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Photo by Mark Arike

Children and adults hang a variety of biodegradable ornaments on a Christmas tree at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. See page 31 for full story.

Minden council splits to defeat e-voting

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Online and telephone voting won't be coming to Minden Hills in the 2014 municipal election.

After voicing their opinions at a Nov. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors voted down a motion (4-2) to adopt these alternative voting methods.

At a Sept. 26 meeting, councillors deferred their decision on using alternative voting because of the negative feedback several of them received from the public. The township's chief administrative officer (CAO) and clerk, Nancy WrightLaking, first recommended that council abandon vote by mail for online and telephone voting during a Sept. 12 meeting.

"As council is aware, a decision was deferred so that council could review the Internet and telephone voting methods again, and also so that staff could bring forward some costing on including a paper ballot," said Wright-Laking at the most recent meeting.

In her report to council, Wright-Laking recommended that council approve alternative voting methods as well as a paper ballot option.

Staff still recommend that Internet

and telephone voting would be very appropriate for us to move forward with," she said. "But we did hear you and that you would also like to move forward with a paper ballot."

According to her findings, an election with Internet and telephone voting would cost the township \$40,000. However, an election that also provides voters a paper ballot would cost an additional \$20,000.

Extra expenses would include the rental of tabulating equipment, extra staff and training.

The 2010 election, which was vote by mail, cost the township about \$38,000, said Wright-Laking.

WEVEGOT MORE THAN JUST LUMBER...

Councillor Lisa Schell, who admits to being tech savvy, said she conducted her own survey in Ward 1. The results weren't in favour of online and telephone voting.

"It was an overwhelming response that the residents [of Ward 1] are not interested in Internet voting," said Schell. "So because of that, I'm going to suggest a mail-in vote.'

"I think it's important that we listen to what people want, and I can tell you that it's at least 80 per cent of the people."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said that council should listen to the majority of the township's ratepayers.

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Field Naturalists ask for park improvements

By Mark Arike Staff writer

According to a report from Minden Hills councillor Jean Neville, members of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists feel that Snowdon Park is a gem that could be better utilized.

On Sept. 10, five Field Naturalists went for a walk through the park with members of the township's parks and recreation committee.

"As we were walking, there were recommendations from those members," Neville told councillors at a Nov. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting. "The Field Naturalists use Snowdon Park to a very great degree; they know it like the back of their hand. There are a lot of things that have been sitting there for quite some time that nothing has been done with."

Some of the group's recommendations include: grading the entrance to the park, erecting a "no motorized" vehicles sign, removing fallen trees along Brenda Chambers trail, and placing directional maps on bare posts found throughout the park

Neville said the Field Naturalists encouraged councillors to check out the park for themselves.

"They encourage all of council to go out, on the short route, just to notice what a gem we have here in the Highlands, and how we can better utilize it and have people utilize it," she said.

Councillor Brigitte Gall asked if any funds have been set

aside for park signage in the 2012 budget.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said she wasn't sure if that had happened.

"I think all of this is really the first time we've seen a task list for this park, and I would suggest that we refer this to staff for a more comprehensive report," said Reid, adding that it should be included in the township's 2014 work plan.

In addition to the list generated after the walk, Reid suggested that the park's signage on Cty. Rd. 21 also undergo improvement.

Neville pointed out that she contacted Darren Levstek, the interim community services director, about setting up a parks and recreational meeting with a guest from the Field Naturalists who could speak about the recommendations.

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Voters prefer mail-in ballots

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"I think the comfort zone of the ratepayers of Minden Hills, who are in a position to come out and vote, is most important," said Murdoch. "A lot of them, older people, are not necessarily comfortable with the Internet or computers."

Murdoch added that democracy has been "fought and died for in this country with many wars."

She recommended that council go with mail in voting, a decision that has already been made by all three other municipalities in the county.

Councillor Larry Clarke disagreed, saying that the vote by mail method is complex and leaves plenty of room for error.

"I do not see that as being inclusive," said Clarke. "The Internet system is new, which scares people a bit... but it is a lot simpler than the current system is. It is not something that should be intimidating.

Councillor Jean Neville said that of all the people she has spoken to, none have supported alternative voting methods.

"They don't think it's time for this municipality to go through yet another change," said Neville. "The mail in vote [in the last election] was not properly advertised and a lot of people thought they were going to a polling station when they weren't."

Neville pointed out that many parts of the county still do not have highspeed Internet. She also said that phone lines could get "jammed up" with people phoning in their votes at the last minute, however Wright-Laking later said this statement was incorrect.

"So what I'm hearing is that we're all in agreement that just Internet and telephone voting is not enough for this community," concluded Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "Is that fair to say?"

Reid then said that the mail-in vote doesn't ensure inclusivity – a word that was thrown around the table numerous times.

"There have been issues with inclusivity because of people being away and not able to exercise their vote, people missing from the list, and when they discover that they're missing from the list there's no time to get a ballot in the mail to them," she said. "The current system has some very real, built-in limitations on inclusivity."

In Wright-Laking's report, she states that Internet and telephone voting have been used in Ontario since 2003 and are deemed to be "secure, convenient and popular with the electorate."

"The reality is that this is not new," said Reid. "Fourty-four municipalities in the province are using phone and

Internet voting."

Councillor Ken Redpath was unable to attend the recent council meeting due to illness, however, The Highlander was able to reach him for comment.

"I would've voted in favour of the motion," said Redpath, who explained that he would be opposed to adding the paper ballot option due to the additional cost. However, if it opened the door to Internet and telephone voting, he still would've supported the motion.

Redpath indicated that everyone he has spoken to has said that Internet and telephone voting would be great for the township.

"I'm not sure who they [the other councillors] talked to," he said. "It surprises me because I haven't encountered that at all."

He went on further to say that it's foolish to believe that adopting alternative methods translates to removing democratic rights.

"Quite frankly, I think that's utter nonsense. Yes, people fought for us to have the right to vote, but they didn't fight for the right to make an X on a ballot."

Councillor Brigitte Gall, Murdoch, Neville and Schell all voted against the motion, while Clarke and Reid voted in favour.







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The township purchased the Sunny's Variety property in Minden in September. After the building was inspected by staff, it was found to be in total disrepa

Sunny's Variety demo expected to begin next month

The building that used to house Sunny's Variety will be demolished by Hawk River Construction.

During a Nov. 14 committee-ofthe-whole meeting, Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager for the township, award the tender to the local company in the amount of \$7,565.35 (tax included). "Several quotes came in, but they

were quite different from top to bottom," said Ingram.

Of the six quotes that were received, three were disqualified due to failure to comply with tender submission requirements.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid asked Ingram what the site would look like following the demolition and removal of the building.

"It will look like a gravel parking lot, basically [like] what's behind the arena," he said.

Council will make a decision on the recommendation at the Nov. 28 meeting. Should they vote in favour, Ingram expects the work to begin at the start of December.

Editorial opinion

Remembering the magic

I can already hear it: the music, the bells, honking horns and blaring sirens. It's time for the Santa Claus parade. Or parades, in our case.

Growing up in northern Ontario, I remember my parents bundling my sisters and I up in our heavy-duty snow gear (it was -20 degrees already come this time of year), packing us into the car and driving into town for the parade. It was a struggle to find parking, and then, of course, the long walk to Main Street to wait for jolly old Saint Nick to make his two minute appearance.

But I didn't care. I always had the parade day marked on the family calendar a month in advance.

My favourite part of the parades was always when the marching bands would come around. I could hear them down the road playing all my favourite Christmas jingles. I stood transfixed as they marched past, watching the band leader flipping his baton to and fro, up and down, and I always wondered just how the band managed to follow him, march in time, play, and not run into each other.

There was always a mad grab for candy as elves ran along the sides of the streets, tossing bonbons onto the ground for us kids. I remember thinking how important people must be to ride in the big floats and how big and wonderful they were.

Of course, not even the best marching bands could compare to the jingle of Santa's bells.

"He's coming! He's coming! Mom! Dad! Look!"

And then Santa would arrive in his



and elegant By Matthew sleigh. There he would stand, waving and ho-ho-ho-ing, all the way down the street. How he got from the mall, to the parade, and back again without missing a beat, and still had time to get all the toys ready and deliver them... it was magic to me.

I just stood there, amazed. I'm a bit older now and maybe I've lost some of the magic that used to get me so excited as a child. I'd go as far to say I've had my share of Grinch moments lately, too. I still enjoy the parades, though I'm usually watching from behind a camera lens as the marching band goes by, the police drive through with sirens blaring, the big fire trucks make an appearance and the dancing elves hand out their candy. But when Santa Claus shows up I train my lens on a youngster standing along the side of the road.

That moment when the child sees Santa and his or her eyes go wide in wonder, that's what I try to capture on film. All else is forgotten and there is only the magic. In that instant I remember how good I used to feel and how much fun I had. That's the picture I take and the story I try to tell every year at the parades.

I need to remember those days, before bills and stress and life. The simple times when magic was real and happiness could be found in a man dressed in a red suit driving by on a float. This is parade weekend in both Haliburton and Minden. I'm grabbing some hot chocolate. See you there.

Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice

A few weeks ago I ran into a neighbour at the supermarket. Alice, let's call her, looked fantastic, a full 10 years younger than her 73-year old self.

She beamed at me. I beamed back. I had seen that look before, a certain glow emanating from a woman of a certain age. Last time it was my mother — I had bumped into her quite coincidentally at an event and there she was, sheepishly yet excitedly holding hands with a man who was clearly not my father.

Despite some initial discomfort, I had nothing to complain about, my father having died some six months earlier. If anything, I was pleased Mom had found someone besides me to date on Saturday nights. A modern woman to the core, she had picked him out of an online catalogue. And there he was, already trained, holding her hand in one hand and her shopping bag in another.

Seeing that same glow in Alice, I asked her with a mischievous grin: what's going on? She blushed, actually. It was kind of cute. "I have a gentleman caller," she whispered,

No fool, I knew exactly what she meant. The youngsters may have their hookups and friends with benefits these days; seniors have "gentleman callers" and "lady friends". Whatever the term, don't be shocked to learn there are sleepovers involved.

This was interesting news.

Interesting, because Alice was not divorced or even separated, and her husband, let's call him Ted, was very much, as far as I knew, not dead. But he wasn't exactly on the golf course either, having suffered a major stroke the year before. He had lost most of his mental and physical abilities and was living in a long term care home.

Alice explained that she had met her gentleman caller at the same home, where his wife was in a similar condition to Ted. They each visited their respective spouses daily and over time started to "keep company" as she put it.

This took some time to process. On the one hand, fidelity is an important part of marriage, a firewall against intrusion and betrayal at the heart of our most valued relationships. On the other, what should happen when one person,

unwillingly perhaps but surely, checks out of a long-term marriage and is never to come back?



By Bram Lebo

They're not gone, but they're not here either. The one who remains is still very much married, but without the companionship and support of the other person. Is dutiful celibacy and solitude the only correct course?

Seeing Alice's happiness, I think the answer to that may sometimes be no. Medical advances are keeping many people alive, sometimes for decades, without the physical and mental abilities they may have once had. For their spouses, this can mean being stuck in a kind of social limbo, without the emotional support and joy that can come from an intimate relationship. It's a condition even more constrained in permitted behaviours than widowhood.

I know that were I in Ted's condition, I'd want my spouse to keep living, even if that meant being with someone else. It's something we all need to think about as we age. We can agree 'til death do us part, but many of us tragically part long before; we need to have a plan B, preferably discussed thoroughly beforehand. Having that potentially difficult conversation might at least allow us to know what our spouses would want for us, to at least ease the guilt someone like Alice must feel in those circumstances.

Alice and her beau continue to visit their respective spouses daily. For me, that makes it easier to accept their arrangement, knowing that they continue to care for their partners. Their middle-aged children have responded with mixed levels of understanding and support; I can relate to that. The situation does raise ethical questions about vows, loyalty, honour and respect.

