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A boarder catches air off a jump during the opening weekend at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike. See page 22 for story and pictures.

New fire chief has deep roots in AH

By **Lisa Harrison**
 Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands' new fire chief knows the territory well.

Keith Thomas, currently district chief for the Stanhope division of the fire service, grew up in Carnarvon as a member of the Thomas Contracting family and has served the Stanhope station since 1987.

Thomas will assume the role of fire chief effective Jan. 1 from current chief John Hogg, who officially retires Dec. 31.

In 1987, at the age of 22, Thomas was approached by his brother-in-law to join him as a firefighter in Stanhope. Thomas countered with a condition: he'd become a firefighter if his brother-in-law joined him as a member of the Kinsmen Club. It was a deal.

"When I joined, I joined as a firefighter so I didn't do medical calls," Thomas recalls. Firefighters trained once a week in Stanhope and took one or two calls per week. "We probably had about 65 calls a year."

As it turns out, Thomas has truly followed in Hogg's footsteps. As a teenager he worked at Hogg's Carnarvon restaurant, Mr. Fogg's. Hogg was already with the Stanhope district service when Thomas

began volunteering (Thomas was working in the family contracting business by then). Hogg became captain and Thomas followed in that role around 1994, having taken his medical training. He then followed Hogg again as deputy district chief in about 2000 and replaced him as Stanhope district chief around 2005 when Hogg assumed the full-time role of township fire chief.

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Highlander news

Minden Hills backs solar project on Kash Lake

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden Hills council has decided to support a proposed solar power facility near Lake Kashagawigamog.

During a Nov. 28 regular council meeting, councillors passed a resolution which states that the township "supports the construction and operation of the project on the lands." The project's proponent is Peterborough Solar Projects Corporation.

Council originally considered the request for a ground mounted solar system at an

Oct. 31 meeting, but carried a motion recommending that the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) application not be supported. According to a report from planning administrator Adam King, council then passed a resolution which directed the planning department to ask the proponents to contact the adjacent landowners to determine if they had any concerns with the proposed facility.

"The applicant has submitted a letter, indicating that they have contacted the adjacent landowners about the proposal and none of the adjacent landowners raised any concerns..." said King.

Councillor Larry Clarke expressed

concern about how the township might handle the public consultation process with future requests.

"In the past, the township has received similar requests for support resolutions for Feed-In Tariff applications, and when the first batch of these were received the land consultant at the time recommended and received direction from council to prepare a policy for these types of applications," said King. "Unfortunately, that policy is yet to be developed."

Councillor Jean Neville pointed out that public consultation isn't required to build a home.

"Somebody could build a totally ugly house on their property and nobody is consulted about that..." said Neville. "I don't know why these are deemed unattractive, because I think they're very smart... and they are attractive."

King's report stated that the sole purpose of the resolution is to enable the applicant to receive priority points under the FIT program.

The FIT program is open to projects with a rated electricity generating capacity greater than 10 kilowatts (kW) and generally up to 500 kW.

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Highlander news



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OPP officers stop motorists along a stretch of Highway 21 on Dec. 6 during the Festive R.I.D.E. campaign.

OPP hold 42 R.I.D.E checks

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The OPP are in the middle of their Festive R.I.D.E. campaign and are actively trying to reduce the number of intoxicated drivers on the road.

As of Dec. 10, Haliburton Highlands officers have conducted 42 R.I.D.E. checks and processed 2010 vehicles. One driver was charged with impaired driving, six roadside tests were conducted, and 10 Highway Traffic Act charges were laid. One R.I.D.E. step also resulted in a drug seizure, while two additional impaired drivers were charged outside of the R.I.D.E. program.

Jacques Bolduc of Pefferlaw Ontario was charged on Nov. 30 with impaired driving, operating a motor vehicle with over 80mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood, driving while disqualified, and driving while under suspension, after the 70-year-old was involved in a collision on County Road 507 at

County Road 503 in Gooderham.

On Dec. 7, Johnny Pereira, 35, from Stouffville, was involved in a collision on County Road 503 in Minden Hills. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle with over 80mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood and possession of a controlled substance for marijuana. Michael Harrison of Algonquin Highlands was found to be driving while impaired during a R.I.D.E. check on Dec. 8 at Highway 35 and Little Hawk Lake Road. The 46-year-old was charged with operating a motor vehicle with over 80mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood and driving while under suspension.

During a R.I.D.E. check on Dec. 9 on Deep Bay Road at Bobcaygeon Road in Minden Hills, officers discovered marijuana in one of the vehicles. Joseph Findeis, 22, and Brandon Sutcliffe, 24, both of Minden, were charged with possession of marijuana.

All five accused will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Jan. 8, 2014.

Thomas looking forward to building on Hogg's work

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Thomas says he enjoys both the work and the training.

"The more [courses] you take, the more you want to take. I've spent a lot of time, especially in the past year... making sure I've got my qualifications in order. It's a learning curve."

The new chief already has some familiarity with the role since he steps into it when Hogg is away, but he estimates Hogg is on the job 98 per cent of the time so the chance to gain experience has been limited.

