tiffin said that although the health care system in Korea was good to them, doctors were too afraid to go near Harper following her diagnosis.

"Our pediatrician wouldn't touch her at all once she heard about the diagnosis, and development programs like early intervention and physical or speech therapy that are so lauded here were not offered to us there," she explained.

Tiffin and her husband had been living and working in Korea since 2006. They moved there after graduating university to travel and pursue well-paying teaching jobs. Tiffin landed a job as an English as a Second Language teacher (ESL) and Justin became a private school teacher.

"When we decided to have a baby, we didn't hesitate to continue our lives in Korea," she said. "Many people thought we would come home as soon as I became pregnant, but because our lives were settled in Korea with excellent jobs, a strong friend base and a comfortable apartment, we decided to have our baby in what we considered to be our second home."

Tiffin didn't have any problems during pregnancy or at the time of Harper's birth.

In May, the couple noticed something wasn't right when Harper began experiencing tremors in her hands.

"Up until this point, although she rarely cried and had a lazy eye, her development was excellent. We took her to her pediatrician, who brushed off our concerns and said that Harper was just making regular baby movements."

Despite the diagnosis, the tremors continued.

"We filmed some of the tremors and took the video to our pediatrician, who got us admitted to see a pediatric neurologist at Seoul National University Hospital that day."

It can be difficult to detect infantile spasms and seizure because most are subtle, said Tiffin. The longer they go undetected, the less likely it is for a positive outcome to occur.

Harper underwent an electroencephalogram (EEG) at the hospital. The results were troubling.

"Twenty minutes after we got home the neurologist called Justin and told him he had seen the EEG and the results didn't look good. We realized at that point that any plans we might have for our family's future



would be totally upended, but we pulled ourselves together and made our way back to the hospital, where, with the help of a staff translator, Harper was admitted."

The neurologist told the Tiffins that he believed Harper had been experiencing infantile spasms, and that he suspected that her spasms would be idiopathic (meaning there would be no greater cause, like a brain malformation, a brain insult or down syndrome).

"If so, he said, she would have a chance of living a normal life with just slight delay. Alternatively, her spasms might be symptomatic, which means the condition would be uncontrollable and would possibly leave her in a vegetative state if she survived infancy."

The neurologist didn't suspect infantile spasms based on the seizure activity he saw, but the prognosis was poor due to the abnormal pattern on the EEG.

He said that there was a very high chance that Harper would regress or that her development would plateau, and that in Korea (a country where disability and mental illness is still very much unaccepted), most parents, "give up on a kid like this."

According to Tiffin, infantile spasms and infantile epilepsy are very rare conditions that can be caused by more than 200 different metabolic or genetic disorders. Since Harper has had a clear MRI and her blood work is normal, the next step will be to undergo genetic testing.

"Some parents don't find a cause for years, and some parents never find a cause."

With the encouragement of their parents, the Tiffins felt it would be best to return to Canada.

"We felt exceptionally isolated with little information except for [what we] found

Photos submitted by Sue
Tiffin

Justin Tiffin and wife Sue with their baby Harper. The family moved back to Canada from Korea to seek treatment for Harper who was diagnosed with generalized infantile epilepsy.

online (which can be incorrect and therefore dangerous), and like parents everywhere who deal with this diagnosis, it was – and is – terrifying to helplessly watch Harper have seizures and know that there was really nothing we could do but wait for our next neurologist appointment."

Tiffin recalled how scary it was to leave everything behind.

"It was pretty scary to know that we'd be arriving in Canada with no jobs, no healthcare (OHIP for expatriates doesn't kick in for 90 days from arrival and Harper couldn't get health coverage because of an uncontrolled preexisting condition), no drivers licenses, immense reverse culture shock and no plans except to get Harper into Sick Kids as soon as possible."

Harper is now on a second antiepileptic drug that will hopefully stop the abnormal EEG pattern.

"The goal is to put a stop to that so that Harper has a chance of developing. The problem is that the drug acts as a heavy sedative, so our little girl is spending most of her time in her new country asleep with little physical strength (hypotonia) and facing side effects like blindness and liver failure. Despite the side effects, many parents opt for the medication in an attempt to provide an



opportunity for their kids to calm or cease the seizures."

At this point in time, Harper's future remains unknown.

"The outcome for Harper and for anyone with any form of epilepsy is unknown."

The Tiffins, who are currently living in Minden, hope to attend Katie's Run on July 20 at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike. The second annual event is a fundraiser for epilepsy research.

"I was initially looking for a pediatrician in Haliburton County who would possibly see Harper despite her not having OHIP, and when I searched online for one, Katie's Run came up. I couldn't believe that the race was happening just a month after we landed and I felt compelled to be there to support Katie and her family and the cause."

They intend to bring Harper with them, but that will depend on what condition she is in.

"Katie and Harper need a cure, but if they can't have that just yet, then they need support and love and encouragement," she said. "That's what we came home for, and that's what we're prepared to give."

For more information about Katie's Run visit www.katiesrun.ca.

Highlander life



By Matthew Desrosiers

Stinson family reunion

One of Minden's oldest families, the Stinsons, were at the Minden Cultural Centre on July 13 to help museum staff fill out the family's history and genealogy. This is the first annual family reunion event which the museum put on together with the Haliburton Genealogical Group. Also on display were family items. Left: Mat Ardron and Elda Thomas fill in their family tree information. Above: Hailey Arts, museum assistant, and curator Darren Levsteck thanking the Stinsons.

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Highlander life

Real estate series to showcase the Highlands

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

One local real estate agent is hoping to put Haliburton on the map in a new television series that will air on The Cottage Life channel next spring.

"They [the producers] found me," said Rob Serediuk, who is a sales representative for Chestnut Park. "They had identified a couple of areas that they wanted to focus in on, one of them being Muskoka and the other being Haliburton."

According to a press release, "What's for Sale?" will take viewers along for the ride as families scout properties in different vacation regions of Ontario. With their budget and wish list in mind, buyers weigh the pros and cons of each before deciding on which one is

right for them."

Serediuk was surprised and excited about being asked to be one of the show's four hosts.

"An opportunity like that doesn't really come up that often," he said.

This won't be Serediuk's first time in front of an audience. He was an actor until he was 28.

"I then went back to school and got a commerce degree and went into the corporate world at Rogers," he explained. "I then quit that and went into real estate in Haliburton."

Serediuk studied theatre at Grant MacEwan University in Edmonton. Over the course of his acting career, he landed roles in commercials for companies such as Coca Cola and Pop-Tarts.

"I also did a lot of musical theatre," he said.

To secure his most recent role, Serediuk participated in a recorded interview on Skype. "They asked me to talk about real estate and about Haliburton... those Skype interviews then went to the production company and they picked me."

When asked if he's doing anything special to prepare for his role, Serediuk laughed and said, "lose weight."

"I laugh, but it's true. I've lost probably 15 pounds in the last three weeks."

In addition to Haliburton and Muskoka, some of the 13 episodes will feature Prince Edward County and Collingwood.

"We wanted to expose a really nice cross-section of Ontario cottage country for the first season of this show," said associate producer Tammy Marlowe Johnson. "When you look at a map, these four different areas gave

us four different looks, different feels and different people."

Marlowe Johnson said Haliburton was a good location because it's family-friendly, private and has a strong sense of community.

"People are connected to their friends, their cottage and the cottage life," she said. "That's what we loved about the community and the area."

Picton-based Whistletopt Productions is currently looking for "outgoing people who are passionate about the cottage life and want to share their experience of finding their dream retreat."

Interested families are encouraged to e-mail their story to casting@whistletoptv.com.



Photo by Warren Riley

Quilters Guild donates \$2,500 to Flood Relief

The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild has presented two cheques to the Minden Flood Relief Fund totalling \$2,500. The presentation took place at the Minden Cultural Centre on July 15 with the help of co-founder May Bradbury. "With such a calamity we saw [in Minden] due to damage the flood caused, we agreed it was the right thing to do and made a donation to the flood fund," she said. "With \$2,000 from our general account and \$500 from the proceeds of our very successful quilt raffle, we are here today to help towards that desperately needed aid."

Pictured above: Front row from left are May Bradbury, Judy Cole, Sharon Middlehurst, and Karen Shirley. Back row from left are Lynda Eaton, Nancy McLuskey, Lindy Smith, Pauline Ploord and Rozanne Hynard.