Even so, when the world works in shades of grey, responding in kind may be the most sensible path. Alice won't be getting married to her new friend, and she won't be abandoning Ted either. She, like many in her situation, has simply decided that life is far too short to forgo happiness and joy when you find it, even in the midst of tragedy.

I think Ted would agree.

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Letters to the editor

Legion thankful, proud of cadets

Dear editor,

On a raw windy and snowy day, many members of the Haliburton community braved the elements to gather at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day to honour those young men of our county who gave their lives for our freedom in two world wars.

The Haliburton Legion Branch 129 thanks all the people who came out and participated in our service, especially the students of J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, whose presence was greatly appreciated by our veterans.

The parade followed the church service held in a packed Legion Hall. The service was conducted by our Legion Padre, the Rev. Bev Hicks, with Karl and Terry Upton providing harmony for the hymns.

As the years pass, so do the number of veterans. This year, with such poor weather and it being a working day, fewer members marched in the parade. Regardless, there is something about a parade and the skirl of the bagpipes that brings new life to an old body, and it was wonderful to see veterans and older members stepping out as if they were back in the military again.

Our thanks to the Haliburton Pipe Band and to the Colour Parties from the Haliburton and Minden Legions, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary. Also our thanks to those from the OPP detachment, the fire department, emergency services, and our cadets. Our thanks to the boys of St. Peter's Hockey Academy for marching with us and for setting up the hall for dinner in the evening.

An intergral part of the Remembrance service is the playing of the *Last Post* and *Reveille*, followed by *The Piper's Lament*. Many thanks to trumpeter Rob Snelgrove and piper Brian Sachs.

We are indeed proud of our cadet corp. Smartly turned out in their uniforms, they not only proudly marched in the parade with Colours and Honour Guard, but they provided the two sentries, with reversed arms, at the cenotaph. Later in the day they also served the meal at the veteran's dinner and later cleaned up the kitchen.

To all those who laid wreaths before the cenotaph, we thank you for braving the weather and trust you found this act brought back a moment of memories.

The poppies are gone, the wreaths are laid, but the memories remain.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old, for we shall remember them.

Brian Hambly Sergeant-at-arms Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton

Photo of the week

Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

Have faith in young people

Dear editor,

I would like to add my comments to your editorial and column in the Nov. 14 issue of the Highlander (see 'High marks for Grade 3 class, The Highlander, issue 109, pg. 4). I have always had complete faith in our young people, and this wonderful story is a great example. The kindness shown by these students to one of their peers is heart-

warming. The presentation they prepared was very educational and thorough. Parents, teachers, and the students themselves should be very proud. Minden will be in good hands in the future with exceptional citizens such as these.

Judy Flieger Minden

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Burning hogs, tossing rocks and wearing wigs - The Outsider

"Do you fancy a spot of curling?" asked a friend recently. This took me by surprise. Surely, he (and it was a he, so that made it all the more unusual) could see that my hair was nowhere near long enough to be attacked with the tongs.

"There are curlers in the village and I know they'd be happy to oblige," he continued. Now I was perplexed. The only curlers that I had ever known before were the big spiky plastic ones that my mum had used to wander around the house wearing in her hair, only to panic and run shrieking to her room if the doorbell rang.

'Ermm..." I began in reply but he cut me off with mention of a 'bonspiel', something that while I knew not what it was, immediately conjured visions of the residents of a German city drinking lots of beer. As my brain began to chug slowly into gear, trying to connect getting my hair curly permed and Germanic drinking games, I heard mention of 'stones', 'hogs' and 'burnings': this was surely an event not to be missed. I could see it now. Me, with a giant bouffant wig of luxuriously curly blonde hair (I've always fancied being

a blonde) being served giant pitchers of German beer while singing hearty drinking songs (I imagine you have to do that at all good bonspiels) while standing around a large fire stacked high with hot stones on which the hog is slowly roasting, rather than burning, which only happens if the bonspiel gets out of hand.

"Why yes," I cried. "That sounds like a fabulous idea. Where do I get my wig and how much beer do you want me to bring?"

He looked at me blankly. I looked back expectantly. There was a dumbfounded silence. Slowly I realized that it was now his turn to be dumbfounded.

"Sooo..." I said, "...curling: I guess it's got nothing to do with 1980s football (you can substitute football with hockey) players' hairstyles? And bonspiel? Not a boisterous mid-European alco-fest? Surely, hogs are pigs and burning is *something* to do with fire!"

His eyes first widened and then creased at the edges as he burst into uproarious laughter. By the time he'd stopped and wiped the tears away I'd managed to coax him into a bar and slip the curly blonde wig that I always carry (just in case) onto his head.

Geese take flight over Haliburton.

OK, OK, that last bit is stretching the truth but my ignorance of the great Canadian sport of curling is more than real.

However, on doing some research it seems that Great Britain has a team that is supposedly rather good. This does not equate to most of the country playing the game, though. In fact, most English folks would be just as bemused by a bonspiel as I was. In reality, there are about ten Scottish chaps, living on the very northern tip of Scotland, who slide rocks up and down their loch and they've become very good at it.

Now that I'm read up on curling and privy to at least the basic nuances of the sport, I see it as the winter version of an English game called crown green bowling. While there is no target in bowling, we do aim for a jack. We also throw (or bowl) heavy round balls (or bowls) towards that jack and they curve gracefully as they roll sedately towards their target. The object of the game is to get nearest to the jack and when both teams have bowled one 'end' we do it all over again to rack up points. Similar, eh?

The patrons of bowling are also of mixed ages and fitness levels because there is no really strenuous activity in the sport, apart from jogging alongside your bowl willing that extra few

By Will Jones

feet down the green. Curling I see as similar, although the frantic brushing does seem a little excessive at times. I guess I shouldn't be too hard on neat and tidy folks, though.

The only real difference between the two sports that I can see is that curling is done in a very cold arena or even outside in winter, while crown green bowling is only played on the sunniest of summer days, on a smooth square of manicured grass, and there is always a bar nearby. Oh, and the fact that you Canadians have bigger rocks than my balls.

Finally, in the interests of mutual understanding, I must stress that the wearing of curly blonde wigs or roasting of pigs on hot stones is frowned upon just as much at a bowls match as it is at a bonspiel.

Happy rock tossing!

Letters to the editor

Eye on the street: What are your thoughts on MP Barry Devolin choosing not to run in 2015?



Greg RossMinden

We are going to lose a good person. Sorry to see him go.

Linda Dodds

Gooderham

I am sort of surprised. I felt he was doing a good job up here for us. Passport clinics and all that. I wish him good luck.



Marilyn Hewitt

West Guilford

We need someone to replace him who will stand up for the constituents and address the issues of poverty and unemployment in this county.



I like Barry Devolin. He is down to earth, approachable, and has always been available to his constituents. He's been there for the seniors. Sad to see him go.



Tom Henderson

Haliburton

I think it is a good idea but it depends on who will take his place. I met him in the passport clinics and he was very efficient.



Constituents finally heard by Minden council

Dear editor,

On Nov.14 I attended what I consider an historic committee-of-the-whole council meeting.

I witnessed some council members voting according to the wishes of their constituents who elected them, not necessarily the way they would have personally voted. Wow! Congratulations!

The vote was to accept online or telephone voting. After much dialogue for and against the motion it was defeated 4-2 with Larry Clark and the reeve voting for it. Never have the councillors received so many calls or comments from their constituents against the idea. One survey was 80 per cent against the online voting. There was no education in this voting method given to us regarding the procedure or reasons why we should accept it. One argument was that it is easy, you can vote at home in your pajamas, and it will engage the young people.

Well the other day I took my code from a Cheerio box and pushed buttons to order a Canada toque for my 10-year-old grandson. Yes, the same lad could do it with my code number. Could the same lad take that election envelope, find the code, push buttons and vote? Sure he could. It is that easy! Should election voting be that easy?

Whatever happened to going to a polling station with two items of identification to prove the identity of the voter? We still do this provincially and federally so why is it going backwards as some councillors would have us believe? It is certainly a secure democratic way to vote. I assume we will be voting by mail, the lesser of two evils, in my opinion. At least we have a paper ballot to mark, though there is no proof as to who marks it.

I don't know why the CAO says she will have to hire more staff for a mail-in vote. We still have the same number of staff as the last time this method was used. She says it will be too much for the staff with their regular workload. Elections only happen every four years now so surely they should be up to the task! It is only the CAO who has three jobs: CAO, clerk, and EDO.

This is something we, the constituents, questioned at a special meeting regarding the posting of such a position. At that time we, the constituents, were not heard and the motion was passed 4-3 for a three-job CAO. It is refreshing to know that we may now have a voice. So speak up folks when important issues are being discussed. You just may be heard!

Lois Rigney Minden Hills

Judge councillors by deeds

Dear editor,

I read with interest Bram's column 'Toe of Frog' (see The Highlander, issue 109, pg. 4). Rob Ford certainly has some demons to wrestle with and it appears that the Star's some think vendetta, council's actions, media attention and black humour is forcing him to do something about it. However, there is still Ford Nation out there supporting him. Why? Because to all intents and purposes, he is recognized for doing a good job as mayor and some think his personal life is something he has to deal with, not council. Granted, he is embarrassing the city, bringing Toronto onto the map like never before in every news outlet and comedy show over the world. This will not destroy Toronto's good reputation. They have a lot more going for it outside of politics. Ford will get help and recover or not, but the situation will go away into history and the news will change to something else.

I think we should be more concerned with what our politicians are doing on the job. Ford is smoking crack and doing a good job? Yet the other forty plus councillors cannot come to any decisions regarding transportation, the waterfront, the island airport, and the Gardner Expressway. We have theft, lies, denial, and ineptness at every level of government. Harper denying knowledge of the Duffy affair, McGuinty running away after wasting almost a billion dollars of our money for political gain... these people should be in jail. I believe in transparency in government. Now that's a

real fantasy pipe dream, something that will never happen unless the people demand it at the voting booth. Elect people tired of the same old. People willing to fight ineptness, corruption, and cover-ups. To do what the people demand, good health care instead of cutbacks, education, environment protection for our future generations, access to our own fuel at cheaper prices, accountability for how our taxes are used.

Here in Haliburton, I don't see a lot of the above going on. Our councils have their hands full just trying to make the budget work in a county costing more to run every year. I don't envy their job. However I would like to see more time and money spent on bringing business to the area. Several new businesses have arrived and others relocated to better serve the public. Now we need people and employment to use these businesses. We need to hire a business hunter to entice employers to move their operation to Haliburton. We found our doctors, now go find the business. Our young are getting their education here and leaving for other towns and cities, including my own daughter, now gainfully employed elsewhere. Maybe we need fresh innovative people on council, maybe not, but there is a new election coming up. I would suggest you qualify your vote, or just vote as before, for a name you recognize and sit with the same old, as it seems we do in Federal and Provincial politics.

Ted Cumber Gooderham



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Parks Canada releases TSW report

After two year wait, coalition says analysis fails to address a number of points

By Mark Arike Staff writer

According to a recent report released by AECOM Canada Ltd., management staff at the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) handled last spring's disastrous flood extremely well. However, their findings also indicate that Parks Canada officials should eventually implement a "management tool" to support decision-making in the event of a natural disaster.

"In general, the management decisions contributed to reduce the peak flood flow on April 25 and therefore avoided additional flooding in Minden and downstream to Coboconk, without endangering public safety in upstream reservoir lakes," states the Gull River Flood Review, a 142-page report which was published on the Parks Canada website on Nov. 1. "The flood was not caused by poor decisions. The management staff at the Trent-Severn Waterway did an exemplary job. Other alternative water management decisions would not have led to a reduced overall flooding."

Water levels began to rise on April 19. The following day, localized flooding and road washouts were reported to the Haliburton office of the TSW's National Historic Site of Canada.

"The analysis showed that heavy rainfalls in April combined with snowmelt were sufficient to generate large runoff volumes, and therefore large flood flows, resulting in a flood exceeding the 200 year flood in the Gull River," the report goes on to say.