Thomas says his biggest adjustments will be learning to work within a municipal organization and having a boss again, but Hogg has "done a terrific job" and "built the system" already, maintaining, renovating and improving it.

"I'm looking forward to building on it," says Thomas.

The new chief knows there will be a learning curve in adapting to the role, but he does already have one goal in mind, something that continues to be a challenge in this township with the large geography and

disproportionately small population.

"I want to try to get more recruits in the northern stations (Dorset and Oxtongue Lake)," he says, adding that it's a case of trying to attract people when there are no people. Cottagers have offered to help when they're at the cottage, especially in Dorset, but they must also be available for the regular weekly training so that can't work.

Thomas says his wife, Susan, was "a little apprehensive" when he became a firefighter 26 years ago, but she has adjusted over time and is "definitely supporting" his move to

fire chief. They have two children: daughter Brittany, 24, and son Brandon, 21, who works at the Stanhope station.

"I do have the support of a lot of people," says Thomas, with a mixture of pleasure and a little wonder in his voice. He had "heard through the grapevine" that people were supporting his candidacy for fire chief, but once the news of his selection was announced, his "phone hardly quit for the first day and a half" with people expressing congratulations and saying it's a good move.

"I was sort of taken aback by it, actually."

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Editorial opinion

Stamping grounds

The country is abuzz this week with news of sweeping changes to the mail service.

Canada Post has decided it will phase out home delivery of mail in urban centres, relying instead on community mail boxes. Here in the Highlands, our challenges will be a little different.

Starting in 2014, both Cardiff and Wilberforce post offices will see cuts to their hours of operation, and employees will lose hours. The Wilberforce office is will drop eight hours a week and will be closed on Saturdays.

And that's just the beginning. Looking ahead, it's not hard to imagine what might come next.

Cost-cutting will lead to more drastic changes. How long before post offices in Gooderham, Wilberforce, and Cardiff close for good and communities are directed to centralized offices in Haliburton and Bancroft? Will that be enough to put the Crown corporation back in black, or will further, more drastic cuts, have to happen first?

Now, you might say centralized offices are a good idea, but if you look out your window this week, you'll quickly realize driving 20 kilometres down the road for a senior citizen – or anyone for that matter – to drop off a parcel for Christmas is a dangerous undertaking.

Post offices are a community's lifeblood. The mail is how people stay in touch with friends and family, and it's how they do business. It's their main line of communication with outside communities.

You get a personal touch while you're there, too. The post office is a community hub. It's where people go

to meet their neighbours and talk about what's happening. That's why, whenever you're at the office, you'll see obituaries and notices posted on the wall. It's the one place everyone in the community visits on a regular basis, and many do so even if they don't have any mail to send.

Taking away the post office would leave a gap in our rural communities. Haliburton and Minden will likely be fine for now, but soon, they too might find the axeman knocking on their door.

Highlands East has decided to fight. They're getting started with a strongly-worded letter, but there seemed to be some real fire at the table which could lead to more action. What that looks like is unknown at this time, but slashes to this cornerstone of the community cannot be accepted.

It starts with a few hours cut here and there, but there's no telling where it might end.

The rest of the county would do well to rally around the municipality and get in the fight now. Canada Post has a huge hill to climb to get out of the red, and cuts are the easiest way to do that. But as usual, there's little thought given to rural communities. City folk can take a drive two blocks over to the next office, or another four blocks to the one after that. If we start losing offices, as it looks like we will, we don't have much in the way of alternatives.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Flapper, yessir

About 30 years ago my junior high school class took a trip to the Scarborough Roller Palace, our go-to alternative when there wasn't enough snow for the scheduled outing, skiing. I don't know how it fit into the curriculum, but every year we were invited to sign up for various activities each Wednesday in February. I picked skiing, which nearly always meant roller skating.

For those under 30, roller skating was a thing in the 1970s and 80s, and the Scarborough Roller Palace was where it was at. Hundreds of novices stumbling in a counter-clockwise direction with the odd teenage couple, bedecked in three-quarter shirts and skinny jeans, trying a few moves as Toni Basil screamed *Oh Mickey You're So Fine* over the sound system. And of course there was always some jackass who could skate backwards, forwards and sideways at twice the speed of everyone else, throwing the newbies off balance as he swooshed by.

All in all, it was pretty harmless, that is until one day when we were on the way back to school. A girl named Lesley had decided to put a second piercing in her ear, right there on the bus. Back then, in the circle of square pegs in which I ran, having two earrings was just about the most shocking, rebellious thing a girl could do. That or not washing her hair for a while, but Lesley wasn't into that.

As it was, Lesley's friend Natalie was an expert at piercing, or so she said. The process involved freezing the earlobe with an ice cube, sterilizing a safety-pin with a match and shoving it through. Then, you replace the pin with an earring to keep it open and apply alcohol at regular intervals. When the ear becomes infected – as it always does – there are further steps we don't need to discuss.

It did not go well. There was no ice on the bus, so Lesley had nothing to dull the pain. Nobody had considered the implications of performing surgery on a bouncing school vehicle before Natalie plunged the chosen implement into Lesley's unwitting ear.