Photo submitted by John Skinner

Saint Anthony of Padua celebrates 75 years

On July 14, the parish celebrated its 75th anniversary in the Highlands with a buffet breakfast. Many of the founding families still worship at the church to this day. The Luna and Pearsell families are two of the founding families of the church. From left to right: Miria Luna, Mary Pearsell, Beno Luna and Father Patrick Dobec.

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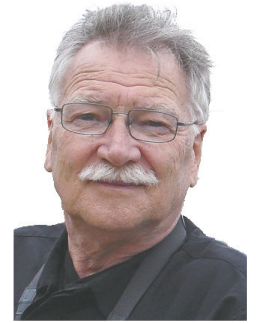
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By George Farrell

Roles in the Eternal Play

As Shakespeare said 'All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players.' He also had a thing or two to say about the final curtain. The one constant in our lives is its demise, and recently the passing of loved ones impacted heavily on friends and families, including two well-known players on the figurative stages of our cultural and arts communities.

On July 6 Andrew Donald Hughes, known to all his friends and family as Andy, passed away suddenly at the age of just 52. Andy was involved in the esoteric activity of ice car racing in Minden; as such he contributed significantly to one of our cold weather cultural offerings. Andy was a member of the Kinsman Club, volunteering on numerous projects, and he was the most pleasant man I've ever met.

Andy Hughes leaves behind friends and relatives in England and in Canada, including wife Heather, daughter Emma, and brother Daniel, all living in Gelert. Everyone who knew and loved Andy was of course devastated, including his mother Caryl Miller.

Of course it is those who are still living

who bear the brunt of a loved one's passing, and the gatherings after a death are not only to celebrate the deceased but also to console the living. Andy's life was celebrated on July 13 at the overflowing Royal Canadian Legion branch in Minden, with donations going towards the Heart and Stroke foundation. Caryl was there with friends and other members of Andy's family to accept condolences.

While I paid my respects to those close to Andy, perhaps because I'm also a parent and have known Caryl Miller for the best part of my adult life, I felt her grief the most. A parent should never have to experience the death of a child.

This was not the joyous return I or anyone who knows her envisioned for the 2008 Highlander of the Year Award winner. Caryl and husband Ray moved to Peterborough in 2010, but during her time in the Highlands Caryl was as influential a player in the theatrical process and to the cultural scene as it was possible to be.

She was instrumental in the formations of Highland's Little Theatre, and the Northern

Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, was an actress in a multitude of plays, some of which she also directed. Miller was additionally known for a fine collection of period costumes many of which are still being used today in our theatrical productions. Caryl and Ray also had a lot to do with the early days of Canoe FM.

Regardless of her cultural successes Caryl would be the first to tell you that her greatest contributions in life were the raising of her sons, and in Andy and Daniel she did a great job, even though she was so active.

Another stalwart of our arts and cultural scene lost a loved one recently. Jim Blake's mother Noreen passed away. Jim is known for his tireless devotion to Economic Development in the Highlands, the Sculpture forest, The Arts Council and the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. Jim has also proved to be a wonderful mentor to young people including my son Tyson, and I will always be indebted to him for that.

The importance of Noreen's role in Jim's development could be surmised through words recently written about Noreen by Jim's

long-time partner Myra Stephen.

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much in the last few years about acceptance,

perseverance and letting go. My heart hurts

and I am grateful for her presence in my life.'

I'm not an overly sentimental man but I was brought to tears by the simple eloquence of Myra's words about a woman I never knew but wished I had.

Jim Blake lost his mom and Caryl Miller lost her son, but the rest of us have gained by the contributions of Noreen and Andy to the ever-expanding cast of characters who define the cultural identity in our Eternal Play.

AH adopts cultural plan

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A year in the making, the Algonquin Highlands municipal cultural plan (MCP) is now complete.

MCPs are part of the larger provincial planning process, and are intended to help municipalities identify, leverage and strengthen their cultural resources – arts, facilities, events, natural resources and more – for community and economic development.

Through provincial funding, the township hired Planscape Inc. last year to develop the plan with a community steering committee. The development process included community interviews, consultations, public meetings and a questionnaire that received "outstanding" response, according to Planscape. Both permanent and seasonal residents were involved.

An amalgamation of Stanhope and Sherborne et al townships, Algonquin Highlands has no single defined town centre, but rather three communities in far-flung areas of the township. It shares its two largest communities with other municipalities: Dorset with Lake of Bays in Muskoka, and Carnarvon with Minden Hills. The third community is Oxtongue Lake.

This diverse population was identified by process participants as the township's greatest challenge. A focus of this plan must be to emphasize and build on commonalities to create a larger sense of community. The reality is that each community is very similar in terms of its goals and ambitions," Planscape notes in the MCP.

However, the consultant adds, "the fact that there are three distinct 'neighbourhoods' or 'communities' in Algonquin Highlands should be viewed as a positive attribute. It provides an opportunity to offer a variety of experiences within one experience."

Based on research and community feedback, the MCP focuses on six goals: foster community, celebrate heritage, enhance tourism opportunities, encourage a four-season economy, advance the arts, and promote opportunities for healthy, active living.

Recommended actions include creating a cultural advisory committee, developing self-guided trails and/or tours based on cultural themes (e.g. identifying Group of Seven painting sites), and cross-referencing amenities to promote other locations and activities.

Jan McDonald of Dorset, a steering committee member, said she's excited about the plan.

"I think it was certainly organized in a way that invited residents from right across the township to be involved," said McDonald, adding the plan can be a way for residents to "live in the future, treasuring our past and acknowledging all the great things we have in the present, [and know] that there are many exciting things to happen in the future."

"So I think it will be the foundation of many things moving forward."

"This was a really engaged committee," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "It was a big committee and everybody who was on it certainly took it to heart and gave it their all and I think that's what makes it a plan that is for the entire community."

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *Mistress* by James Patterson
2. *Stranglehold* by Robert Rotenberg
3. *Flee Fly Flown* by Janet Hepburn
4. *Sweet Salt Air* by Barbara Delinsky
5. *The Silver Star* by Jeanette Walls

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

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

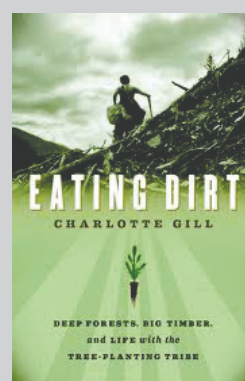
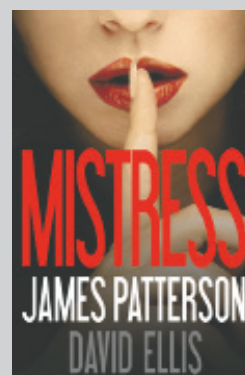
Summer tends to be the time of year when big name authors release their new books to the masses. Jeanette Walls, who found literary stardom with her first book *The Glass Castle*, a memoir, and later *Half Broke Horses*, a novel based on her grandmother's life, has a new release that is an even further departure from the author's real-life experience. Walls fans will be pleased to know, however, that *The Silver Star* features many of the same themes of her previous work.

In 1970s California, twelve-year-old Bean Holladay and her older half-sister Liz, are abandoned by their dysfunctional, artistic mother and must set off alone to Virginia to live with their uncle in his crumbling southern mansion. Plucky young Bean thrives in her new environment, discovering her father's family, picking peaches and learning about her past. Liz, meanwhile, silently suffers from demons hiding just beneath the surface.

For readers who treasure books about overcoming obstacles through goodness and righteousness, *The Silver Star* is sure to resonate. You can reserve this novel today in print, large print or talking book formats.

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Photo submitted by Ron Murphy

Tim Hagarty, hat, stands with The Lofsky Trio after their performance at the Haliburton Museum.

Jazzing it up at the museum

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Jazz has come to the Highlands.

Tim Hagarty decided it was time jazz jumped from the radio – he hosts Jazz at the 45th on Canoe FM – to the stage. To make it happen, he asked The Lorne Lofsky Trio to play the Haliburton Museum on July 13.

They did not disappoint.

This was their first show in the Highlands.

“We had a ball,” said the band’s namesake and guitar player, Lorne Lofsky. “It’s a beautiful spot.”

Lofsky said when Hagarty called to ask about being the first show in a new jazz concert series, he was

immediately interested.


The Toronto-based trio have been playing together, on and off, for 30 years. Lofsky said the band just feels their way through the music.

“We take a tune or melody, and play our own variations based on what happens,” he said, adding that each song can sound different each time you hear it.

“We hope it changes from night to night, within [a certain] framework.”