In addition to advising Parks Canada to create a management tool, the third-party review included a few other recommendations.

"It is also recommended that dam safety

review continue to be carried out for all sites to analyze structural stability of all dams, to provide mapping in case of a dam failure and to have emergency preparedness and response plans available to better assure public safety under large flood conditions."

Also released on Nov. 1 was the 2011 Water Management Study, another report that AECOM was commissioned to undertake for Parks Canada. Two of the operational management recommendations on the list were to develop operational protocols for high and low water conditions as well as increase communication of operational activities.

When asked why it has taken two years to release the 2011 report, Jewel Cunningham, director of Ontario Waterways, said, "The contents of the 2011 Water Management Study have been a topic of discussion with representatives of the Water Management Advisory Council for the Trent-Severn Waterway."

Cunningham said that since receiving the 2011 report, Parks Canada has analyzed the information and implemented a number of recommendations. These changes include the creation of two new water management technician positions to enhance the water management program; more automated water monitoring stations to provide additional situational awareness; and improvements to Parks Canada's water management website.

Cunningham explained that a "computerbased model" could assist the TSW with water management decision-making and complement current operational protocols and tools.

"Parks Canada is currently exploring the use of a hydrological model with partners that may assist the TSW in forecasting inflows," she said. "This may serve as a tool to compliment Parks Canada's current water management practices in the future."

She went on further to say that the management tool described in the Gull River Flood Review would "capture all constraints within the water management program and then weigh these constraints against each other to determine the most suitable means of addressing them based on their relative importance."

Examples of these constraints include locations of water power generation, fish spawning areas, and cottage and residential areas.

The Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) commented on the Flood Review on their website on Nov. 10. While the group agreed with several of the points in the report – such as the causes of the flood and staff's ability to deal with the rising water levels – they questioned the validity of the frequency analysis that suggests this was a one in 200 year event.

The group also felt the report failed to address a number of points. Some of these include: the lack of a clear explanation as to why a number of lakes upstream of Minden were at historic highs in early March; lack of specific comment as to the impact of flood levels on Horseshoe and Mountain lakes; and no concrete proposals for studies that might mitigate the risk of a repeat of the 2013 flood.

After the flood, the CEWF conducted its own review. This was taken into consideration in the recent AECOM report and deemed to capture "many relevant perspectives of those on the lakes."

"The Gull River Review is intended to be a fact-based review of the actions of the TSW, before, during and after the spring flooding of the Gull River," said Cunningham, when asked if Parks Canada had addressed the CEWF's concerns. "AECOM's work related to the formal review of the Gull River flood is now complete."

Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt said the TSW system "is what it is" and that efforts need to go into working with the federal government to address problem areas.

"I think we have to work together with the TSW because there's not going to be a lot of success around railing against them," said Moffatt. "I think it's far more useful for us to try and identify the key things that need to change for us as a community and then work together to implement those changes."

After the report was released, Moffatt met with MP Barry Devolin and Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid to discuss its findings.

"They key component for all of this is communication," said Moffatt, who explained that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has always acted as the public relations agency for the TSW.

"When the MNR sent out a press release to say the flood is coming, it went to about 50 people... it didn't go to any of the politicians. I had that changed."

During a public flood forum in April, Moffatt said she told Cunningham that useful information wasn't finding its way to the public.

"The TSW has the raw data," she said.
"They know day to day how many logs are in, how many logs are out and what percentage of capacity any lake is at. They don't tell anybody."

In addition to better communication, the frequency at which information is released also needs to improve, said Moffatt. A meeting with several key players, such as the CEWF, is in the works.









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Fire Calendar Winners

Week of November 11

John Hansen and Keith Robinson

Week of November 18
Wayne & Dale Toye and Ken Espie

Meetings and Events

November 21

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

November 23

11:30 am, Santa Claus Parade, downtown Minden

November 28

9:00 am, Committee of Adjustment meeting, Minden Hills Council Chambers

December 11

10 am, Finance Advisory Committee meeting, Boardroom

December 12

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

Public Skating

Ice Rentals & Room Bookings

To arrange for an ice rental or to book a room at the Community Centre,
Please call 705-286-1936 ext:200

Monday to Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm Or email communityservicesbookings@mindenhills.ca

Holiday Safety Tips from the Fire Chief

The holidays are approaching and we would like to remind everyone of a few safety tips for the home:

- An artificial tree that has been tested to show noncombustible material would be a safer option
- Tree ornaments/decorations should be made of noncombustible material
- Ensure your tree and other holiday lights are CSA approved
- Be sure to check for any deterioration, loose wires or faulty connections
- Do not use candles or open flames on or near your Christmas tree
- Do not block your emergency exits with decorations



Downtown Minden - Saturday, November 23, 2013

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the 14th annual Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 23rd at 11:30am
This year's theme is
"A Musical Christmas"

The Parade will start from Newcastle Street, follow Bobcaygeon Road, turn onto Parkside Street and end at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena parking lot.

Free photographs with Santa afterwards in the Bowron House at the Cultural Centre.



MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

Agnes Jamieson Gallery ~ Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village ~ Nature's Place 705-286-3763 · 176 Bobcaygeon Road www.mindenculturalcentre.com

Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Christmas Ornament Workshop

Wed, Dec 4 at 6:00 pm, Common Room Instructor Nadine Papp Cost: \$10 per person

How exciting is it to bring out your 'made in China' Christmas ornaments when decorating your tree? Imagine the fun each year of unwrapping and hanging ornaments you made, that can be handed down as little treasures. This is a fun, very inventive but easy workshop where a number of ornaments will be made.

Supplies included.

Call 705-286-3763 to register or for more information

2013 Annual Members' Show

Nov 12 to Dec 21, 2013 Opening Reception Nov 16 at 1:00 pm

In honour of Dr. Agnes Jamieson's wish, this is a non-juried opportunity for members of the gallery to show their most recent artwork. Members are allowed one piece per media that they work in. Entry forms can be found on the Cultural Centre website. Visitors are encouraged to vote in the People's Choice Award, selecting one of their favourite pieces. Winning artists will receive their next year's membership free. New this year, the winner will also be given a 'mini' exhibition the following year at the Members' Show. This year Harvey Walker will be exhibiting his work.

Documentary Query

Know of a dynamo/interesting documentary you've recently viewed on YouTube or a Ted Talk?

This coming winter the newly renovated Common Room will be equipped with new multi-media capabilities. So to 'while-away' the winter evenings we hope to have a few nights that break the bleakness and create some interesting dialogue from viewing different kinds of documentary-like videos.

Email us at gallery@mindenhills.ca with your suggestion and we will keep an ongoing list.

Dates to be announced on our website.



Festival of Trees

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre elves are gearing up for this once a year fundraiser event.

Bigger and better, this year promises to be another impressive display of creative and unique trees, wreaths, garlands, gift baskets and gift ideas.

This year this event will be held:

Friday, November 22 10 am – 8 pm

Saturday, November 23 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, November 24 12 pm – 4 pm

Mark your calendar today! If you would like to volunteer for this fundraiser event please contact Pam Smith at smithpandj@gmail.com



Thank you!

To all the volunteers who helped make and install the bows, boughs and garlands in the downtown core of Minden last week – the Township of Minden Hills thanks you!.

It couldn't have been done without all of your dedication and support.



Barry Devolin: why I'm stepping down

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Barry Devolin will not run for re-election in 2015

The announcement made last week took many in the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock by surprise, however Devolin said it's been on his mind for a while.

"It's the right time for me and my family," he said. "I'm in my 10th year now and it will be almost 11 and-a-half years when the next election rolls around. I never really intended to do this forever, and I don't think it's the kind of job you should try to do forever."

"I turned 50 this year, and some have suggested maybe I'm having my mid-life crisis."

Devolin said people who only know him as the MP were surprised by his decision, but those who knew him before weren't shocked at all.

"I think, especially for provincial and federal level [politics], there's a level of energy and enthusiasm I think you need, that I think in most cases wears down," he said. "I still like my job, and I don't want to stay until I don't like it. I want to end on a high note."

He said to do this job well your emotional energy has to be at a high level and you need a sense of commitment. Some can sustain it for 15-20 years, others less than 10.

It was the riding boundary process last year that first got Devolin thinking about stepping back. The first draft of the new ridings cut ours in half, and although the second draft put it back together, he had already been thinking about what he would do and whether or not he wanted to

relocate his office and staff to run in 2015.

"Once it got loose inside my head, it's hard to put it away and forget," he said. He chose now to make the

announcement so the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding association would have plenty of time to get organized and nominate a new candidate, he said. It also gives him time to figure out what he plans to do after his term ends.

"I'm not independently wealthy," he said. "I need to get a job. That's something I have to think about."

Despite the announcement, Devolin insists he's still on the job. He has identified the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) as his primary project for the next two years.

"There are a lot of different issues that affect our riding, but the TSW is clearly a federal entity that has a major role in our riding in different ways and places."

In September 2012, Devolin called for a new agency to manage and operate the TSW.

"I'd like to see that through," he said.
"I do believe that here in Ottawa we've persuaded people in the government that significant change is needed. The jury is still out on what the structure of that is going to be. I'm looking at, in terms of this kind of change, the electoral cycle is important. Whether I was running again or not, I think this is the time now in the next year or so to try and get some decisions made."

He said he wants to see the TSW on a sustainable footing, from the environmental lake level and fisheries, to the financial side in terms of capital and operating model.

"It's not a park," he said. "A park is a



File photo

MP Barry Devolin at a Places for People grand opening event in Carnarvon last year. Devolin has announced he will not seek re-election in 2015.

green space on a map. This is not natural, it's man-made. It's not be preserved, it's to be utilized and operated. I will be delighted if, before I leave in two years, if we've accomplished that."

Over the last 10 years Devolin said he's happy with the relationship he's built with his constituents.

"I have tried to do the job the best way that I know how. One of the things I have prided myself on is I think I have an excellent staff, and collectively we have put a lot of focus on constituent service."

Devolin has some advice for his successor.

"Our riding is not very centralized," he said. "If you look at ridings like Peterborough, there's kind of at least one dominant city in the middle of it. Our riding has very little core and lots of periphery. Given that I'm from Haliburton, I understand that Lindsay isn't the centre of the universe, so I think it's important to make sure people in communities throughout the riding feel like you care about them."

Stepping away from politics is going to be a big change, Devolin said.

"It's kind of an exciting and scary thing for Ursula and I to talk about what's the next chapter for us and for our kids. We don't know what it is yet. We all need to adjust to what's next and talk about it. I kind of view this as a family decision for the four of us."

Moffatt hosts lively salute

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Carol Moffatt's year as warden of Haliburton County is coming to an

On Nov. 15, Moffatt hosted the annual Warden's Banquet at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. In attendance were local politicians and dignitaries, municipal and county staff members, members of the business and arts community, and past county wardens.

During her speech, Moffatt said she was very thankful for all those who supported her during her first year as warden.

"When it's your first time at it, it can be kind of tough," she said. "It's a job that has no manual and no rulebook. By the time you figure out what you're doing, it's partway

through the year. By the time you've really got it, like now in November, the term's almost up. Maybe we need to have a conversation about how that works."

Moffatt said many other counties have two or more terms for their wardens and that it's something the county might want to look at in the future.

During her inauguration last year, Moffatt said she wanted to make some lasting changes to tourism.

"I think we've done that. [We redefined] the tourism job that brought us Amanda Ranson and [have] new members on our tourism committee. [We have] consolidated our tourism efforts in one direction, giving us a focus."

"To me that was the biggest thing we did this year."

Although it's been a year of

excitement and frustration, Moffatt said it has crystallized for her what she already knew about Haliburton County.

"In the Haliburton Highlands we are diverse and unique among our regional neighbours," she said. "We are a little bit odd but we are clever and strangely collaborative, and that's very important."