We heard the shriek first. There was blood everywhere. Lesley threw up. Then she fainted. Natalie fainted. Kids were screaming and the driver was screaming at us to shut up. By the way, anyone who doesn't have the utmost respect and sympathy for school bus drivers is heartless.

Fortunately, Lesley recovered completely. She had the piercing re-done professionally and, a few years later, took the silly thing out and let her ears go back to normal.

Such were our efforts to be daring and individual in the go-go 80s.

Today, a small pin-prick is nothing. Kids, and those who should know better, are going large: now they're putting saucers in their ears.

I know all about the saucers. We read about

them in school, how South American tribes would use them as fashion accessories. Like chewing gum, the phenomenon has come a long way from the Amazon.

It starts with something small that slowly gets enlarged. Some keep them the size of buttons, but I've seen them as big as a toonie.

And I all can think is, *what on earth is that going to look like when you're old?* At some point, you'll lose the skin elasticity required to keep the saucers in place and all you'll have is a flappy loop.

And that's the problem. Kids never think of the flappy loop. They think of the saucer and how it's cool. They think it makes them unique, even though everyone else is doing it. Same with the tattoos that crawl up their faces. Tattoos can be beautiful, but think ahead people: what will they look like when you're older? Will your future husband be as impressed with your tramp stamp as your teenage boyfriend is?

I do not have any tattoos, first of all because my grandfather told me when I was six that having one meant you were either a pirate or an ex-convict, and he knew everything. And second, because I can't even decide on what to have at the Kozy, let alone choose an artwork I'd have on my body for the rest of my life.

I do not have children, but if I did this is what I would tell them: you don't have to mutilate yourself to be different, important or interesting. Keep it up, and, unless you're a musical genius or sports superstar, you will never have a decent job. You will not work in a respectable company or earn a good living because the people doing the hiring are curmudgeons like me who won't hire people with saucers in their ears, because they can't stop wanting to scream *take those bleeping saucers out of your ears!*

I know they won't listen. Lesley didn't, but at least her extra holes closed up easily on their own. The saucer-heads will have a much harder time correcting youthful mistakes, and while it's a shame that people are judged on appearances, it's also reality. You can always shave, get a haircut or a new suit for an important meeting or job; but having saucers means never being able to conform where conformity is required, which for better or worse includes large segments of society.

It's empowering to express yourself, but here's a secret: it's also empowering to be able to change how you express yourself over time, or in different situations. Why at such a young age would you close so many doors?

Take it from your local curmudgeon: those saucers, they're just loopy.



By Bram Lebo

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Correction

In the article 'Why did the turtle cross the road?' (The Highlander, issue 112, pg. 24), a quote regarding the potential beneficial effects of turtle tunnels on road safety was incorrectly attributed to Leora Berman.

The speaker was explaining that if the special fencing designed to keep turtles directed into road underpasses works, the

turtle tunnel system may improve road safety since fewer people will swerve to avoid turtles on the road or stop to carry them across it.

The photo for this story was incorrectly attributed to Haliburton County. The photo was supplied by Leora Berman.

The Highlander regrets these errors.

Letters to the editor

Ombudsman should investigate LTC

Dear editor,

I am in total agreement with everything the doctor says (see 'Residents happy with LTC', The Highlander issue 111, pg. 5). However, I would like to make some additional comments.

A member of the Norland Area Senior Citizens Club experienced abuse and neglect in 2011 after suffering a severe stroke. As a result the executive asked me to investigate ways to prevent this from happening again.

My research found that the Long Term Care Homes Act 2007 had been in full effect since July 2010. This Act covers everything one could hope for in a Long Term Care (LTC) Home. It only lacks one thing: independent enforcement.

By independent we understand this to mean independent of the home operators and the Ministry of Health and LTC. The inspectors mentioned by Dr. Stephenson are employees of the Ministry who pays the bills. This creates a conflict of interest when investigating occurrences that might be due

to shortcomings of Ministry policy and/or funding.

The only agency in Ontario truly independent is the office of the Ontario Ombudsman. It reports directly to the Ontario Legislature. Yet, at the present time this office is specifically prohibited from investigating LTC Homes and Hospitals.

We have repeatedly tried to get the support from our sitting MPP to have the Ombudsman mandate extended to include LTC Homes and Hospitals without success.

We urge the readers to prevail on our provincial politicians to put the Ontario Ombudsman in charge of enforcing the applicable legislation before the next provincial election. There are many vulnerable seniors in Ontario in LTC Homes and Hospitals who have lost the ability to speak for themselves. We owe these seniors nothing less.

Respectfully,
Karl Braeker, president
Norland Area Senior Citizens Club

Get tougher on crime

Dear editor,

Policing costs could rise substantially for all ratepayers across Ontario because no one will deal with the problem once and for all.

Our governments fund the care of criminals so they should pay all police costs as no municipality can afford to do it. The police can cut costs also as I see no need for inspectors, superintendents, deputy-commissioners etc. Couldn't their salaries help to pay the boots on the ground?