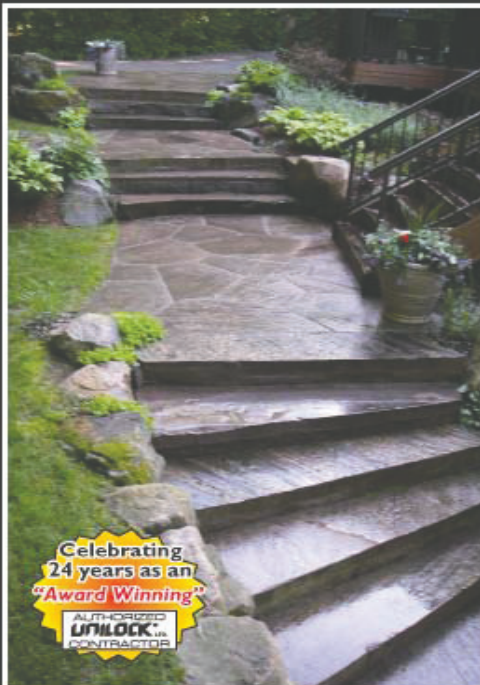


Lofsky said he and the band would be interested in playing the Highlands again sometime.

Proceeds from the concert, \$400, will be donated to the Haliburton Museum.



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Grandfather and grandson share the stage

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

One is a veteran local actor while the other just got his first taste of live theatre.

Together, grandfather and grandson shared the stage at the opening of the Highlands Summer Festival's (HSF) production of "Our Town" on July 15 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"I really want to do it next year, too," said Mac Moynes, who made his debut performance as Joe Crowell, a local paperboy in Grovers Corners, New Hampshire.

Moynes' grandfather, Curtis Eastmure, had one of the leading roles as Dr. Frank Gibbs, the town doctor. This was his first time performing alongside his grandson.

Our Town is a three-act play that was written by American playwright Thornton Wilder 75 years ago. Set in a fictional town in the early 20th century, the play follows the story of average people and their day-to-day lives. The actors perform without a set and props aren't used.

Although Eastmure is one of the

founding members of the HSF, he has reduced his involvement with the organization in recent years due to a busy work schedule.

"I was in the first two seasons [of the Festival] but then backed off for a while because I was too busy with my career," he said, adding that he had a role in last year's production of Arsenic and Old Lace.

This year, he admits that it took a bit of arm-twisting to get him on the stage.

"They really wanted me to be in The Sunshine Boys," recalled Eastmure. "I read the script and said it was too much of a part, I'm too busy. Then Scot Denton called me and twisted the other arm."

Denton directed Our Town and has been at the head of many other HSF productions. He has served as the artistic producer since 2008.

Denton told Eastmure that they were having a hard time getting children for some of the roles.

"I said, 'I've got a grandson who's 12 and has always wanted to be on stage.' He said, 'bring him out.' I taught him the lines and we were off-book for the audition."

Stepping onto the stage was a new endeavour for Moynes.

"This is my first time acting in front of an actual audience," he said. "The hardest part to get ready for it was thinking about how many people were in the theatre. When we got to the theatre, I spent time counting the chairs to see how many people would be there if it was a sold out play."

Eastmure enjoyed being part of a cast that included his son.

"It's been fun watching Max see what the creative process is all about and seeing the story unfold."

He gave credit to Denton for working closely with each actor, including the young members of the cast.

"He's really good with the younger people, particularly kids who have never been on the stage before. He explains the process."

So will Eastmure return to the stage next year?

"Oh yeah," he said. "It's in my blood."

Our Town runs until this Friday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

For ticket information call 705-457-9933.



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Curtis Eastmure (left) and his grandson Mac Moynes in Our Town.



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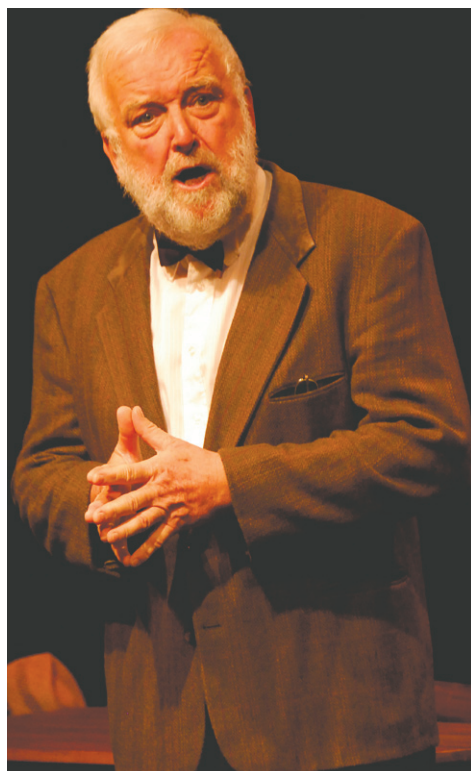
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Above: Jack Brezina takes to the stage for this year's Highlands Summer Festival production of *Our Town*. Right: The cast of *Our Town*. Middle right: Madeline Hopkins as Rebecca Gibbs, and Ben Ward as her brother, George Gibbs, enjoying a moonlit night from George's bedroom window. Middle left: Brian Kipping, the Stage Manager, with Tom Regina as Mr. Webb, the editor of the Grover's Corners Newspaper.



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Scotty Gartshore has just released a new album called From Where I.R.

Country artist pays tribute to veterans

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With the recent release of his third album, "From Where I.R.", Scotty Gartshore is keeping it country.

"I try to stay true to the traditional country music roots," said Gartshore, who is a Minden resident. "For the shows that I do and the audiences I play to, that's what they want to hear. They don't want to hear the new stuff."

Gartshore wrote the album's title track because of his belief in staying true to the country genre.

"I wrote it because mainstream radio doesn't play our kind of music anymore," he said. "The country music of today, in my opinion, isn't country music at all."

Song lyrics alone don't make a true country song, he said.

"They [producers in Nashville] think that if they put a pick-up truck or cornfield in the words to the song, that makes it country."

He's also received praise for the song "Stand Up for our Legions" – a tribute to war veterans of the past, present and future.

"I've played that song as my closing song for every show that I've done this year to a standing ovation every time. It's going phenomenally well. This kind of thing really strikes a chord with these people."

Gartshore has been thanked by veterans for writing the song and one woman gave him a "Support Our Troops" flag, which he places at the front of the stage for each of his performances.

"If we don't stand up for our legions, we're not going to have them," he said, adding that it's time for Canada to "stand up for our armed forces."

When Gartshore was approached about

donating copies of his new album for inclusion in care packages that will be sent to soldiers, he willingly stepped up to the plate.

Gartshore's first album, "Long Wait", was released in 2010 and featured a number of well-known cover tunes. The CD he put out last year, "Black Freightliner", was dedicated to a good friend of his who passed away unexpectedly.

A County of Haliburton roads department employee by day, Gartshore has developed his musical talents by performing at shows and jamming with friends and family. He picked up his first guitar at the age of 16.

The album contains 13 songs, one of which features his 11-year-old grandson Jackson and son Gavin.

"He's [Jackson] a very accomplished guitar player and he's a good singer. My son, Gavin, is on this album and the second album."

Although Gartshore won't be giving up his

day job any time soon, he's pleased with the level of success he's attained.

"We get to meet some really nice people and we have a really good time doing it. I know I'm never going to get rich and famous, but I don't care. We're just doing it because we enjoy it."

Gartshore appreciates all the support he's received from the local community.

"I'd like to thank John [Thomas] from the Stedman's V&S department store. John has been super supportive ever since I started this."

He also thanked Canoe FM for regularly playing his music and selling his albums.

From Where I.R. is available at Canoe FM in Haliburton and Stedman's in Minden.

For more information call Gartshore at 705-286-3865.