To be successful going forward, we need to continue working together as partners and not against each other as competition, she said. We also need to strategically challenge conventional thinking.

"Our future, I believe, will be in embodying a collective philosophy that sets us apart. We deserve more than being the poorest county or black hole of Ontario."



Irondale wants fence to contain community events

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Members of the Irondale community centre committee would like the Township of Minden Hills to erect a permanent fence along the road allowance between the community centre and an adjacent property.

"There's always a lot of confrontation when we have an event outside at the Irondale community centre," said Jean Neville, councillor and member of the committee, during a Nov. 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting. "We have to erect a temporary fence each time [we have an event]. The stakes have gone missing at times. We've had to get out to reestablish where the stakes are... it would

make it much more comfortable for our community centre to put a fence outside."

Neville said she was unsure of how long the fence would need to be or what kind of a price tag it would come with.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid asked Neville if it would be appropriate to refer the matter to staff and have them present their findings to council at the Nov. 28 meeting.

"There's road considerations, property and environmental considerations... if that's acceptable to you, then they'll come back with a recommendation on how to move forward," said Reid. "It sounds like it's a good recommendation."

Neville agreed with Reid to send the issue to staff for review.

Ranson starts talks with Roots for clothing line

Clothing company Roots Canada is open to discussing a new county tourism clothing line.

"It's a bit of a coup for us," says county tourism director Amanda Ranson, explaining the celebrated creator of Olympic clothing and other items doesn't accept inquiries lightly.

Ranson's new tourism brand plan released in October proposed a retail clothing line for potential national and even international reach similar to that achieved by branded clothing from Muskoka and the Rockcliffe Tavern in Minden.

The county's tourism committee has given Ranson approval to continue talks with Roots. Council will consider approval at its Nov. 27 regular meeting.

EMS requests new ambulance

The county's emergency service department is requesting a replacement ambulance for 2014.

The department recommends the county purchase a 2014 diesel ambulance from Crestline Industries for \$125,157 before taxes to replace a 2006 vehicle that currently has in excess of 280,000 kilometres.

The recommended replacement schedule is every five years or 300,000 kilometres. The county receives provincial funding based on vehicle amortization according to provincial rules.

The department's 2014 budget would include the new purchase (from the 2014 capital reserve) and disposal of the 2006 vehicle.

County council will consider the request at its Nov. 28 regular meeting.

Tim's work continues

The new Tim Horton's in Haliburton has been open for a few weeks but there's still work to be done in the area.

County roads staff reported traffic lane painting at the location's entrance off County Road 21 was completed Nov. 20.

However, there remains a problem

County in brief of water entering the intersection too

of water entering the intersection too far before turning into the ditch. Tim's contractors will work on the drainage issue during the week of Nov. 25, weather permitting.

Library donations up

The Haliburton County Public Library has received more income this year and expenses are down slightly.

Library chief executive officer and chief librarian Bessie Sullivan said contributions from the Haliburton County Development Corporation rose from \$5,000 in 2011 to \$7,500 last year and to \$25,000 this year to fund an internship.

Provincial subsidies remained virtually unchanged and income from fees, permits and fines is at 91 per cent of budget. The "contribution from others" line (such as service club donations) is up by 142 per cent. The Wilberforce Library Launchers have raised about \$18,000 for the new library there and the Haliburton Rotary donated \$1,500 toward the Wilberforce "opening day" collection.

Overall revenues are at \$180,201 (versus \$165,447 in 2012) and expenditures are running slightly over 89 per cent for a total net expenditure of \$576,539 at Oct. 31, compared to \$643,700 last year.

County selects logo designer

Design company Crystal Image Studio of Harcourt has received initial approval from the county's tourism committee to design the new county tourism logo. Staff reported Crystal Image achieved the highest rating of seven submissions received through the request for proposals. The Crystal Image bid includes logo usage guidelines. Run by Linda Middleton, Crystal Image has designed logos for The IncrEdible Haliburton County Farmers' Market, the South Algonquin Eatery & Pub, Harvest Haliburton and more. Replacing the current 'A Natural Work of Art' logo is part of the tourism brand plan released in October, Council will review the committee's recommendation later this month.

MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION - RZ 13-06

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone lands located in Part of Lots 4 and 5, Concession 12, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth to General Industrial Exception (M1-X) Zones to recognize deficiencies with respect to lot area and setbacks on the subject properties. The property affected by this application is the subject of an Application for Consent identified by file number H-039/2012; this rezoning application has been submitted to satisfy a condition required to complete the Application for Consent.

AND PURSUANT to the provisions of the Planning Act, the application file including a site plan and a draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for review at the Township Office. Please contact Mr. Adam King in the Township's Planning Department if you would like to review this file.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - RZ 13-06

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

Application for Consent H-039/2012 proposes to sever the subject property to create one severed lot and one retained lot. A Zoning By-law Amendment is required to recognize any deficiencies created as a result of the Application for Consent with respect to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended before the Application can be completed. The subject property is currently zoned General Industrial (M1), and both the severed and retained lots will be rezoned to a General Industrial Exception (M1-X) Zone if the proposed amendment is approved. The severed property will be rezoned to the General Industrial Exception Twelve (M1-12) Zone to address the deficient front yard, side yard, and rear yard setbacks on the property. The retained property will be will be rezoned to the General Industrial Exception Thirteen (M1-13) Zone to address the deficient lot area, and a deficient side yard setback on the property.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below.

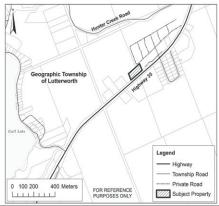
The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not

entitled to appeal the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the bylaw is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Adam King at (705) 286-1260.

Mailing Date of this Notice: November 21, 2013 Nancy Wright-Laking – CAO/Clerk/EDO Township of Minden Hills





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Above: Jon English, captain with the Highlands East Fire Department, puts water on the smoldering remains of a cottage that burned to the ground on Nov. 19. Right: The remains of a cottage on Billings Lake Road.

Cottage destroyed you can shovel this.'

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

A fire in Highlands East has left one Toronto family looking for answers.

On Nov. 19 at approximately 8:30 a.m., the Highlands East Fire Department received a call that the cottage at 1359 Billings Lake Road had been destroyed by fire and was still smoldering. Chief Bill Wingrove said the blaze must have started overnight and nobody saw it in time to call the department. The entire structure was destroyed and only the chimney remained.

Owner Lyle Kanee of Toronto arrived on scene later that morning and was in disbelief at the destruction.

"I'm shocked," he said. "I've never been exposed to fire. I didn't expect to see nothing. [I thought] I would recognize some possessions. I had no sense it would be so... "It's breathtaking."

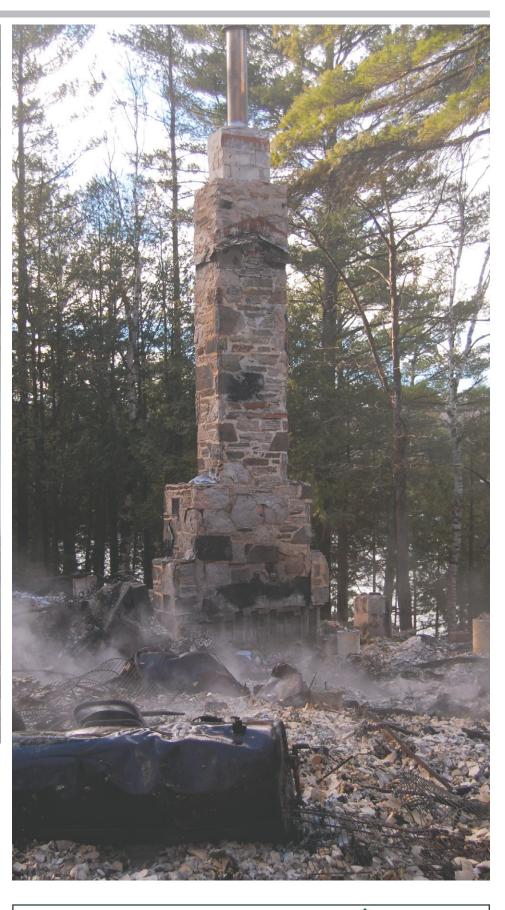
Kanee bought the cottage 14 months ago and just replaced the shingles on the roof last spring, he said. A worker stopped by the cottage at 4 p.m. on Nov. 18 and the building was fine. The next morning a plumber arrived and discovered the ruins. He called the fire department.

"It was a fabulous cottage," Kanee said. "We've got teenagers. We had large gatherings and had lots of space. It's a beautiful setting."

Kanee said the location is great and he and his family will rebuild their cottage.

"It's an awful, terrible thing, but it's just wood, nails and things," he said. "At least no one was inside."

There has been no determined cause for the fire as of press time.





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Highlander business



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton Timmies is officially open

The ribbon was cut on Nov. 15 to mark the grand opening of the new Tim Hortons in Haliburton. Community members and stakeholders were present at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

From left are John Healer, Tim Hortons director of operations; Nancy Bishop, franchisee; Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al; and Jamie Chisholm, developer and president of New Urban Retail Inc.

Home Builders put up fundraising challenge

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) has put forth their 18th annual Christmas challenge.

The organization is collecting gifts for families in the county this holiday season.

"The challenge is to get involved," said Aggie Tose, HCHBA executive officer. "It's to encourage people to get involved and either collect, drop off, or have us pick up food, toys, gift certificates, or whatever they may have for the Christmas season."

Tose said she's looking for donations to give to the 4Cs in Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank to be used to fill holiday food and gift baskets. Families register with the food banks and receive a food basket, as well as toys to put under the tree

HCHBA volunteers will travel to pick up donations across the county, however there are also several drop-off locations including Village Donuts in Haliburton, V&S Stedmans in Haliburton, Cordell Carpet, Moose FM, Canoe FM, LCBO in Minden, Minden Home Hardware, and Dollo's Foodland.

"Once I start getting the lists [from donors], there's usually a group of six or so and we pick up everything, then get it delivered to Minden and to Haliburton."

An idea to collect items is to make donations part of your Christmas parties and events, she said.

"With the home builders, we do it that way. We don't get gifts for everyone. We have people bring some item instead for the party and we take it from there."

Because some of the families receiving the gift baskets have teenagers, Tose said it's a good idea to include gift certificates, around \$15 in value, to local shops and restaurants.

"The gift certificates are easier for teenagers just because they're most difficult to buy for," she said. "Both Minden Food Bank and 4Cs use those to top off gifts for families that do have teenagers."

To participate, simply drop off your donations to one of the above-mentioned locations, or contact Tose at 705-457-6901 to book your gift pickup. Deadline is Dec. 16 so the Minden Food Bank and 4Cs have time to get organized. Gifts should not be wrapped.

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Photo by Walt Griffin

ATV winner bought ticket in Haliburton

A Haliburton Tim-Br Mart customer has won a province-wide draw for a Yamaha Grizzly 550 ATV. James McShane of Lindsay received his prize on Nov. 20 in Haliburton. "I'm thrilled that one of our customers won the prize this year," said Greg Scheffee, owner of the Haliburton store. "We are very thankful for customers like James, so it's great when we can award a fantastic prize to show our appreciation." Pictured above from left are Ian Cook, Timber Mart business development manager; Anna and James McShane, ATV winners; and Greg Scheffee, owner.

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Monday Nov. 25

Purpose, Passion & Possibility in a Small Town Speaker: Amy Deagle, Women of Possibility Magazine 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton, ON

Thursday Nov. 28

Hospitality Essentials Training 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Pinestone Resort Haliburton, ON

Business Events:

Thursday. Dec. 5 Chamber AM Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Molly's Bistro & Bakery Minden, ON

Tuesday Dec. 17

Business After Hours Holiday Social 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pinestone Resort Haliburton, ON

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Highlander arts

Do you believe?

Peter could no longer feel his toes or his hands. The wind that whipped across the pavement had turned him to stone, albeit stone with moving legs. But aside from those two appendages the rest of his body was one solid mass of frigidity swathed in wool clothing. It was 1958 and he was walking with his family through the November streets of Toronto.