Over the last 50 years we've had a softening of the laws towards criminals to encourage crime which justifies a large police service. Capital punishment is no longer in vogue and the Juvenile Delinquent Act (JDA) has been discarded.

Today the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) is supposed to deal with youth under 18. But as the youngsters aren't named or severely punished they continue in crime after age 18. The letters YCJA stand for You Can Just Attack.

We need laws with teeth made by folks who don't benefit financially from these laws. The day is approaching where we will have to follow the advice of Terra Haute County, Indiana's sheriff of the early 1980s. He said we have too much crime. Shoot to kill. Immediately crimes dropped 50 per cent over night without any shots fired.

Winston E. Ralph
Bancroft

How to ride an ostrich, with dignity

As mentioned in my last missive, I spent last week soaking up the sun on the beautiful island of Curacao in the Caribbean (yes, just like the blue liqueur and yes I did imbibe some of said liqueur, although I did this for investigative purposes only you'll understand).

While holidaying I experienced a number of things either new to me or at least unusual in comparison to my normal life in Haliburton and as such I have come back with various new skills, for want of a better word, which I'd like to share with you. Here goes.

1. *How to spot an iguana:* This is not difficult on Curacao as these large ungainly lizards are common. However, the mere thought of seeing a lizard had Little Z in a froth of excitement and so when, after two days of fruitless searching, the first one we saw was road kill, he was understandably upset. However, before the wailing had subsided I had spotted a live version high in a tree. Now all I had to do was get it into plain view for my little fellow and all would be tickety boo, for sure. The waving of leafy branches and coaxing of the 'here

iggy wiggy wana' variety did not get as much as a twitch out of the iguana. It was only when frustrated I reached into the car and pulled out a snack of chips that his attention was stirred. A cock of the head to check out the rustling of the chip bag, a slow ponderous step along the branch and then an ungentlemanly part leap, part fall from the tree and iggy wiggy was on the roadside tucking into barbeque flavour chips to his heart's content; bingo!

2. *How to tell 300lb German guy that he's invading your personal beach space:* As we watched the giant, mahogany-tanned, moustachioed German lay down not inches from our beach towels my son looked at me and said "Daddy, he looks like a walrus." Fortunately we were in the sea at the time and not heard. However, on returning to our towels Little Z, all 35lb of him, took his red plastic shovel and began to flick sand on the German chap.

"What are you doing?" I blurted in a panicked voice.

"I'm throwing sand on him Daddy because that's what walruses do to keep cool."

The German left red faced and huffing, as

I stood next to my son too dumbfounded to speak.

3. *How to survive a monsoon like rain storm while on the beach:* This one is very easy. In 35 degree heat you simply stand waist deep in the ocean, flip the lid off a bottle of beer, take a large swig and laugh uproariously while holding you arms and face aloft to the wonderfully cooling deluge.

4. *How to drive a rental car that is smaller than your suitcase:* Yes, 'compact' certainly means that when you hire a rental car in Curacao. No bigger than the average Haliburtonian ATV and with an engine that no self-respecting hair dryer would own up to, our car was tiny but plenty of fun. All you have to do is drive like a maniac – just like the locals – not taking any notice of speed restrictions, stop signs, nor the gesticulations of other drivers or pedestrians. Basically, I pretended I was in a rally for the entire time that I drove on the island, which was great fun because every road was windy and bumpy, and you were liable to come across a chicken, goat or iguana in the road around every other bend.

5. *Finally, how to ride an ostrich,*

with dignity: This is impossible. Believe me I tried and I did ride the ostrich but I left all dignity behind the moment I took hold of the bird's wings and leapt onto its back from the tailgate of a beat up pickup truck. Once mounted, the bird bucked and swayed as it ran along, shepherded by two local fellows whom I had actually paid for this dubious privilege. The sensation was unique to say the least: like rodeo riding a giant Christmas turkey.

I gripped with my thighs, clenched my teeth and hung on as the bad tempered bird spat and hissed its way back and forth. My grin in the photos is pained to say the least and I was relieved to dismount, believe me. Not my finest hour, for sure.

Yes, Curacao was fun. No, iguanas don't like French fries (we tried numerous times). And, in the interest of public service, I must mention that one should always mount and dismount an ostrich from the rear. It seems they can only kick forwards!



By Will Jones

Photo of the week



Photo by Tammy Nash

A cottage overlooking the lake on a beautiful winter day.

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Are you ready for your winter activities?



Amanda Pyl

West Guilford

Yes. I work at Camp Medeba and I was just thinking of getting my snowshoes out. Snowshoeing and all the winter things that we do at the camp in the winter.

Dave Hatherton

West Guilford

Yes I am. I will be cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, argoing. I really love the snow. I do wish the lakes were in better shape.



Doreen Robertson

Haliburton

No I am not ready. I had heart surgery so I am not into doing anything strenuous. I go to bingo and cards, and play shuffleboard. Inside stuff.



Maggie Lawrence

Fort Irwin

My winter activity is going to Florida for three weeks. I will be winter golfing and warm winter fishing.



Dianna Owen

Irondale

Yes I am ready. I pretty much live in my car in the winter as I have a driving service. It keeps me busy so I am always prepared in advance for the snow and cold.