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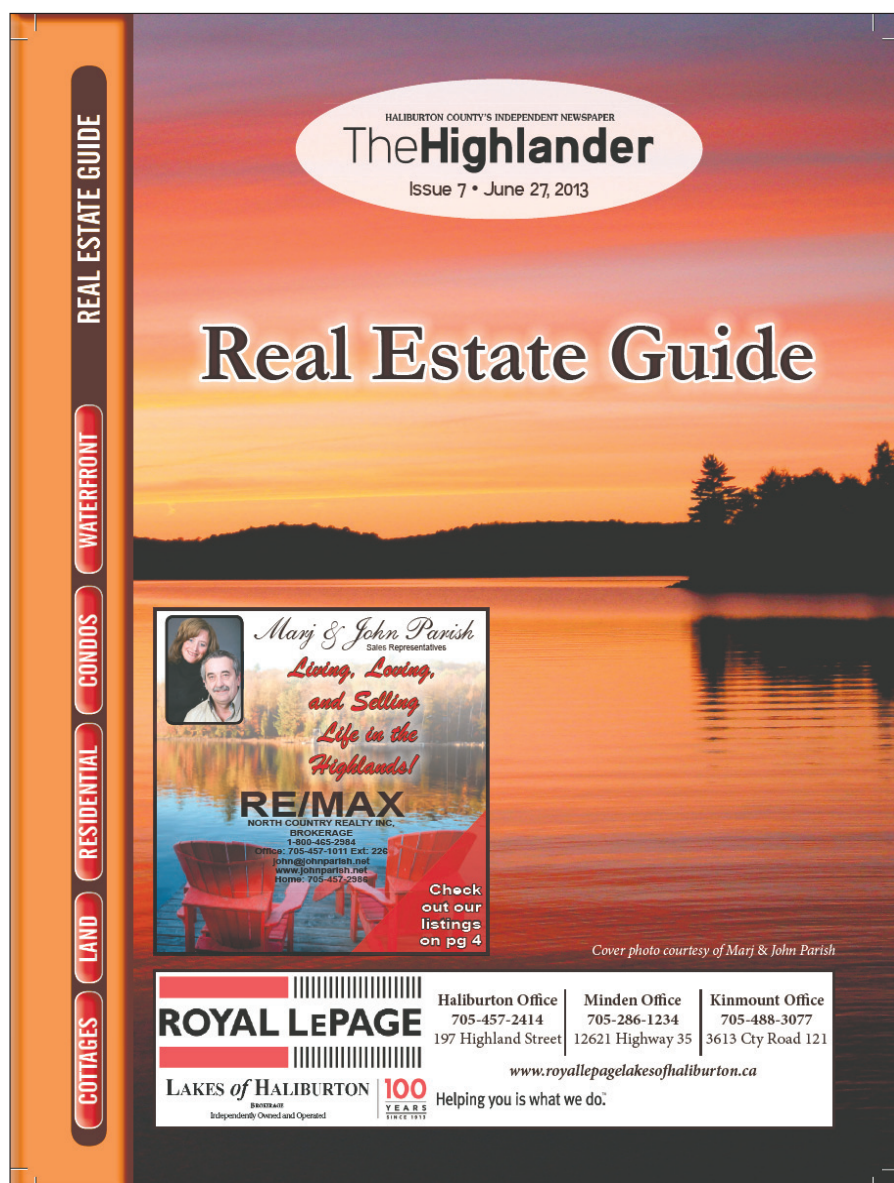
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Kaia Oster Roberts catches a dragonfly on her knee. Top right: A rare arrowhead spiketail dragonfly spotted in Dahl Forest.



Naturalists find rare dragonfly in Dahl Forest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A rare species of dragonfly has been discovered on one of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's (HHLT) properties, making it the second recorded sighting in the county to date.

Naturalists Ed Poropat and Kyle Holloway located the arrowhead spiketail dragonfly on June 22 in the Dahl Forest, a 500-acre nature reserve located south of Gelert.

"We stepped into a clearing in the woods to see what was flying in the area," said Poropat, who was exploring the property with Holloway.

"We stepped into a clearing in the woods to see what was flying in the area. We had already seen and photographed a few interesting things. I spotted a large dragonfly perched on a scrubby bush."

Poropat could quickly tell it was a member of the spiketail family (there are four different types in the province), however, he didn't expect it to be the Arrowhead.

"I expected to see one of the more common types in my net, but was ecstatic to find out it was actually an Arrowhead," he said, pointing out that they photographed the dragonfly before releasing it.

On June 30, Poropat returned to the Dahl Forest to see if the dragonfly had been breeding on the property.

"I checked a nearby creek but found nothing flying. I decided to check a different creek about one kilometre away on the off chance that it could be there. Within minutes of getting to this site, I spotted a spiketail cruising low along the edge of the water."

This confirmed that the species was using the habitat on the property, said Poropat.

The arrowhead spiketail can be found throughout central and southern Ontario, but it has very specific and limited habitat requirements. This is why it's considered rare and many authors describe it as elusive.

Colin Jones, biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), says the dragonfly's habitat usually consists of small forest streams (rivulets) that are typically spring-fed.

"This particular habitat is not super rare, but the species does not seem to be restricted to it and it doesn't seem to be found in every situation that meets this description," said Jones.

Arrowhead spiketails are slender, dark creatures with striking yellow markings on their bodies. They received their name for the two yellow stripes on the thorax and a single line of arrowhead-shaped markings along the top of the abdomen. They also have brilliant green eyes.

These spiketails live in tiny woodland streams and spend most of their lives as spidery-looking larvae called nymphs. They bury themselves in sand and hunt passing invertebrates by ambushing them from below. When ready, they hatch and emerge as the adults we recognize as dragonflies.

The name spiketail is derived from the ovipositor (egg depositing structure) on the female. It is very distinctive and looks like a small nail sticking out the back of the abdomen. The female lays eggs by driving her abdomen with great force into the stream sediment. She appears to hover briefly then slams into the water with a splash, and drives her abdomen into the creek bottom, releasing eggs in the process. She repeats this many times while working her way down or up the creek.

A tracked species in the province, the arrowhead is currently ranked an S2 (imperiled by definition). This means it's currently known to be present from anywhere between six and 20 sites.

"With more people out looking, however, I'm sure that this number will continue to increase," said Jones. "It may be more appropriate for us to rank this species S2S3. So, this means that we know it occurs from between six and 20 sites, but that we suspect it is more common."

It could be an S3, which would put it at anywhere between 21 and 80 sites, said Jones.

This recent discovery "speaks to the environmental integrity of our county," said Poropat.

"I believe genetic diversity is a barometer of the health of our environment. Dragonflies in particular are very susceptible to changes to their environment, largely because they are creatures of the water. Pollution quickly affects many species and reduces the diversity of species. Many species of dragonflies (and other living things) means there is a good diversity of habitats remaining in our area, suggesting a largely healthy environment. This spiketail is simply another piece of the ecological puzzle that is Haliburton County."

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

PUBLIC NOTICE ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The County of Haliburton Roads Department hereby informs travelers and residents of County Road 6 (Eagle Lake Road) that the road will be under construction on or about July 30 to September 1, 2013.

The affected section of road is west leg of Still's Road to County Road 14 (Haliburton Lake Road). The work to be carried out will include some concrete curb removal, some replacement of storm sewers, asphalt surface removal (through a process of milling), repaving of the road surface.

Motorists are cautioned of the presence of workers in the construction zone and asked to adhere to the posted, reduced speed limit.

The County of Haliburton thanks all motorists and residents for their patience during this disruptive period.

DATED at Minden this 15th day of July, 2013.

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Highlander environment

Beetles and bark disease threaten forests

Beech and ash most at threat from invaders

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The emerald ash borer (EAB) beetle continues to cause concern for ecosystem health, as does beech bark disease.

The county recently received letters on both subjects from concerned organizations.

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) expressed its concerns and desire to “ensure that the County of Haliburton is aware of the significant new biological threats to the health of our landscape.”

The HHSC is concerned about the devastating effects of the EAB, which is destroying ash trees across southern

Ontario, parts of Quebec and the northeastern United States.

“Of greater concern is what the beech bark disease is doing to our landscape,” adds HHSC chairperson Jim McHardy. “There are two direct impacts. There is economic loss of timber and firewood harvest. There is also the significant loss of [a] food source for wildlife populations.”

The HHSC is requesting the county work with local foresters and other partners to increase communication about the effects and progression of both the EAB and beech bark disease.

The Ontario Urban Forest Council wants the county to endorse their proclamation calling for a federal and provincial role in urban forestry to address the EAB’s progress.

President Toni Ellis refers to the recent decision by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to expand regulated areas north to the French River next year. This would mean currently restricted ash wood and mixed firewood, potentially infected by the EAB, would be allowed into more

northerly communities, including the county.

The county is already supporting a lobby for a different CFIA option that would avoid this issue.

According to Ellis, the federal and provincial governments are not providing sufficient financial/management support to municipalities for implementation of any part of an EAB program, and this plus the CFIA’s decision to expand the regulated areas has led to the council’s proclamation.