All was grey: the sky, the buildings, the pavement and sidewalks. A shrouded sun barely made its presence known. And that wind, blowing in off Lake Ontario, carried a raw dampness that was unrelenting despite the heavy woollen garb that caused Peter to walk like a penguin.

They walked forever, or so it seemed. They were not alone. All around them were other people, families like his own, huddled and hurried. Today was Santa Claus parade day and there were traditions to be followed. Parking the family car and walking for blocks through a blustery November cityscape was one. Finding their usual spot for watching the parade was another. Peter's family always stood on University Avenue across from Sick Kids' Hospital.

Peter stamped his feet, trying to bring them back to life even as he craned his neck for a glimpse down the street. No music yet to announce the arrival of the marchers and floats, but you never knew when they might suddenly appear, a lull in the marching band throwing you off guard. He knew eventually he might be too old to care about this yearly ritual but for now, he was still committed.

Then it began, with a flurry of drum beats and high-pitched fluttering of flutes. The ground seemed to shake with the tramping, whirling and rolling of feet and wheels. Peter saw clowns on stilts towering over the faces lining both sides of University Avenue. Mickey Mouse and Daffy Duck strolled along as naturally as if they were in Disneyland, the odd dry snowflake not withstanding. Peter knew these were people in costume and yet, for just a second, he looked at these characters and was mesmerized.

The floats were magical. Silver and blue snowscapes of the North Pole glided by. Red and white-clad elves hammered toys, giant rabbits and rag dolls waved and the constant notes of seasonal tunes echoed off the buildings. And then, at the very end,

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came the most magical of all heralded by the jingle of sleigh bells. Santa way up on his sleigh, his toy bag stuffed and the reindeer valiantly bouncing up and down as though eager to take to the skies.

Peter had mixed feelings about this last part. After all he was almost 10 years old and no fool. He could figure things out. But seeing the man in the red suit, his white beard like a cloud about his face and the magical aura around him, well Peter could not help but get caught up in the moment. Which was why he never complained about the cold, the long walk or the interminable wait.

Fifty years later Peter is again standing on the side of a street waiting for a parade to begin. He only had to walk a few blocks to get here and while the air was cold, he wore his down clothing and snowmobile boots in warm comfort. No massively wide expanse of pavement here. Instead lights twinkled and shone through shop windows almost within arms reach of the people crowding the sidewalks.

This was no impressive and impersonal scene full of larger-than-life characters and strangers. Peter knew most of the faces

caught in the glow of this night time small town parade. He could smell the styrofoam cups of hot chocolate dispensed in front of one of the restaurants. And he could hear the excitement in the

By Sharon Lynch

excitement in the children's voices as they vied for the best spot along the parade route.

But it was still about families, often three generations, waiting stoically for the event to begin. The same seasonal music echoed off the two and three storey buildings, albeit a little less polished than its big-city models. Local businesses and organizations moved down the street to its beat. Miniature horses in red and green, nativity scenes featuring enthusiastic church members and always, Peter's favourite, the stirring beat of Jingle Bells or Here Comes Santa Claus. And come he does, the very last float. With a cloud of white beard and twinkle in his eye, Santa had a knack of seeming to look into every young face for the most fleeing of moments. But then he was Santa Claus.







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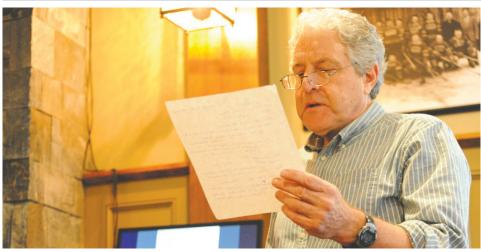
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Highlander arts



Photos by Mark Arike

Artistic producer Scot Denton announces the five productions that will be part of the upcoming season.

Summer line-up announced

By Mark Arike Staff writer

The 2014 season of the Highlands Summer Festival promises to offer a little bit of something for everyone.

"This is a big season for us," said artistic producer Scot Denton after announcing the lineup at McKecks in Haliburton on Nov. 17. "It's very challenging. There are many wonderful roles to cast."

The 2014 lineup includes: an adaptation of Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*; the inspiring story of Canadian World War One flying ace Billy Bishop in *Billy Bishop Goes to War*; the 1991 comedy by Paul Rudnick *I Hate Hamlet*; and Norm Foster's off-the-wall, murder mystery musical comedy *The Last Resort*.

Denton also announced the development of a program that would connect theatre students in a post secondary institution with elementary school children.

"It is an opportunity for us to work with a number of young people in a separate program," said Denton. "They will work with a couple of people coming out of college where they've learned theatre, music and dance skills." Although the details have yet to be worked out, Denton said a number of workshops would likely be made available to children ages nine and up. Through the process, elementary school students would create their own theatrical piece and put on a performance sometime in July or early August

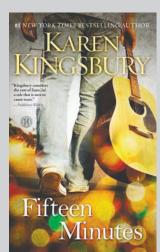
"It's early days for putting it together, but I'm very excited about it because young people in the rehearsals [last year] were just eating it up," he said.

Highlands Summer Festival president Jack Brezina said the board was very pleased with Denton's lineup. He also thanked all of the volunteers, actors and supporters of the 2013 season.

"This year was an exceptionally good year for us," said Brezina. "[We had] 75 per cent attendance across the five shows. I think that speaks to the quality of what we put on stage but also speaks to the enthusiasm that you people and other volunteers put in on the shows. It also says that our audience trusts

Denton said that a casting call should be announced sometime in December. He also pointed out that the festival plans to better utilize social media in the upcoming year.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads



The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

HCPL's TOP FICTION

- 1. Fifteen Minutes: a novel by Karen Kingsbury
- 2. *Mirage* by Clive Cussler
- 3. No Man's Nightingale: an Inspector Wexford novel by Ruth Rendell

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

- 1. Behind the Scenes at Downton Abbey by Emma Rowley
- 2. The Great Escape: a Canadian story by Ted Barris
- 3. Giada's Feel Good Food: my healthy recipes and secrets by Giada De Laurentiis

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

- 1. Mika: my new life by Kyla May (Junior Fiction)
- 2. Sidney Crosby by Kylie Burns (Junior Non-Fiction)

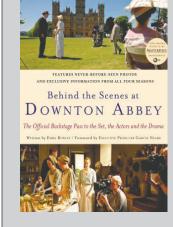
AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

- 1. Grown ups 2 (DVD)
- 2. Gone by James Patterson (Book on CD)

Library News

Friends of the Haliburton Public Library will be holding their Friendly Christmas Sale on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Rotary Room at the Minden Hills Branch. Shop for books and beautiful book baskets! Do you have fines for overdue books? For the month of December the Haliburton County Public Library will be

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION - RZ 13-13

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone three properties located in Part of Lots 12 and 13, Concession 12 in the geographic Township of Lutterworth to Shoreline Residential Exception (SR-X) Zones to recognize deficiencies with respect to lot area, frontage and setbacks on the subject properties. The properties affected by this application are the subject of the Applications for Consent H-040/2012, H-072/2010, and H-089/2010. This rezoning application has been submitted to satisfy conditions required to complete each of the Applications for Consent identified above.

AND PURSUANT to the provisions of the Planning Act, the application file including a site plan and a draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for review at the Township Office. Please contact Mr. Adam King in the Township's Planning Department if you would like to review this file.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - RZ 13-13

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

Applications for Consent H-040/2013, H-072/2010, and H-089/2010 propose to alter the boundaries of the subject properties and a Zoning By-law Amendment is required to recognize any deficiencies with respect to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended before the Applications for Consent can be completed. Three properties which are currently zoned Shoreline Residential (SR) will be rezoned if the proposed amendment is approved. The first property will be rezoned Shoreline Residential Exception Fifty (SR-50) to address its deficient lot frontage. The second property will be rezoned Shoreline Residential Exception Fifty-One (SR-51) to address its deficient lot area, and its deficient lot frontage. The third property will be rezoned Shoreline Residential Exception Fifty-Two (SR-52) to address its deficient lot area, its deficient lot frontage, a deficient interior side yard setback, and to reduce the minimum required dwelling unit area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

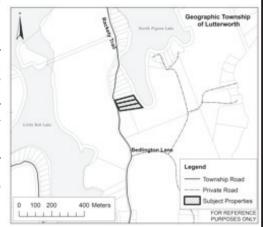
If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board

unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Adam King at (705) 286-1260.

Mailing Date of this Notice: November 21, 2013

Nancy Wright-Laking – CAO/Clerk/EDO Township of Minden Hills



Volunteering a joyful activity for everyone

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Wendy Ladurantaye volunteers for SIRCH Community Services as a member of its board of directors.

She first got started with the organization in the late 1980s, working on a short contract with the Women's Emergency House. Later she would volunteer for SIRCH's Hospice Walk, and that experience has remained with her ever since.

"There was such joy at that event," she recalled. "For days I felt like I was walking a foot off the ground. You just feel people's energy and it is a joyful event."

Ladurantaye said she learned things about her community during that walk.

"Some of the things you learn are really tough, like I had no idea some people struggle like this," she said. "But some things you learn are, look at how many people are involved in supporting these things. You build these relationships and it's so positive."

From there she got involved with the board very quickly, she said, as it was the best way she could contribute to the organization.

Without volunteers like Ladurantaye, SIRCH would grind to a halt.

"They're like the lifeblood... the volunteers are the personal connection to the clients, to the people that we service."

Those people are our neighbours, she said. "They're the people you know in the community or that you get to know, and they're important to your community. In any of the organizations that are in a small

people, volunteers are so important."
That's why SIRCH engages its volunteers in a comprehensive training program that has

community and are really connected to

been developed over many years.

"You want to have every volunteer feel that they're safe and supported," Ladurantaye said. "You want every person they come in contact with, as an agent of SIRCH, you want that person to know they're safe, their confidentiality is safe, and that it is a true from the heart kind of support."

For volunteers, Ladurantaye said they get a lot out of the training and their work.

"You learn a lot. Not just how you're going to help someone else, but how it applies to your own life experiences."

Preconceived notions about what it means to be a volunteer, that it will be sad to work in hospice, for example, should be thrown out the window.

"[Clients] are aware of their situation but they're looking at ways to move forward," Ladurantaye said. "You have a preconception they're going to be sad or depressing, and oftentimes you find out they're the opposite."

Like many not-for-profits, SIRCH doesn't receive funding for all of its programs. Because money is limited, fundraising is vitally important to things like programming, but also to developing the organization's volunteers.

"There are definitely some funds that go towards [training]," she said. "When I make my donation, I enjoy giving to Gifts from the Heart because I see the value in the whole thing, I don't care if my funds go to administrative expenses because some of that goes to training. It can't just work by itself. There's got to be somebody helping to make the things all happen."

For more information on SIRCH's Gifts from the Heart campaign, to donate, or to volunteer, visit www.sirch.on.ca.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Rotarian wins Fleming College community award

Ted Brandon serves his community to make it a better place. That's why, on Nov. 14, Brandon, a Haliburton Rotarian and Fleming College staff member, was recognized with the Brian L. Desbiens Community Service award by Fleming College. The award's namesake, Brian Desbiens, was at the Pinestone to present the award personally. "The great thing is to be able to come and present an award to someone I believe truly deserves it," he said.

Pictured above, Ted Brandon (left) receives his award from Brian L. Desbiens.



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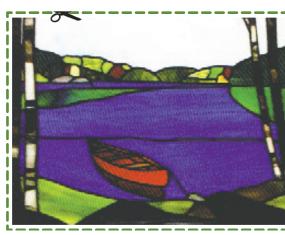
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Rotary project empowers kids with bikes

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Struggling to give friends and family good gift ideas this holiday season? Try asking for a bike.

Five Rotarians from the Haliburton club are travelling to Cambodia on Jan. 28 to build bicycles for children who don't have access to transportation and therefore can't make it to school every day. They will visit nine locations across the country.