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County growth study moves forward

Firm hired to develop strategy

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Following release of its housing study this year, the county is moving on to the next stage in a growth management study required by the province.

MacNaughton Hermsen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited (MHBC) has been engaged to help the county develop a growth management strategy for a maximum fee of \$32,225. Staff reported the fee is included in the 2013 budget. According to the firm's website, MHBC has been providing urban planning and other services to clients across the province since 1973, and has an office in Barrie.

The study of housing and growth management is required by the most recent Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) regarding land use planning and development, issued by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 2005. According to staff, in its official plan the county has committed to studying issues such as growth and development, population, housing, employment and development guidelines in order to address the PPS, and studies on housing and growth management are needed to meet these requirements.

Planning staff submitted the draft request for proposals for the project to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for review and comments prior to issuing it.

Under the agreement, MHBC will conduct the work in two phases. The first will involve data collection and growth forecasting to identify population and employment

forecasts for the county and lower tier municipalities. MHBC will also review the county's current supply of development land.

The second phase will involve analysis of growth options and policy implementation based on projections from the first phase. This will include findings such as options for settlement area expansion, if appropriate, as well as potential opportunities for intensification and redevelopment, the amount of rural development that could be supported, and opportunities for future shoreline development. Policy implementation recommendations will focus on how to implement the preferred growth option and any issues identified during the strategy development process.

Councillors will hold their first meeting with MHBC following the Dec. 18 regular council meeting.



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Photos by Matthew Desrosiers and Warren Riley

Top: Andrew Hodgson presents David Ogilvie of the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton with a \$500 donation from Century 21's Haliburton office workers and realtors. Pictured from left are Anne Moulton, Gary Moffatt, Anne Hodgson, Andrew Hodgson, Greg Stamp, David Ogilvie, Mark Dennys, and Karen Nimigon. Above: The Minden Century 21 workers and realtors also donated \$500 to the Minden Food Bank. From left are Andrew Hodgson, Tom Ecclestone, Melanie Vigrass, Minden Food Bank chair Barbara Walford-Davis, Anne Hodgson, David Lee, and Ed Gibbons.

Food Bank says thanks to Century 21

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

The Minden Food Bank and 4Cs of Haliburton received another donation to their cause with two cheques for \$500 each from Minden and Haliburton's Century 21 real estate agents.

The Dec. 4 presentation represented the amount collected from agents who generously gave towards the food

bank's operation.

Andrew Hodgson, Century 21 broker and owner of Granite Realty Group Ltd. presented chairperson of the Minden Food Bank Barbara Walford-Davis, and David Ogilvie of the 4Cs, with their cheques.

"The Century 21 Realty Group represents all the Century 21 realtors in Haliburton County," said Hodgson. "Each year we give a donation and this year we gave \$500 to the Minden Food Bank and every realtor donated

and the company topped it off. So it was a shared team accompanied by the realtors."

"We are part of our community," he continued. "We are a corporate entity in our community and we are thankful for all the good work the food banks do and we want to help others in our community. We make a living here, we live here, we are full time year round, locally owned and we want to help our community."

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Fire Calendar Winners

Week of December 9
Wendy Bolt and Tammy Arthur

Meetings and Events

December 12
9:00 am, COTW/Regular Council meeting,
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

December 19
9:00am, Special meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

December 24
11:30 am, Administration Building
CLOSED for the Holidays

January 2
8:30 am, Administration Building OPEN

Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

The Boardwalk and Loggers Crossing Bridge
are cleared of snow regularly but are not
sanded or salted.

Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" as
these pathways could develop slippery conditions.

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Volunteer Fire Department

Annual Food & Toy Drive

The Firefighters will be out visiting the residents in the
Village of Minden to collect non-perishable food items
and new unwrapped children's toys for
this year's Holiday Season on
Tuesday December 17, 2013
Beginning at 7:00 pm

Please watch for the flashing lights of the fire trucks to
announce their arrival.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.
Donations may also be dropped off in the main foyer of
the Administration Building for the month
of December until Tuesday, December 17th -
All items collected will be used in the
Minden Community Christmas Basket Program

Holiday Hours of Operation

Administration Building
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Dec 24 - 8:30am to 11:30am

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Dec 25 to Jan 1st

Open
Jan 2 - 8:30am to 4:30pm

Thank You

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre would like
to sincerely thank all of the participants and
everyone who visited the Festival of Trees.

We would especially like to thank and
acknowledge the organizer of this event, Pam
Smith and the committee members Jaklin
Casper, Pat Campbell, Ellie Welch and Joe
Smith for their incredible dedication.

The Festival of Trees was once again a
wonderful success.

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for an additional ads**

Highlander news

County in brief

Municipal office closures

The county and lower tier municipal offices will be closed during the holidays as follows:

The County of Haliburton office at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden will close on Dec. 24 at noon and reopen on Jan. 2, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Roads Department after hours and emergency calls can be made to 705-286-1762.