The document calls on the federal and provincial governments to establish urban forestry mandates and programs, including funding assistance to municipalities for the control and management of the EAB “and any future significant imported diseases and insects,” as well as creation and funding of programs that will support ongoing sustainable management of urban forests.

Both letters will come before council for consideration at its regular meeting July 24.

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Photo by Warren Riley

John Mathews leads the pack while Mathew Shuckett, Josh Gordon-Katz, Zack Freedman, Jonah Feldberg and Jordan Strong give chase down the hill.

Brits kick off bike tour

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Two English mountain bikers decided to brave the mountain and compete at the second Sunday X-Country race series at Sir Sam's on Eagle Lake.

John Mathews and Jordan Strong are Manchester natives and were thrilled at trying the course for their first time on July 14.

"It was a good competition," said Mathews. "Our real problem on the course was those diggers [deer flies] you seem to have. They were a real pest."

Sir Sam's is renowned for its competitive hills which Mathews was

reluctant to attempt at first sight.

"The hills here at Sir Sam's were a challenge for us as mountain biking really isn't one of our major activities," he continued. "I found them [the hills] to be quite tricky yet they gave us a good fight. We just enjoyed the day and watched as the other competitors passed us."

Strong found out why competitions are held at Sir Sam's. Both men stayed the course but eventually decided to give up and just enjoy the ride.

"John and I intend on going from competition to competition while in Canada," he said. "But if these hills at Sir Sam's are any indication of what we can expect at future races,

then I'm certainly having second thoughts. Instead, I might just enjoy the countryside and bike more like a normal person."

The Brits agree that Highlanders have been generous with their knowledge and cordial in nature.

"We have found Haliburton to be truly friendly and extremely helpful," Mathews commented. "We definitely will be coming back. It's a beautiful part of Canada and we are enjoying every minute of it."

The two Englishmen will continue travelling west and terminate their Canadian tour in Whistler B.C. before heading south into Washington State.

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1. File No. SRA-11-10
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 24, Concession 6, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9431, registered September 17, 2012.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT The Township of Minden Hills, this 11 day of July, 2013.

Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE: July 29, 2013
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario.

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

File No. MV A13/2013, Part Lot 10, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson – Tennyson Road
Purpose: The applicant is proposing to demolish an existing non-complying dwelling in the Shoreline Residential (SR) zone, and to replace it with one that is higher and larger. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 iii) to increase the height of the building by 0.89 metres (2 feet, 10 inches) more than the permitted 1.2 metre (4 foot) increase (total proposed height increase is 2.09 metres, or 6 feet 10 inches).
2. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the building by 22% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed building will be 47% larger than the existing building). The proposed lot coverage will not exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage in the Shoreline Residential Zone.

File No. MV A14/2013, Part Lot 12, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden – Shady Lane
Purpose: The applicant requires relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10 for the extension of a structure within 15 metres of the High Water Mark, and to construct a Sleeping Cabin on their lot in the Shoreline Residential Zone within the required front yard setback. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 ii) to permit the extension of a non-complying deck structure within 15 metres of the High Water Mark.
2. To construct a Sleeping Cabin 8.2 metres (26 feet, 10 inches) from the High Water Mark.

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

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

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

Dated this 18 day of July, 2013

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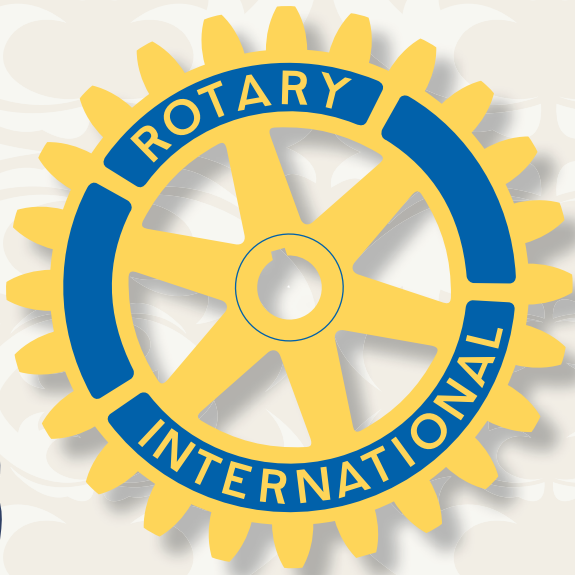
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Highlander events



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Left: Dave Londry gives Victoria Derkach some advice on how to handle the 12-gauge shotgun. Above: Dave Jarvis talks pistol safety with a group of women. Left: Matt Jarvis looks on while Christa Rickard and Crystal Alton fire off a few rounds.

Ladies day at the shooting range

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The ladies took over the firing range this past weekend, and they meant business.

On July 13, 14 women picked up firearms, some for the first time, for the third annual Ladies Day at the Haliburton County Marksmen's Club.

Event organizer Sylvia Londry said her goal is to get women more comfortable with firearms.

"The main idea behind it is to offer... all ladies an opportunity to come out and shoot together," she said. "[They] learn about safety and [how to] handle a firearm, and it's a fun and low-key way of getting to handle a firearm without the intimidation of other shooters that have been shooting for long periods of time and

have lots of experience."

The shooters were given shotguns, pistols and rifles to try.

"Some of the ladies would have shot at other Ladies Days, or some of them have a background doing a bit of hunting, but never had the opportunity to use other types of guns [like] pistols," Londry said.

They each received some one on one time with an instructor who shows them how to safely handle the firearm, and properly aim and shoot the guns.

"It was open to all the membership as well as anyone else in the community who felt they'd like to come out," she said.

Victoria Derkach is one of the women who participated in the ladies-only shoot.

"It was exhilarating," she said. "I had a great time. It was a wonderful experience for any woman who is not well-known to

firearms. It was a great experience for all levels."

Derkach has shot pistols before with her boyfriend, who was one of the instructors at the event.

"That's how I got into it," she said. "I've always had a general interest for it, but just didn't have the resources to do it. I greatly enjoy it. It's such an empowering experience."

Making the transition from firing handguns to a 12-gauge shotgun proved a challenge for her.

"It takes getting use to," Derkach said. "Specially with open sights, I struggle a little bit with [that], and when it comes to long-range distances. When it comes to up close, I find that's where I excel."

Derkach is taking every opportunity to get out to the range, and is hoping later

this fall to complete her restricted firearm license so she can own handguns of her own.

"[This shoot] was a fantastic experience for anyone who's [new to] guns and never shot before," she said. "A big thank you to Sylvia [Londry] and all the volunteers that were out there."

Londry said this year's even was a success.

"It turned out very well," she said. "It was a great success. Many of the ladies went home with maybe a little different attitude towards guns in general."

For women who want to get into shooting but might be intimidated, they can expect this event to happen again next year.

"Our last statement to the ladies was if you enjoyed yourself, bring someone with you next time."



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Photos submitted by Nicole Rallis

Above: The Highland Roller Derby girls get ready for 'The Dance of the Derby Girls' to be performed during this year's Dusk Dances performances. Right: A dancer practices her part in the 'Checkmate' dance.

Dusk Dances to light up the night sky

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's the summer event that always has a way of dazzling audiences night after night.

With a total of five never-before-seen performances in Haliburton, Dusk Dances is expected to once again bring high-quality entertainment to the Highlands.

"It's going to be a great show," said Sylvie Bouchard, curator and festival director. "I think people will definitely see something different, and something that they have never seen before."

The seventh annual event will feature traditional and contemporary dances in the park between July 18 and 21. Three of the performances will feature out-of-town dancers, some of whom have been part of Dusk Dances for six years or more. Two of the pieces, "Checkmate" and "Dance of the Derbygirls" have been choreographed by local residents

and feature members of the community.

According to Bouchard, the dances will be more visually pleasing than ever. "There's a lot of big visual set ups," she said.

The first piece, which is titled "The Horologium", features a dancer against a tree with a long white dress. Dancers, who are tied at the waist, attempt to escape out of her dress.

"Onward Ho, My Love" is also one of the larger than life touring pieces.

"It's visually very stunning. It's 60 feet of red fabric with 60 feet of plastic on top of it. There are four big arches, and at the end of the arches is a plastic bag with water in it. I won't say what happens."

Inspired by our fear of nightfall and darkness, "Crepuscular" will close the event with stunning visual projections.

"It features projections, which is something that we've never done before."

For Bouchard, Dusk Dances is

successful because it brings the community together with the touring performers.