Steve and Andrea Roberts, Brian and Dorothy Menton, and George Kadoke of the Haliburton club are collecting money to order the bikes prior to their trip in January. Each bike costs \$50.

The group first heard about the Rotary Wheels for Learning program last spring, when organizer and founder Lisa McCoy, a Rotarian from Gravenhurst, came to the club to speak about it.

Steve said he had been thinking of going on a humanitarian project, but didn't know what he wanted to do.

"[McCoy] told us she was volunteering her time as a teacher in Cambodia and found kids having issues just getting to school, let alone trying to learn," he said. "She thought bicycles would be a great means of transportation to get the kids to school on time."

He and Andrea were both excited to sign up for the program.

"What appealed to me was the simplicity

of the program," she said. "I'm not skilled in dental hygiene and I 'm not skilled in some of the other things, but this is something I can do and go volunteer my time and I benefit too because I get to see a part of the world I've never gone to."

This is the third year of the program. Thirty Rotarians will make the trip this time around. Each is paying for their own travel expenses, including food and accommodations, so that 100 per cent of donations are put towards buying the bikes. Over the last two years, 2,300 bikes have been donated. The goal this year is to donate 800, which Kadoke said is definitely achievable, but he'd like to see 1,200 bikes.

The volunteers need to raise \$40,000 to reach the 800-bike mark.

When they arrive in Cambodia, Kadoke said they will add handlebars and baskets, and finish putting the bikes together before they're given to children who are pre-selected by the schools and the Cambodia Rotary club.

Donors who give \$50 for a bike will receive a photograph of a Cambodian child, with the donated bike, in the spring. They also receive tax receipts for their donations.

"A bike will not just get [the kids] to school, it becomes a family vehicle," Steve said. "You'll have a visual face of who received your bike, and that's one of the nicer points of this program."

Donations are being accepted until early January. Kadoke said last year he bought

goats and chickens in third-world countries for his family members for Christmas, but this year, its bicycles.

Accompanying the Rotarians on their travels will be a dental hygienist who will provide education on dental hygiene and give dental health products to the schools for distribution.

"Already, in three years, the project has expanded [from] bikes into doing dental hygiene education, school supplies which are desperately needed over there, some eye glasses, mosquito netting, and rice distribution," Andrea said.

In a letter she sent to friends and colleagues to raise funds, Andrea wrote that the Rotary Wheels for Learning program is a great humanitarian project.

"The gift of a bicycle can dramatically change someone's life," she wrote.
"Education is the key to success and growth of any individual, and therefore, their country."

There are two ways to donate. The first is online at www.rotarywheelsforlearning. blogspot.com, where you can also find more information about the program, and the second is by cheque. To donate by cheque, make it payable to the Gravenhurst Rotary Club and put Rotary Wheels for Learning in the memo. Either Steve or Kadoke will come pick up the cheque and deliver it for you, if you'd rather donate in person. To have it picked up, contact Steve at 705-457-9810.



Photo submitted by the Rotary Club Steve Hayhurst from Rotary Club of Gravenhurst with a bike he put together for a child in Cambodia.

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HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian (left), MHCA vice-president Mickey Bonham and MHCA president Val Du Manoir hope to hit the \$40,000 campaign goal.

Auxiliary sets \$10,000 auction goal

By Warren Riley Contributing writer

There was a sell-out crowd at Minden's Community Centre for the Minden Health Care Auxiliary's (MHCA) gala dinner and auction.

The Nov. 16 event included a silent auction consisting of over 114 items, a live auction of 10 items worth almost \$2,800, a sumptuous dinner catered by Chris Price of MCS Catering and wine donated by The Wine Store of Minden.

Val Du Manoir is the president of the MHCA and stated that this event was to help raise needed financial support for the Minden

"We have sold out 175 tickets at \$45 each and hope to raise \$10,000 tonight through the auctions," she said. "In this particular case, we agreed to help raise additional funds to help in the purchase of an automated medication dispensing unit (AMDU) for the emergency department. We said we would raise the funds for the unit in Minden because funds for the one in Haliburton as well."

Present at the function was Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"They [MHCA] in Minden do a great job," he said. "We need that support from them to be able to equip our facilities the way we need to. The goal tonight is to help raise \$10,000 for the evening towards the \$40,000 needed for an AMDU.'

Eskedjian described how the new unit will help to streamline the services at the Minden

"Lindsay [Ross Memorial Hospital] will be our pharmacy provider and they will be the ones that actually fill the cabinets which then our nurses will use to dispense the medications."

Discussions will take place in the near future according to Du Manoir regarding further events helping to contribute additional funds for the AMDU.

"All the bills aren't tallied as of yet, but we expect to have raised over \$10,000," she said.





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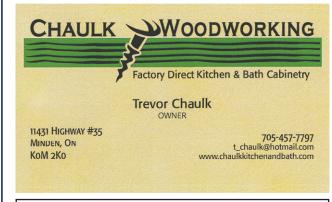


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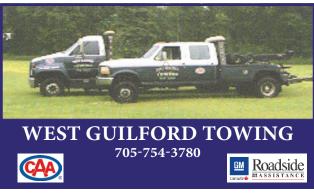
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Highlander outdoors

Hike Haliburton climbing

By Lisa Harrison Contributing writer

All-access passes may help boost accommodation numbers for next year's Hike Haliburton Festival, according to county tourism director Amanda Ranson.

The county's 11th annual festival, held Sept. 19 to 22, did well despite a full day of rain on the Saturday. According to the final festival report, 1,395 people participated in the hikes and events, a 22 per cent increase over 2012. The county and consultant Yours Outdoors had set a goal of 30 per cent, which would have been reached with better weather.

Ten new guided hikes were added for a total of 56, with at least 10 in each of the county's four municipalities. Enhancements included three hike-related workshops, hike leader certification, youth engagement and a bus shuttle. Nine celebrity hikers participated and more than 70 volunteers provided support.

Surveys showed satisfaction ratings of 96 per cent (excellent or very good), and up to 88 per cent of survey participants said they would return next year. The majority of the 34 hiker respondents in the postfestival survey ate at local restaurants (74 per cent) and shopped while in the area (62 per cent).

"Overall it was a great event," said Ranson, who "dropped in as a secret shopper" on several hikes. "We've had nothing but positive feedback."

However, "surveys indicate that the number of people staying in paid accommodation remains disappointingly low [at two per cent] despite a more ambitious marketing campaign," reported Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors.

According to Ranson and Martin, low accommodation numbers can be attributed to several factors. Most hikers were local residents or cottagers (83 per cent of online survey participants and 73 per cent of written survey participants). Many other hikers stayed with family or friends who have homes or cottages in the area, camped or commuted (most out-of-town visitors came from the Greater Toronto Area).

Also, low accommodation numbers "could be a result of insufficient marketing by the Festival and accommodators or a reflection of the demographics and travel behaviours of the hiking public," Martin reported.

Accommodators' comments ranged from "I think the event is going to get bigger and have better turnouts year after year!" to "Since the existence of Hike Haliburton I have had zero bookings from it." A few accommodators expressed reluctance to leave space open because September is a big month for weddings and all-terrain vehicle events.

To encourage accommodation bookings in 2014 the county and Yours Outdoors will consider all-access passes that could include entertainment, accommodation and possibly meals, said Ranson.

This year's hike drew in \$35,324.66, including \$9,900 from the county (versus \$5,000 last year), \$11,200 from Celebrate Ontario (down \$4,600), \$3,500 in new grants and \$6,214.66 in donations and event revenue (up \$2,495.40).

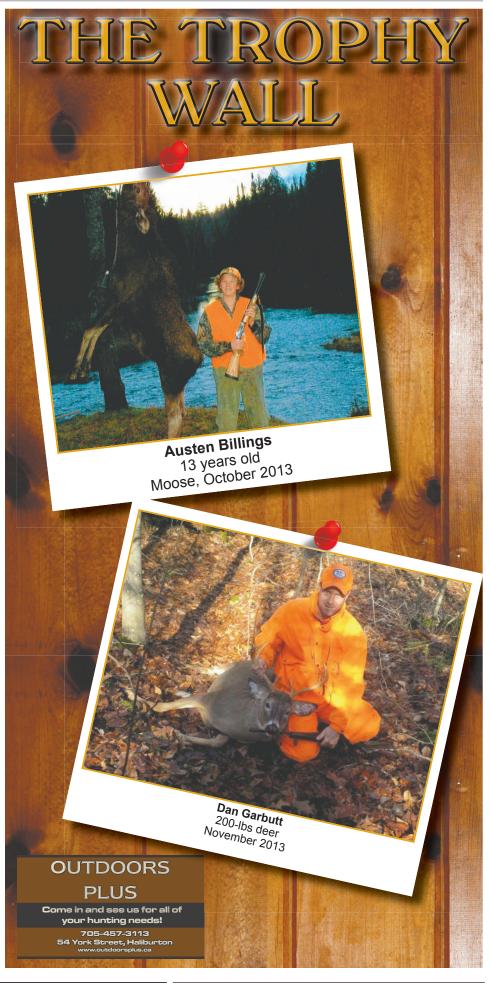
Sponsorships were budgeted at \$7,000 based on plans to seek major sponsors outside the county but the festival received only \$4,510. Martin reported outside sponsors declined due to the later start (work began mid-year) and, in some cases, unwillingness to support local government

Martin also reported hike donations were down due to poor weather (hikers rushed to leave when hikes ended) and event fees.

Total festival expenses including program development, events and entertainment came in at \$38,991.40, leaving the county to fund a deficit of \$3,666.74 (down \$1,848.87).

The final festival report includes 60 recommendations for 2014, including an experience package (e.g. an all-access pass), self-guided hikes, investigating other income sources (e.g. a line of retail items), and starting earlier.

County council will review the report at its Nov. 27 regular meeting along with the tourism committee's recommendation to approve the second-year option on the Yours Outdoors contract.



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Figure skating popular in Minden

By Warren Riley Sports writer

Another exciting year has been planned for the Minden Skating Club.

As president of the Minden Girls Skating Club, Sue Collings is thrilled with the number of enthusiastic club skaters.

"We have increased our members to about 70 registered skaters this year," said Collings. "We do have a couple of new coaches also which is very exciting for us and also two new CanSkate coaches which are girls that have grown up with the club."

The CanSkate program is an integral part of the club, she said.

"Our club members are doing great with the CanSkate program which we implemented last year and we think it's doing quite well. We still have our program assistants which are our senior skaters which go out and help with the CanSkate program."

There are high expectations for this year's Carnival presentation.

"This year we are trying Carnival with kind of a story," Collings said. "It will be a continuous flow of skaters on the ice all of the time. There will be no stopping for changing props or changing skaters. It will be a continuous flow of songs and skaters. We have extended our time on the ice so our Carnival will be held on April 13."

For further information on the Minden Skating Club contact Sue Collings at 705-286-3067, ext.





Photo by Warren Riley

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks hockey team is ready to take to the ice this season. The team's coach, Ron Yake, said the goal this season is to make it to OFSAA.

Red Hawks flex wings

By Warren Riley Sports writer

If the skating practice is any indication of the readiness of the Haliburton Highland Secondary School Red Hawks boys hockey team, the opposition had better watch out.

"It will be a hockey season like none other," said coach Ron Yake. "After many years of hockey we have some great forwards and will probably have some moments where we'll look back and see what we did right and where we went

"It's a long season and we'll start this Thursday [Nov. 21] and will end at the OFSAA championships," he continued. "So, OFSAA is our goal and we are working towards that goal. We are in Tier 1 and we'll be playing each team once as there are 17 teams this year."

Yake said his team is in for a tough season, but he's confident they'll come out on top.

"There are some teams that always have strong programs and have for years like St Peter's, Crestwood and Holy Cross. It varies and depends on the players. I think all the games will be close games this year and there won't be any easy days and I think that's exciting."