The Algonquin Highlands office at 1123 North Shore Road will close on Dec. 24 at noon and reopen on Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

The Dysart et al office at 135 Maple Avenue in Haliburton will close on Dec. 24 at noon and reopen on Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

The Highlands East main office at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce and the Building Department office at 1032 Gooderham Street in Gooderham will close Dec. 21 at 4:30 p.m. and the Cardiff office at 2778 Monck Road in Cardiff will close Dec. 21 at 3:30 p.m. All three offices will reopen on Jan. 2 at 9:00 a.m.

The Minden Hills office at 7 Milne Street in Minden will close on Dec. 24 at 11:30 a.m. and reopen on Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

Head Lake bridge gets funding boost

The county has been able to top up reserve funds toward rehabilitation of the Head Lake bridge on County Road 21 at Wallings

Road in Haliburton.

The county overestimated the cost to replace a culvert on Gelert Road this fall by \$68,887.08. The funds will remain in the bridge and culvert reserve fund, which already contained \$400,000 at last report.

The county has submitted an expression of interest for funding of 50 per cent on the total estimated bridge rehabilitation cost of \$1.25 million, leaving the county's share at \$625,000. The balance will be included in the county's 2014 capital budget.

Rail trail year-end report

Designated parking areas are among the plans for the Haliburton County Rail Trail next year.

County staff reported possible 2014 projects include building the areas at Donald, the Gelert Cemetery and Gould Crossing, as well as adding two more large information signs at Donald and the cemetery and repairing culverts.

This year staff installed new information signs at both boundaries and at Ritchie Falls Road, installed 22 new speed limit signs and repaired a large washout 2.5 kilometres north of Howland Junction Road along with several other washouts.

Staff also continued the surface improvement gravelling program with the Haliburton ATV Association's annual \$5,000 donation.

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Norm Mills presents Barbara Walford-Davis with a \$400 cheque for the Minden Food Bank on behalf of the Stanhope Airport Committee.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Doris Mitchell (right) and her husband, Paul (left), talk to Ridgewood Ford owner Larry Moynes during his open house.

Dealership of the future launched

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

After almost a year planning and another in construction, Ridgewood Ford's facelift is finally complete.

The dealership's owner, Larry Moynes, hosted an open house on Dec. 6 to show off the new and improved facility. He said the renovations were completed to bring the dealership in line with Ford's new millennium standards.

"Part of it was Ford was looking to have all their dealers as millennium [dealerships], and we also needed to make some improvements to serve our customers better," he said.

The front entranceway has been redesigned. Inside there are new tiles and counters, and

the Ford colour scheme throughout the building.

One of the biggest projects was repaving the entire lot and installing all the new lights.

The dealership has come a long way over the years.

Doris Mitchell and her husband Paul are long-time Ridgewood Ford customers who remember buying a car out of the dirt lot back in 1989, before Moynes purchased the dealership.

"It was a 1989 Probe and I had it quite a few years, actually," Doris said. "Then I got a [Ford] Focus, and got another Focus. We've been Ford for quite a few years."

Doris said she always comes to Ridgewood for her vehicles.

"The service is great, the people are great

to deal with, and it's hometown. It's easy for us."

For the last 19 consecutive years, Ridgewood Ford has been awarded Ford's highest honour, the President's Award, for market share and customer service. Moynes said his dealership group has won more than any other in Canada, with 57 awards.

"Customer service [is] the biggest thing," he said.

The open house was an opportunity for Doris to come out and support the business.

"We have been customers for a long time and we were anxious to see the new digs and what was going on," she said. "I think it's wonderful that things have progressed so far, that [they] have come so far along to having a beautiful place like this."

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Highlander arts

Picasso and Mandela: a book and a movie

I've just finished reading a biography, simply titled 'Picasso.' It's written by Patrick O'Brian. Kenneth Clark, author of 'Civilization', calls O'Brian's book on the artist 'the best biography of Picasso.' O'Brian is best known for his seagoing, page-turning novels which feature Captain Jack Aubrey and doctor Stephen Maturin, characters who came alive onscreen in the movie 'Master and Commander, the Far Side of the World.'

'Picasso' is a more scholarly book than the novels and is necessarily voluminous as befits an artist of Picasso's stature and the 92 years between 1881 and 1973, in which he lived. A lot happened to the world during those years, not the least of which were the wars; including the Spanish/American War, the Spanish Civil War, World Wars One and Two, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Picasso was deeply affected by the ravages of war, though his works seldom were the direct result of those altercations; the most famous exception being 'Guernica', his protest to the bombing of the city of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War. Though he became a card-carrying member of the Communist party Picasso chose to express himself most volubly and prodigiously through his thousands of paintings, sculptures, etchings, engravings, linocuts and lithographs.

It was somewhat surprising therefore to read Picasso's quote in O'Brian's book. He stated that "I am proud to say that I have never looked upon painting as an art intended for mere pleasure or amusement... no, painting is not there just to decorate the walls of a flat. It is a means of waging offensive and defensive war against the enemy."

Much of O'Brian's 'Picasso' has to do with the artist's complicated and contradictory nature, and some of Picasso's works were indeed decorative in effect, if not always by intention. I wonder how many artists today in the Highlands are prepared to wage 'offensive and defensive war' through their work against a perceived

'enemy?' Not too many I suspect.