"It makes no sense to come here in a park, do a show and not involve who's here. I think it works the best when the two are married. That's why we choose pieces the community likes."

Dusk Dances was created by Bouchard, who is also a dancer and choreographer, in 1993. The first event was held in Toronto at Trinity-Bellwoods Park's Ravine and was part of the Fringe Festival of Independent Dance Artists.

Dusk Dances Inc. is now in its 19th season and includes event licensees in Ottawa, Peterborough and Haliburton.

Dusk Dances starts at 7 p.m. each evening. A number of dance workshops will be held in the park at 6 p.m. prior to each performance.

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Gooderham gearing up for big birthday bash

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Gooderham is getting ready for a party. The village is preparing to celebrate its 140th birthday later this summer, and everyone is being invited.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig is a lifelong Gooderham resident and the chair of the event's organizing committee. She and her sister hosted a hugely successful school reunion for the classes of 1923-1963 – the years the schools were in Gooderham – back in 2000.

"Everybody's been after us to do another event, and we decided to do the 140th," she said.

The celebrations are being held on Aug. 3 and 4 at the Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre in Gooderham. The official opening is at 11 a.m. on the Saturday with a ceremony including Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, county warden Carol Moffatt, and Highlands East reeve Dave Burton.

Activities include heritage displays, both inside the community centre and outside. These will include quilting, crocheting and knitting demonstrations, corking, wool spinning, and weaving demonstrations.

One resident is also bringing a treadle sewing machine.

"You pumped it with your foot and you had to get that just right in order to make the top part sew," said Stoughton-Craig. "That's how everything was sewn with a treadle. There was no power."

Visitors on the day will be able to get hands on with some of the demonstrations as well.

"All the people can see this, and if they want to try it, [that's] fine," she said. "They can participate and will be shown how to do it if they want to."

Other displays include items from the old general store and even an antique casket.

When you walk through the exhibits, Stoughton-Craig said it should bring you back to an earlier time.

"The majority of us are going to dress with long skirts," she said. "Then we're going to have all kinds of other displays to do with washing and bathing, ironing, old games and old sports equipment. And we're going to have the union display."

There will be activities for the kids to enjoy as well.

One of the exhibitors is bringing a rope making machine and visitors will be able to make their own dog leashes and ropes. The Haliburton Farmers' Association will also be on-site with a variety of live animals on display.

"That's really neat because it fits into our program and there will be people there who've never seen a live cow up close or chickens running around."

Stoughton-Craig has even put the call out to anyone with an antique or

vintage vehicle to come and set up for the antique car show.

The horseshoe tournament gets started at noon and is \$10 per person.

During the afternoon, the Gooderham Community Action Group will be putting out a box lunch for free. Later in the evening, starting around 6:30 p.m., there will be a large bonfire and barbecue set up with live bands playing music.

The festivities continue into the next day, starting at 9 a.m. with a breakfast by the Gooderham Community Garden group. The displays will still be out for people to enjoy from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., however the live animals will not be there.

Stoughton-Craig said she's excited for the 140th celebration and hopes people come out to support the free event.

"[We want them] to help us celebrate and to see some really rare and interesting displays, because they are," she said. "You learn about not only Gooderham's past, but exactly what the whole area was."

Everybody's been after us to do another event, and we decided to do the 140th.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig
Event organizer



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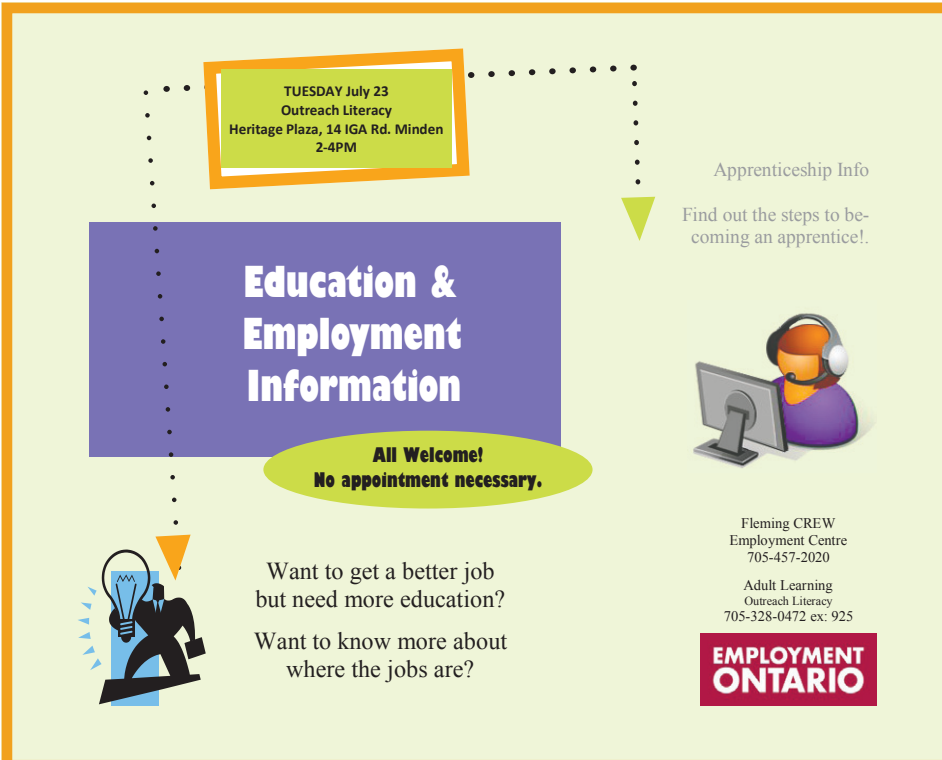
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Pictured here are four young kids who participated in the 17th annual Dorset Fishing Derby. All the kids walked away as winners. Left: Stella McCartney in her pink lifejacket. Middle: Bryn Davies enjoying her time on the dock. Right: Austen and Mason Latanville anxiously wait for a bite.

Dorset derby becomes family tradition

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They might not all have been keepers, but the kids didn't care.

On July 13, 62 kids took part in the 17th annual fishing derby in Dorset. The children stood on the public docks in Dorset, lines in

the water, anxiously waiting for that next bite.

"Every kid came with at least two parents and some came with grandparents," said Melissa Alfano, recreation programming coordinator for Algonquin Highlands. "It was great."

Alfano said all the kids received a prize. The contests ranged from coolest tackle box

to the best fishing hat.

"It was successful," she said. "All the organizers that are on the committee, most have been there since the beginning. We noticed some of the kids that participated in the first [derby], now 17 years later have kids of their own."

"It's become a real family tradition."



Photos by Walt and Valerie Griffin

Make it Minden makes its mark

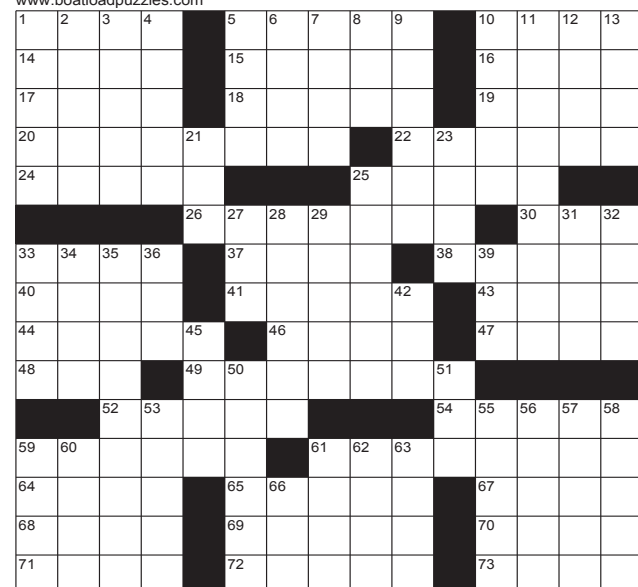
This year's Make it Minden events kicked off at the Rivercone on July 10. Each Wednesday until Aug. 28, Minden's downtown will play host to various events and activities for Minden residents.

Pictured above, a group of residents break it down to some music. Right: The Highlander's very own Walt Griffin won the banana split eating competition.