This year the Red Hawks have a mixed bag of returning and new players.

"We have a lot of players returning with four or five guys. That's a nice little nucleus to have. The seniors are the guys that will be the leaders so they will have to step it up and be the difference makers."



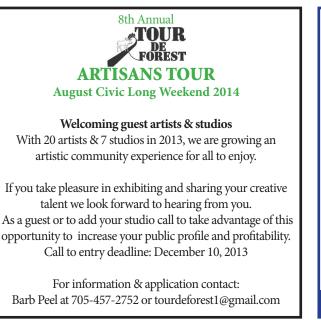








Photo submitted by The Highland Storm

The Highlander Highland Storm Midgets brought home the Brian English Memorial Tournament championship for the second year in a row.

Midget As victorious

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

This weekend The Highlander Highland Storm Midget A team travelled to Elmvale for the Brian English Memorial Tournament. The team had a little pressure on them with the Storm's midget team from last year winning the tournament. This year each team was guaranteed four games and the top two would play for the championship. After our fourth game Sunday morning the Storm would boast first place with the only 4-0-0 record. That put

the team in line for the championship game against the host, Elmvale, Sunday afternoon. The home team would get on the score board first with one, leaving the Storm to play catch up. In the second, the Storm scored two to get the go ahead and add another in the third to take the title two years in a row. At the end of the tourney, the Storm would have an impressive 20 goals for with six against in five games. Our goalies had two shut-outs.

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High single handicap

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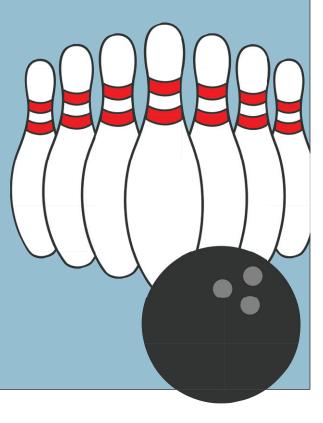
Elli Welch – 626 Jim Routcliffe – 572

High triple handicap

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High average

Gloria Wagg – 187 Jim Cummings – 175





NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION - RZ 13-12

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone lands located in Part of Lot 3, Concession A in the geographic Township of Minden to a Residential Type One Exception (R1-X) Zone to recognize the residential use of the subject property and to correct an error in the Township of Minden Hills' Zoning By-law.

AND PURSUANT to the provisions of the Planning Act, the application file including a site plan and a draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for review at the Township Office. Please contact Mr. Adam King in the Township's Planning Department if you would like to review this file.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - RZ 13-12

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The subject property is currently zoned Community Facility (CF). The purpose of the proposed amendment is to rezone the subject property to the Residential Type One Exception (R1-X) Zone to recognize the residential use of the property and to correct an error which was made when the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, was prepared.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below.

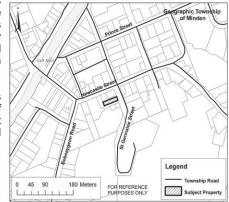
The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Adam King at (705) 286-1260.

Mailing Date of this Notice: November 21, 2013 Nancy Wright-Laking – CAO/Clerk/EDO Township of Minden Hills



Dollo's Foodland Peewee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Highland Storm Dollo's Foodland Peewee A team travelled to Pembroke on the weekend where they had a strong showing in the Silver Stick tournament. The first game was Friday night against Renfrew. Nick Dollo opened the scoring in the first period on a rebound off a shot by Nigel Smith. Renfrew came back with a goal in the second period and again scored half way through the third period. The Highland Storm put a lot of pressure on Renfrew with numerous chances but just couldn't find the net for the tying goal with the game ending 2-1 for Renfrew.

Game two against Smiths Falls Saturday morning saw the opposition strike first with a goal late in the first period and again midway through the second period. However, 30 seconds after Smiths Falls scored, Lucas Haedicke struck with a goal for the Storm on a pass from Smith. The Storm team was all over Smiths Falls for the rest of the game with Smiths Falls taking numerous penalties, but again our boys just could not score leaving Smiths Falls with a 2-1 win.

Game three against Lakefield saw a better result for the Storm, with Owen Gilbert opening the scoring by deking the defence to put in a shot with only eight seconds left in the second period. The Storm dominated Lakefield in the third period as Haedicke put in Storm's second goal with 5:37 left to play and again scored on the power-play a minute later leaving the Storm with a 3-0 win. Despite not advancing everyone put in a fine effort in the tournament and the team will just have to wait for the next time to see the bounces going their way.

The team faced off against South Muskoka in the Minden arena on Tuesday night. The Storm opened the scoring at 8:46 in the first period with a goal by Smith on a rebound off a shot by Miki Bukta. South Muskoka evened the score a minute later but Haedicke put us ahead before the end of the period with an accurate sharp angle

Shawn Walker. Early In the second period South Muskoka tied the score with a powerplay goal. Action continued end to end and finally South Muskoka scored with 6:56 left in the game to lead 3-2. It was less than a minute later however, when Haedicke banged one in on a scramble close to the net. Tied 3-3 in a game that could go either way it was South Muskoka that put in the final goal with 4:24 left to play to win 4-3.

shot to the far top corner on a pass from

Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Highland Storm Minden CARQUEST midget B girls> hockey team hit the road to take on the Otonabee Wolverines in Keene Thursday night. The girls, sporting their new Highland Storm gear of toques and sweaters, took on the undefeated Wolverines. Alicia McLean put the Storm up 1-0 early in the second period on a beauty, top-cheese wrister from the slot that beat the Otonabee tender easily. The wolverines lived up to their name and never relented in trying to tie up the game. Mid-way through the third period, after the Storm had killed off yet another penalty, Otonabee capitalized on a tired penalty kill unit and slipped in the tying goal. Both squads had chances the remainder of the game but could not capitalize on securing a win. Connor Marsden solidified the tie game on a highlight reel save where she robbed the Wolverine shooter and shut the front door on the doorstep shot with a wicked glove save. Great game girls. We get two more kicks at the can with this talented Otonabee club.

The Storm followed up their Thursday night effort on Friday night, where they hosted the Lindsay Lynx C club. The Highland club whirled up a storm and took their improving efforts to the Lynx squad. The first period provided all the scoring that would be needed to challenge the Lynx who were on the road. McLean opened the scoring early in the first period off another

Highland Storm Hockey

beauty wrister that beat the Lynx goalie high glove. Cassidy Garbutt finished off a sweet saucer pass from McLean in the blue paint, again beating the Lynx tender high glove. Erin Little rounded out the scoring in the first period and a 3-0 lead with a goal-mouth scramble, putting the puck past the Lindsay tender. Both sides exchanged more opportunities to add to the scoreboard with only a late tally in the third period by McLean, her second of the game to solidify the 4-0 win. Marsden earned the shut-out, her third of the year.

The Cold Creek Comets travelled to Haliburton to defend their second place standings against the fifth place Storm on Sunday afternoon. The talented and deep bench Comet squad came out flying against the Storm squad. A fast-paced first period ended with a knuckle-ball shot that eluded Marsden from a weak angle with just a few seconds left in the first period. The score remained scoreless with both sides having equal opportunities. Haliburton could not solve the Comet tender and suffered just their second loss of the season and remain in fifth place in the top half of the LLFHL East loop with a 5-2-3 recordm five points out of second and six points ahead of sixth spot. The Storm girls are on the road next Saturday afternoon in North York and then host the Whitby Wolves Sunday night in Minden at 6 pm. Shake off the loss Storm and get ready to get back on track with your focused play.

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Tammy Smith

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam A team has had another busy and very successful weekend, starting on Friday night with a home game win 4-1 versus South Muskoka. Goals for Payton Miscio assisted by Ethan Keefer and Mark Saville, Owen Smitty Smith unassisted, Andrew Hall assisted by Nolan Flood and Chase Burden, and Greg Crofts assisted by Burden.

The team then went on to a weekend tournament in Parry Sound playing and winning all five games to take the A championship.

This group of boys never ceases to amaze their coaches, families and friends. Our goalies: Josh Bellefleur and Parker Smolen. Defence: Jacob Bishop, Josh Boice, Andrew Hall, Ethan Keefer, Mark Saville and Jacob Haedickes. Forwards: Matt Wilbee, Nolan Flood, Owen Smitty Smith, Payton Miscio, Owen Patterson-Smith, Kyle Cooper, Chase Burden, Greg Crofts and Chris Thompson.

Every name here is what makes this a team and they prove that every time they hit the ice. They mesh together and bring all different, but very important, aspects to their team's success. Tou make us all very proud bound

The Lions Club Atom AE

Submitted Rich Smith

The Lions Club Highland Storm Atom

AE hockey team continued building its reputation for being a gritty hockey team this past weekend with two big games. On Saturday the Storm clashed with the first place, undefeated, Huntsville Otters in our Haliburton rink, and scored up a storm.

Jaylin Frost scored first from Brendan Coumbs and Ty Mills. Nick Phippen scored unassisted. Coumbs from Phippen and Hunter Winder. Zach Davis from Phippen. Coumbs again from Ava Smith and Phippen. What a hockey game! The Highland Storm fought hard to earn a shocking 5-3 victory filled with end to end action, thrilling saves, and good old teamwork.

Strong defensive play and goaltending are becoming the trademark of this team as Darian "Houdini" Willis repeatedly kicked away Huntsville scoring opportunities. Storm defenders Nesbitt and Winder, and Mills and Smith, looked like a wall keeping the Otters at bay and flat out outworking their opponents in the Storm end.

Up front was no different and wingers Robinson, Alexander, Tidey, Coumbs, Harrison, and Davis challenged Huntsville relentlessly with their strong two-way play. Centers Jaylin Frost and Nick Phippen demonstrated great leadership both defensively and offensively. Both looked like Selke Trophy candidates.

Right winger Emma Tidey said it best that she and her teammates were just taking care of a little business. Taking care of business indeed, notching a big win that bolsters the young squad's belief in themselves.

Sunday saw the Atom AEs face off against the South Muskoka Bears and come away with a 3-3 tie. These two teams match up well and both display a tough "refuse to lose" work ethic. Highland Storm's big guns came out fast, scoring three goals early in the first period. Phippen potted a beauty after a feed from Coumbs and Smith, and then Phippen and Smith returned the favour assisting on a Coumbs goal. Later in the frame Phippen scored his second goal hooking up with Ben Robinson and Zach Davis. The Bears, true to form, would not give up and rallied in the second and late in the third to pull even. Both teams look forward to a rematch, and may face each other in the Silver Stick Tournament.

Family Medical Centre Peewee AE

Submitted by Tammy Smith

It was a weekend of extremes for the Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee AE Highland Storm, graciously sponsored by Haliburton Family Medical Services. Saturday the team travelled to Sundridge to face the strong Almaguin Devils. From the first puck drop it was all Almaguin who didn't let up at any point in the game, gaining a 7-0 win as a result. It was a game best forgotten. The team knew they were sluggish and would have to put forth a much better effort to beat an improving Oro Thunder squad the next night.

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And despite the later Sunday night start in Oro, the team showed a "Jekyll" to the "Hyde" from the night before. The energy and effort was a complete reversal and the unit was all over the Thunder. Colby Lambshead's shot from the point got things rolling followed quickly by Brady Baldry's screened back-hander that made its way through the goalie's five-hole. Carter Bull got his first of two on the night but Oro crept back into the game after that, scoring two to make it a little uncomfortable at the start of the third. Bull's insurance marker later in the third sealed the hard fought, well-deserved win. Next week the squad travelled to Woodville for their first tournament of the year.