That is not to say that Picasso has had no influence on our artists. His contributions are so pervasive that they are part of the worldwide cultural DNA, and anything even remotely abstract owes its existence in part to a sensibility of the man's body of work.

O'Brian's book is not a hagiography, and consequently it reveals Picasso as a great artist and a famous man but perhaps not a great man; he was much too self-centred for greatness, and he cast off many of his women, and his children and grandchildren, leaving them with no provision after his death.

A great man did pass away last week. Nelson Mandela died in his Johannesburg home at the age of 95, and while it is well documented that Picasso could be very generous to his friends and those people who sought his help, Mandela's contributions are the more important for the human condition as he transcended politics while breaking down barriers erected along racial lines. He symbolized not only the entire continent of Africa but he also became a symbol for the oppressed around the world. He was 45 when the South African government sent him to jail. He was over 70 when he emerged, and his long crusade and selflessness, while seeking freedom for his people, was without equal in the 20th century.

But he was not a saint, and like Picasso he had problems with his home life, specifically with his wife Winnie, whose contrary morality and political stances he could not overcome.

While his rise to president amid his fight to end apartheid might be looked upon as his greatest personal achievement, his biggest failure was being lax in allowing Thabo Mbeki to become his successor with the African National Party (ANC). Mbeki, a self-proclaimed intellectual subsequently extended South Africa's suffering with Aids by holding back crucial Aids-fighting drugs. Now the ANC is little more than another self-interested, corrupt regime

deeply involved in crimes such as the misappropriation of foreign aid.

But politics aside, what was so remarkable about Mandela the man was his willingness to forgive his oppressors and those who sent him to jail. "I cannot afford the luxury of revenge," he said. It was just as well that he couldn't because had he yielded to the bitterness that one might expect from mere mortals, South Africa would have been totally beyond any sort of governmental orderliness.

Mandela as a young man was a good boxer and he regretted never becoming the heavyweight boxing champion of the world. Picasso on the other hand was fascinated by bullfighters. Though their lives overlapped, I can find no record of their ever having met;

but there's enough documentation on the two men to form a fictitious dialogue, and a meeting between the two might be an effective premise for a play by someone like Michael Fay.

'Picasso' by Patrick O'Brian can be ordered through any of our libraries. 'Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom,' is a tribute film which became a eulogy with the great man's death. It's presently in theatres, starring Idris Elba as Mandela.



By George Farrell



By Matthew Desrosiers

Book baskets raise money for library

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library held their Christmas sale on Dec. 7. Themed baskets of lightly-used books were sold throughout the day, with proceeds going towards a library wish-list. The Friends sold 39 baskets out of the Haliburton Library, for a total of \$304.

Pictured above, Pat Erickson browses the selection of book baskets.



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Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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2. *Hostage* by Kay Hooper
3. *Three Sisters* by Susan Mallery

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Taking Liberties: a history of human rights in Canada* by Stephen Heathorn
2. *The Hire Advantage: a proven approach to overcoming today's job search challenges* by Greg Wood
3. *Empire of Secrets: British intelligence, the Cold War and the twilight of empire* by Calder Walton

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

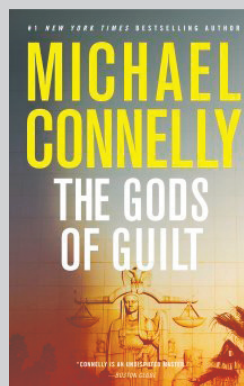
1. *Graffiti Moon* by Cath Crowley (Young Adult)
2. *Thea Stilton and the Journey to the Lion's Den* by Thea Stilton (Junior Fiction)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *The World's End* (DVD)
2. *Robert Ludlum's the Bourne Retribution* by Eric Lustbader (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

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Ontario Provincial Police auxiliary const. Wilfred VanLieshout accepts a bag of food donated from Vallerie Pagnello on Dec. 7. From left are Vallerie Pagnello; auxiliary const. Wilfred VanLieshout; Brad Park, owner of Haliburton's Foodland; const. Krista Potter; const. Paul Potter, OPP community services officer; and const. Dan Collings.

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Cops come through

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Grocery shoppers helped fill police cruisers full of food for the Minden and Haliburton food banks over the weekend.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) held their annual Fill the Cruiser event on Dec. 7. Regular and auxiliary officers volunteered their time, off the clock, at Easton's Valumart, Dollo's Foodland, Park's Foodland, and Todd's Independent, collecting bags of food.

Brad Park, owner of the Foodland in Haliburton, said he had been in touch with

the food banks to find out what kinds of items they needed most. He then put together the bags of food for customers to purchase and donate.

The OPP collected nearly 3,000 lbs of food and almost \$400 for the food banks during the day-long campaign.

"It was exceptional the way our community donated to such a worthwhile cause to make sure that people in Haliburton County will have food on their tables during the holiday season," said OPP staff sergeant Chad Bark, Haliburton Highlands detachment commander.

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Singing against violence

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The OutLoud Womyn's Voices were singing inspirational songs on Dec. 6 out front of the Village Barn in Haliburton.