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15. Excuse
16. Foray
17. Bears' lairs
18. Pierces
19. Man or Wight
20. Forefather
22. Untidy conditions
24. Lift up
25. Massachusetts city
26. Breakfast foods
30. Gay Nineties, e.g.
33. Zilch
37. Coastal bird
38. Brought to a close
40. Always
41. Concerned one
43. Innings number
44. Rushed
46. Flower
47. Dines
48. Spanish cheer
49. Warned
52. Cavalry sword
54. Details
59. Fight back
61. Football field
64. Moistureless
65. Stories
67. Humorist ____ Barry
68. Quote
69. Avoid capture
70. Vietnam's continent
71. Lock openers
72. Actress ____ Witherspoon
73. Scallion's kin

DOWN

1. Plane spotter
2. Ring
3. Leonardo da ____
4. Slackens
5. Bygone
6. Chorus voice
7. One who fibs
8. Wane
9. Gloomy
10. Stand up
11. TV and radio (2 wds.)
12. Distance measure
13. Some poems
21. Min. part
23. Different
25. Least daffy
27. And so on (abbr.)
28. The Grim ____
29. Blooper
31. Tenant's payment
32. Citrus drinks
33. Roman emperor
34. The ____ Office
35. Requirement
36. Before, to poets
39. SSW's opp.
42. Seeded bread
45. Specks
50. Alphabet part
51. Accomplished
53. Assistants
55. Wave type
56. Make disappear
57. "Men in Black", e.g.
58. Move furtively
59. Display stand
60. Great Lake
61. Sticky stuff
62. Cincinnati team
63. Words of comprehension (2 wds.)
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	Minden Lions Club all you can eat spaghetti dinner – Lions Club in Minden, 5-7 p.m. \$10, all funds dedicated toward meeting community needs. Music by the Gull - Gord Kidd and 50/50, 7 p.m.	11th annual Stanhope Heritage Day - Stanhope Museum Grounds, 9-3 p.m. Something for everyone! \$2 admission, free for kids under 5. Detailed event guide at www.stanhopemuseum.on.ca .	Dragon boating second practice – Haliburton RPM, 1 p.m. \$25 fee, all equipment provided. Everyone welcome!
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TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m. Rails End Art Attacks for Kids – Rails End, 11-12:30 p.m. 100.9 CanoeFM Bingo - (every Tuesday), 6 p.m. 705-457-1009	Community Drum Circle - (every Wednesday) - Rails End Gallery @ 6:30 p.m., 705-457-2330 Rails End Art Attacks for Kids – Rails End, 1:30-3 p.m.	Rotary Charity Golf Classic – Contact HHHSF at 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580, foundation@hhhs.on.ca Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting , 1 p.m. Rails End Art Attacks for Kids – Rails End, 11-12:30 p.m.	25
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
Haliburton Art & Craft Festival – Head Lake Park, 12-6 p.m. Rails End Art Attacks for Kids – Rails End, 1:30-3 p.m.	Chicken and Rib BBQ – Curling Club. Draw prizes and silent auction. Call Melissa at HHOA for tickets, 705-457-9664. Haliburton Art & Craft Festival – Head Lake Park, 10-6 p.m. HCSA Golf Tournament – Lakeside Golf Club in West Guilford, tee off 1 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Museum's annual fundraising book sale – 66 Museum Rd, 10-4 p.m.		28
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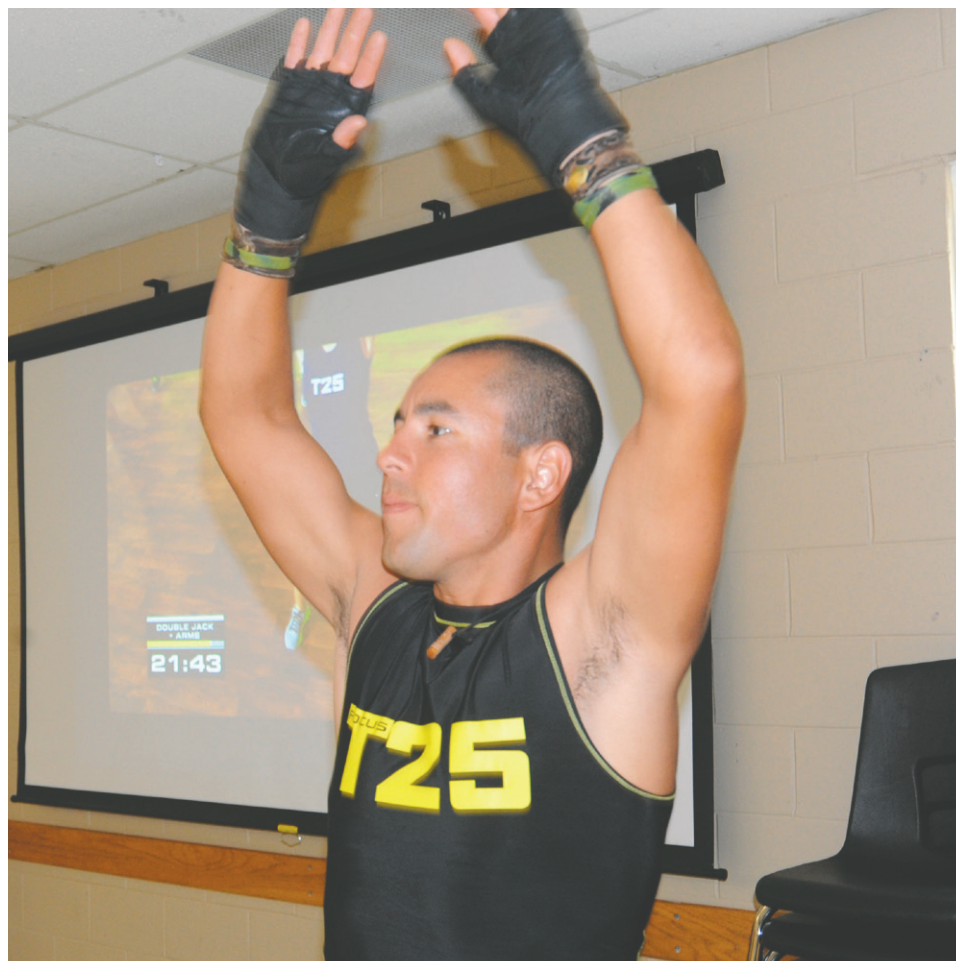


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Gustavo Rojas leads participants through a T25 workout at "Get FIT for Minden" on July 13. The event raised just over \$100 for Minden's flood relief efforts.



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OBITUARIES

OBITUARY

Lois V. Mens (nee Hill) 1925 - 2013

Lois passed away peacefully at Empress Garden Retirement Home in Peterborough. Predeceased by her husband John Roderick Mens (2010). Left to cherish her memory are her daughter Fran (Clarence Lameman), Stepsons Fred (Anne Archer), Neil Mens, Lawrence (Kate Hawthorn). Sadly missed by grandchildren Aileen, Michael, Beth, Rob, Tim, Geoff, Melissa and Sarah. Lois leaves her brother Keith (Mildred), sister-in-law Shirley and brother-in-law Norman Harrison. Predeceased by brother Jack Hill, sister Betty Harrison and nephews Dan, Andy and Tim.

Cremation has taken place and service was held Friday, July 12. at St. John's Anglican Church in Ida, followed by interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

NOTICE



SATURDAY WALK-IN CLINICS

WHERE: Haliburton Family Medical Centre - 7217 Gelert Road - beside Haliburton Hospital

WHEN: Saturdays - June 15th to August 31st

TIME: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Gayl Morgan

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare - Haliburton on Wednesday afternoon, July 10, 2013 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of Fred Morgan. Loving mother of Debbie and Gregory and his wife Tamara both of Brampton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Amy, Daniel, Haley, Brett, Jarrett and Wyatt. Dear sister of Diane of Saskatoon. Gayl enjoyed knitting, sitting on the swing looking at her tiger lilies in the garden and most of all her family.

Private Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

A private visitation and Funeral Service was held. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the
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Highlander technology

A week without internet

Last week I went on vacation with my family to a cottage north of North Bay. It had no internet access. A whole week without the internet... could I do it? Yes I could!

It only took a couple of days into my journey to realize I had no idea what was going on in the world. Was Harper the devil? Had the Blue Jays won the World Series? Without TSN and CTVNews websites, I just had no idea. But wouldn't you know it? It was my local newsstand that came to the rescue. There are these things I'd remembered from my youth called newspapers. They have all sorts of information about foreign and domestic affairs. And that's not all. It has a crossword puzzle. Have you seen these things? They're amazing. And if you devote hours and hours of your life to them, you might be able to solve one. Typically, I start the day checking Environment Canada's website for the

weather. I'll admit, without it, I was pretty lost. I mean, I put my hand out the window and all that stuff, but how to know what the weather will be like later? That's when I remembered that rectangular thing. It was a television! And TV had live morning shows with bland middle-aged men called weathermen. They stood in front of a green screen, pointed at a map and told you what to expect. My sixth full day without the internet presented a surprising challenge: the loss of online banking. I was trying to order a pizza but I had no cash. I needed

to transfer the \$18.98 I had in savings over to checking. What to do? There was no food in the cottage and I was hungry and broke. Also, ATMs don't let you take out less than 20 bucks.