Tom Prentice Trucking Bantam AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

The Bantam AE Highland Storm, sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, travelled to Port Carling and Bala this weekend for their first tournament of the year. It was a great chance to press the reset button on a difficult leg of the season by playing some new teams. Friday the boys got the tournament started on the right foot by doubling up the Shallow Lake Lakers 4-2. Goals by Ben Schmidt, Carter O'Neill, Jake Bull and Alex Petrie, who

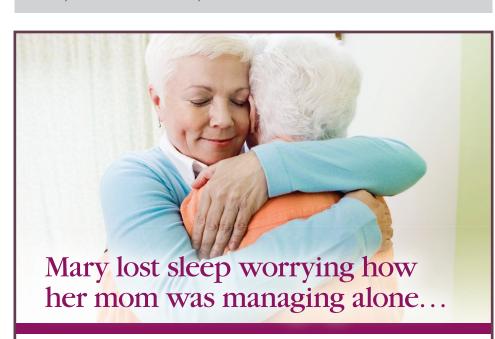
scored off a beautiful feed from Schmidt up the middle, gave the squad a newfound confidence that had been lacking of late. Devyn Prentice, Petrie, and Mitch Billings also contributed assists.

They continued to roll on Saturday morning, skating away to an easy 8-2 victory against the Coldwater Wildcats in a rough and tumble, penalty-filled affair. Ryan Manning collected two goals and an assist in the game to the lead the way. Petrie, Jon Morrison, O'Neill, Billings, Dylan Freake and Devyn Prentice also scored for the Storm with assists by Schmidt, Aidan Garbutt, Ryan Prentice, Alex Wilbee and Trevor Turner.

The boys finally met their match later in the day, playing a strong team from Georgian Shores. The final score was 4-0 and the boys never seemed to gather any momentum in the game.

Despite the loss, the boys earned a spot in the 'B' Final against the mysteriously named TCDMHA Rebels. The game started with both teams trading chances early but the Rebels finally broke free scoring several unanswered goals in the second and third to walk away with a 7-0 win. Despite the finish the boys showed signs that they can play against some good 'A' teams in the tourney.

Be sure to cheer on the Storm this Saturday at 3:30 p.m. against Almaguin in Minden.



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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, November 28, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- 1. File No. SRA-12-07
 Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9537, registered August 21, 2013.
- 2. File No. SRA-13-04
 Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9555, registered October 16, 2013.

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 14th day of November, 2013.

Adam King, M.R.M Planning Administrator

Hawks making history

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

The Red Hawks junior football team has made Haliburton history.

On Nov. 16, the team came out on top in a do-or-die game against the Nottawasaga Secondary Timber Wolves in Orillia, winning 30-28. That win put them into the National Capital Bowl semi-finals for the first time in the team's history, according to coach Ron Yake.

Hot off their COSSA championship, the Red

Hawks would not be denied. Coach Yake said the Red Hawks will now play the Georgian Bay Secondary School Athlete (GBSSA) champions on Nov. 23 in Belleville.

"This coming Saturday [Nov. 23] our junior COSSA football champions will travel to Belleville for the semi-finals," he said. "It's the first time we have had a team get to that point. We've had some very good teams in the past but we have never had the chance to get to the National Capital Bowl level. Our guys have had multiple successes and they are excited and we are excited for them."







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HELP WANTED

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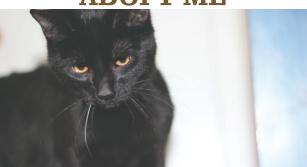
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ALCOHOL PROBLEMS call Alcoholics Anonymous - we care. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) every Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Haliburton Hospital. (TFN)

PETS

ADOPT ME



This friendly boy and his brother have just been fixed, they are 6 months old and I'm sorry to say, have been here for almost 5 months. They are the best and really need a forever home.

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EVENTS

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presented by the

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Featuring Artisits

Lauren McInnes - piano Marsha Sweet & Dave Hannah Klose - vocal solo **Hawley** - vocals

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IN MEMORY

QUIBELL

In Loving Memory of my dear husband John who passed away Nov. 25, 2005

> Remembering you is easy *I* do it everyday But missing you is a heartache That never goes away If I could have a lifetime wish A dream that could come true I would pray with all my heart For yesterday and you

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NOTICE



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The County of Haliburton intends to review for submission the provincially mandated Asset Management Plan at its regular scheduled Council meeting on November 27, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers located at

11 Newcastle St. Minden, Ontario.

If you wish further information please contact Laura Janke, Treasurer at ljanke@county.haliburton.on.ca or 705-286-1333

HELP WANTED



Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

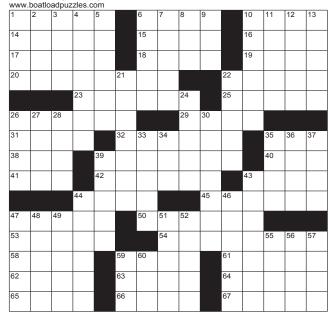
We have groomer operator positions available for the upcoming snowmobile season. Must be able to work flexible hours and be willing to do evening grooming and assist with trail maintenance. Experience in operating large equipment independently and basic mechanical knowledge would be an asset. Please send resume with job experience to:

President

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DOWN

1. Space gp.

3. Resorts 4. Changed

5 Inferior

6. Host

2. Chimpanzees

7. Cheese type

9. Compass reading (abbr.)

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37. Hammer or screwdriver

43. With a leg on each side

39. Wonderland girl

44. Early car (2 wds.)

46. Off the path

49. The Devil

52. Hues

51. Heroic tales

47. Formal necktie 48. Church steeple

8. Procured

11. Pseudonym

13. Curvy letters

24. Certain parasite

21. Harpooned 22. Director Woody

26. Tip 27. Paddles

28. Clue

30. Appetizer

34. Foil metal

33. Solemn

35. Burden

12. Syrup tree

10. Skin art

ACROSS

- 1. Of the smelling organ
- 6. Omelet ingredients
- 10. Domesticated
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- 15. Cows' calls 16. Poor me!
- 17. Chairs
- 18. Comely
- 19. Helpful hints
- 20. Appraised
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- 23. Revoke
- 25. Misplaces
- 26. Stick together 29. Nordic capital
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- 32. Shrewd
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- 66. Edible fish
- 67. Positive responses

- 59. Tennis shot

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55. No ifs, ____, or buts

57. Williams and Kennedy

56. Enlightened one's words (2

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting, 6-7:30

Canadian Federation of **University Women meeting** - Fleming College, 7 p.m.

Poinsetta luncheon and bake sale - St. Paul's Anglican Church, 11:30-1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Santa Claus Parade -Haliburton, 6:30 p.m.

Winter warm up right after Santa Claus Parade, Haliburton Legion. Spaghetti dinner and live entertainment, \$5/plate

TUESDAY

SATURDAY

Friends of the Haliburton **County Library Christmas** Sale - Minden Library, 10-3 p.m.

Santa Claus Parade -Minden, 11:30 a.m.

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast, 9:30-1

SUNDAY

Ugly Sweater Run - Head Lake Park. Registration 9:30 a.m., village dock.

MONDAY Learning Begins, Minden

Minden Guides and Pathfinders meeting, 6:30-8 **OEYC**. Call 705-286-4625 to register.

Contract Bridge – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305.

Euchre - West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

10:30-12 p.m.

Sexual Health Clinic -HKPR District Health Unit,

Haliburton County Historical Society meeting -Haliburton Museum, 1:30 p.m. Non-members, \$5 at the door.

THURSDAY

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Christmas Luncheon – Our Lady of Fatima Church, 11 a.m. Admission \$5. Snow date November 30.

FRIDAY

Community Care Christmas lunch – Haliburton Legion, 2 p.m. RSVP by November 22.

Friends of the Haliburton

County Library Christmas Sale – Minden Library, 10-3

SUNDAY

Christmas Open House -Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop, 12-3 p.m. Free pictures with Santa. Christmas bake sale, refreshments and much more.

MONDAY

30 DECEMBER

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION NOVEMBER 21ST - 27TH

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary meeting, last Thursday from noon - 2 p.m. of month, 1 p.m.

Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m.

50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday

Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime

Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday from 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

NFL Sports Day, Sunday, noon - 5 p.m

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)

Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m.

Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Fun Fact:

A person cannot taste food unless it is mixed with saliva. For example, if a strongtasting substance like salt is placed on a dry tongue, the taste buds will not be able to taste it. As soon as a drop of saliva is added and the salt is dissolved. however, a definite taste sensation results. This is true for all foods. Try it!

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Last week's puzzle solutions

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Highlander events



Red and very green

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Most Christmas trees are decorated with tinsel, fancy glass balls and other handmade ornaments.

But on Nov. 17, local residents were asked to bring nature-friendly, biodegradable items to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the township's tree lighting ceremony.

In the week before the event, Elisha Weiss, community development coordinator for the township, hosted an ornament workshop at the Minden community centre.

"We had two families come out," said Weiss.

In the workshop, children and adults made ornaments out of pine cone bird feeders, birch bark, bread spread with lard, and egg carton cups.

"This was an idea that I collaborated on with Laurie Carmount (curator of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery)," she said, adding that using these biodegradable ornaments would be better for the environment and animals that may decide to feast on them.

Garland made out of cranberries was wrapped around the tree.

Those who didn't attend the workshop were able to bring their own biodegradable ornaments to the ceremony. Hot chocolate and cider was provided to participants.

Photo by Mark Arike

Local residents gather at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to decorate a Christmas tree with biodegradable ornaments.



PRIDE or PREJUDICE The faith and faithfulness of Ruth and Boaz

A four-part series Sundays December 1, 8, 15, 22 10:00am at Lakeside Church, Haliburton (Child care and programming for all ages)

And join us December 24, 6:30pm for a traditional Family Christmas Eve Service with carols, hymns and message "Behold, what manner of love is given to us."

EVENTS

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What's on

Dust off your ugly sweaters

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

If it's ugly, tacky, made in the 80s, but most of all festive, then your sweater qualifies for the ugly sweater walk happening this weekend in Haliburton.

On Nov. 24, Andrea Mueller, municipal recreation pilot project coordinator, is hosting an ugly sweater walk or run around Head Lake Park.

"We want everyone to take part," she said, adding that walkers only need to do as much of the walk as they can.

The only requirement is an ugly holiday sweater. Mueller describes those as anything tacky that you wouldn't wear on a day-to-day

"You can make your own and just wear a sweater with Christmas balls on it if you want," she said.

Angela Andrews, a health promoter with the Health Unit and member of the recreational program's steering committee, came up with the idea for the event.

"I've been active all my life and it's part of my job," she said. "Sometimes I look online for silly things to do. I was looking for something fun to do with friends and I happened to come across the ugly sweater

After posting it on Facebook one of her friends commented that it would be great to have a run in Haliburton. Andrews pitched the idea to Mueller and the steering committee, and Haliburton's first ugly sweater run was born.

"It's an excellent way to get people active," Andrews said. "It's free recreation, and a silly, fun and festive thing to do."

The response so far has been positive. "People seem to really like the idea of having something social, something festive."

There's no fee to sign up for the event, although Mueller said she is accepting donations.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Angela Andrews (left) and Andrea Mueller want you to get out your ugliest, tackiest Christmas sweater and come out to Head Lake Park on Nov. 24 for the first, and hopefully annual, Ugly Sweater Run.

"We are requesting donations for the foodbank or the municipal recreation program," she said. "It's all to go back to the community."

Participants will be served hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. There will also be a photo booth for people to take pictures with silly Christmas props, like Santa Claus hats

and fake moustaches, to accompany the ugly sweaters, and, of course, the ugliest sweater

Even Santa Claus will make an appearance to celebrate the festivities.

Mueller said over 35 people have registered for the event but it's possible upwards of 50 will attend. The run/walk starts at 10 a.m. at

the town dock, but if you haven't registered, plan to arrive at 9:30 a.m. To register in advance, e-mail Mueller at amueller@ dysartetal.ca, or call 705-457-1740.

She said if the event is a success she would like to make it an annual event.



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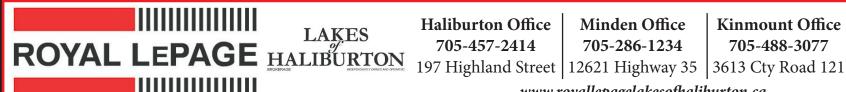












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