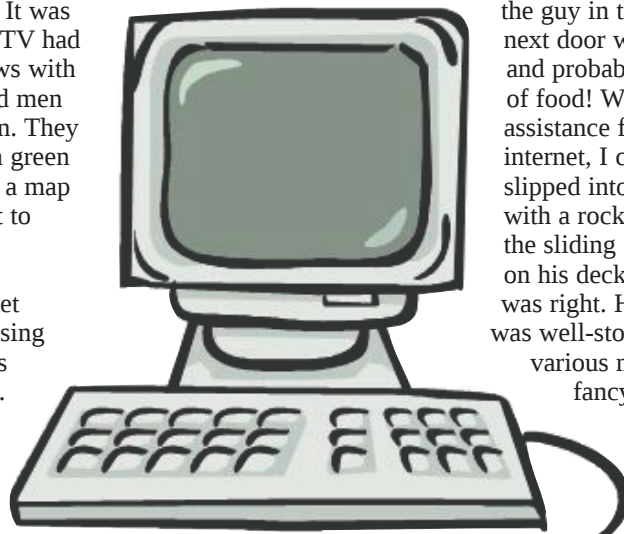
And then I remembered: the guy in the cottage next door was rich and probably had lots of food! Without any assistance from the internet, I cleverly slipped into his home with a rock through the sliding glass door on his deck. And I was right. His fridge was well-stocked with various meats and fancy cheeses. I made several

sandwiches and washed it down with a helping of fancy microbrews.

That's when I remembered I could have made the money transfer over the phone, but no regrets. I mean, seriously, the dude had like four different kinds of cheese. The first thing I did when I got home was go to the computer and check my e-mail while my wife unpacked the car. There was NO fluttering of the eyes or the warm feeling of intense pleasure as I watched all 376 e-mails downloading to my inbox. Then I realized I had beaten my internet addiction! Now excuse me while I update my Facebook status, pay some bills, and check out the baseball scores. Do you have questions or comments? E-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman




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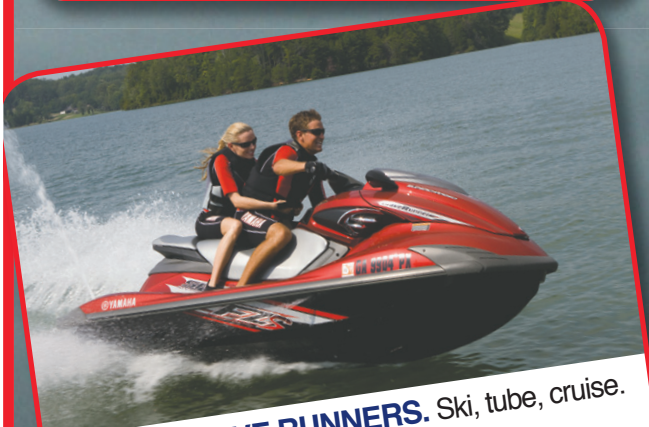
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1144 GRACE RIVER \$229,000



- 195 feet of river frontage on a 2 lake chain
- Spacious, bright home, full basement w/ walk-out
- Level lot, boat house, Bunkie, swimming pool
- Great view of Grace Lk from the deck

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- 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, triple car garage
- Paved circular drive, ample parking
- Neat & clean, 2,500 sq. ft. of living space
- Central air & central vacuum, hardwood floors
- 30 x 17 pool, plus loads more

2 LAKE CHAIN \$250,000



- 3 bedroom, 4 season home
- Over 390 feet frontage
- 2 lake chain for miles of boating
- Year round access
- Hardwood floors, remodelled kitchen



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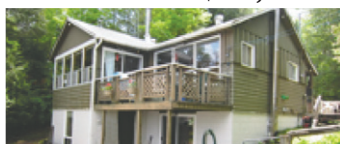
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ACRES + GRAVEL PIT \$199,000



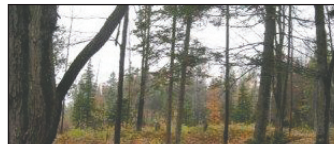
- 155 acre property, very private
- Includes 66 acre Class B gravel pit
- License fully transferrable
- Close to village of Kinmount
- Pasture area, well-treed, large pond

KINMOUNT \$225,000



- Year-round 2+1 bedroom home
- 2 baths, wood floors, great kitchen
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- 25 acres – very private with large pond
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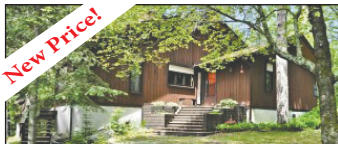


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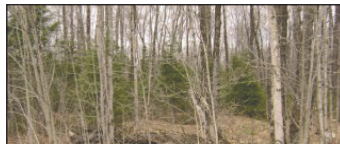
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KOSHLONG LAKE \$739,000



- Extremely private custom waterfront home
- Spacious with many extra features
- Towering pines, rock shelf shoreline, great swimming
- Extensive decking
- Year round road close to Haliburton Village

GLAMOR LAKE ROAD



- Great building lot
- Ideal for getaway
- Cottage or retirement home
- Year round road – short distance to boat launch & swimming
- A must see

YEAR ROUND FUN \$289,000



- Cozy cottage with big lake view
- Weed free swimming, miles of boating
- Mature treed lot
- Decking, dock, utility shed
- Great opportunity, 2.5 hr from GTA

GREAT STARTER COTTAGE \$225,000



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath quaint cottage
- Great clean frontage
- Mainly level lot, treed
- Boathouse at waters edge
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GREAT STARTER HOME \$159,900



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

MODERN WATERFRONT HOME \$528,900



- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2100 sq ft home
- 104 ft clean shoreline, 5.21 acres
- Finished lower level walkout
- 30 x 30 garage, shed
- Landscaped lot, decking, easy access

GULL RIVER \$184,900



- 3 bedrooms
- Open concept
- Level lot
- Boat into Moore lake chain
- 2 hour drive from Toronto

BIRCH NARROWS \$634,200



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BEAUTIFUL HOME/COTTAGE \$269,000



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

YEAR ROUND HOME/COTTAGE \$424,900



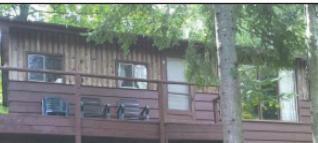
- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1507 sq. ft.
- Flat lot with sandy shoreline
- 475 sq ft tiered decking
- Central vacuum, hot tub, family room
- Detached garage and bunkie

CLEAR LAKE



- White pine log 3 bdrm. cottage built in 2006 with over-sized log bunkie with 2 pc bathroom
- Open concept design loaded in pine with soaring cathedral ceilings with loads of windows facing to the lake and stone wood-burning fireplace
- 120 ft. of southwest facing frontage with sand wade-in beach with crystal clear waters on a spring fed Lk

CANNING LAKE



- 3 bedroom traditional cottage on a sloping lot with 92 ft. frontage on Canning Lk
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CUSTOM HOME \$699,000



- 3bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3360 sq ft
- 120 ft fr with weed free shoreline
- 4 car heated/insulated garage
- Hardwood floors, ensuite, hot tub
- Sunset views, year round access

4 SEASON USE \$644,900



- 6 bedroom, 2 bath, 2688 sq ft
- 140 ft waterfront with clean shoreline
- Sunset exposure, extensive decking
- Hot tub, lakeside shed, dock
- Year round access, comes furnished

100 ACRE RETREAT \$119,900



- 101 acres abutting Crown Land
- 3+ bedroom, 1068 sq ft cabin
- Access to Upper Welch lake via short walk
- Nice trail network
- Ready to enjoy with some furnishings

4 SEASON HOME/COTTAGE \$644,900



- 4 bedroom, 2.5 washrooms
- 2600 sq ft of luxury living
- 118 ft of clean gradual shoreline
- Rare lakeside boathouse/cabin with sauna
- Close to Minden, easy 2 hrs to GTA



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