The men and women of the choir sang in observance of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. It was held as part of the National Rose campaign and organized along with the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton.

"This action is a small way we can contribute to ending violence in our community," said organizers Paula Pepping and Nicole Duncan in a press release. "By getting important information out there, we hope to make an impact in our community."

The singers held up signs with information on violence against women and inspirational sayings.

For more information on the National Rose campaign, visit www.rosecampaign.ca.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Men and women joined in with the OutLoud Womyn's Voices choir to raise awareness of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The choir sang out front of the Village Barn in Haliburton on Dec. 6.

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And that has made all the difference

SIRCH's support during cancer treatment a welcome hand up

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

There was a time when April Martin wanted to give up.

She was in the middle of her second round of low-dose chemotherapy treatment. Martin was tired, sick, and suffering from numerous side effects of the drugs.

"It runs you down," she said. "You lose weight, you have no appetite, you have hair loss [and] severe memory loss. Fortunately for me I had every side effect known to man, but I did not suffer from depression. I say that's because I always try to be do a positive take on life. That worked to my advantage."

Despite her positive outlook, it was getting to be too much.

Martin was diagnosed with a disease in its late stages, which meant she had to undergo a 48-week low-dose chemotherapy treatment to, in the best scenario, eradicate the disease and add on some years to her life. She estimated the treatment cost about \$20,000 per month the first time around, with OHIP covering approximately 70 per cent. Even with the assistance, her savings were drained.

Martin's first round of treatment did not kill the disease, and OHIP will only pay for it once.

"I was fortunate," she said. "They only pay for it once [but] my specialist and my treatment coordinator jumped on the bandwagon with Roche Pharmaceuticals and they jumped in and did compassionate care and provided my treatment this time at no cost."

It was in October 2012, during the second round of treatment, that Martin hit her low. That's when SIRCH Community Services to picked her back up.

"SIRCH was awesome," Martin said. "They

stepped in to help with some necessities I needed."

The first thing they did was send in a friendly visitor.

"They had someone come by for friendly visiting or just to talk because I wasn't going anywhere and wasn't doing the normal things I was doing, because I wasn't physically able."

If she needed to go to the bank they would take her. The visitor would also pick up groceries for Martin.

She still has a friendly visitor who comes once or twice a week to talk and do touch therapy.

"It has been awesome for me because that was really the beginning of me starting to feel better," Martin said. "Even though I was coming to the end of treatment, I was probably at the worst point physically and mentally."

"I wouldn't have thought it would make such a difference but it really does."

One of SIRCH's coordinators, realized that Martin was struggling financially and helped by providing food vouchers. She was driving back and forth to Peterborough for appointments, which combined with the damage done to her account by the first round of treatment and her now-limited income, had Martin living on a thread.

The vouchers freed up money from the food budget to put gas in the car for appointments.

But SIRCH's assistance didn't stop there.

Martin has a grandson living with her at home. Over the summer he had an accident while mowing the lawn and shattered his toes. She was able to tap into SIRCH's Need a Hand program to assist with work around the house that her grandson would normally do. The program is partially subsidized by donations and clients who are able to pay for



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

April Martin credits SIRCH Community Services for helping her through a 48-week low-dose chemotherapy treatment.

their services, which allowed for Martin, who was unable to pay at the time, to receive the help she needed free of charge.

She has also been placed on a special SIRCH discount list at Highland Pharmacy so she is able to get her medical products at a reduced rate.

"There was a time there when I was ready to quit," she said. "That's how horrible you feel."

Martin said SIRCH really carried her through.

"The understanding and not judging, being willing to accept me and my situation and not treat me like a beggar. They still left me with a sense of pride because I worked my whole life and never intended to be in this situation when I would be on the receiving end."

As someone who has spent her life as a volunteer and donating to these kinds of

organizations, needing help was a big change.

"It's very humbling suddenly being on the receiving end, but never once did they ever make me feel [bad]. That's very important."

Martin has completed her second round of treatment and is anxiously waiting to find out the results. In the meantime, SIRCH volunteers continue to visit and spend time with her, and she has made friends at the organization as well.

"There hasn't been anyone at SIRCH that I've spoke to that hasn't been so supportive," she said. "I certainly wouldn't be where I am right now if it hadn't been for their support."

All of the services Martin used are made possible through donations to SIRCH Community Services. To donate, buy a Gift From the Heart by visiting www.sirch.on.ca or calling 705-457-1742.

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Junior highlanders



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Above: Kelly Chumbley (left), Emmerson Wilson, Trinity Walker, and Jessie Porter joined their classmates in decorating LCBO bags with safe and sober driving messages. Left: Ann Gordon (left) completes her purchase and receives a decorated LCBO bag from Lisa Barry.



Kids ask you to drive safely

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Next time you're at the LCBO, take a minute to read the messages left by Grade 3 students from Stuart Baker Elementary School on the checkout bags.

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) community

services officer Paul Potter was in the classroom with the students last week to help them decorate the LCBO bags with messages about drinking and driving. The kids coloured the bags and wrote messages to the adults to be responsible on the road and to stay sober.

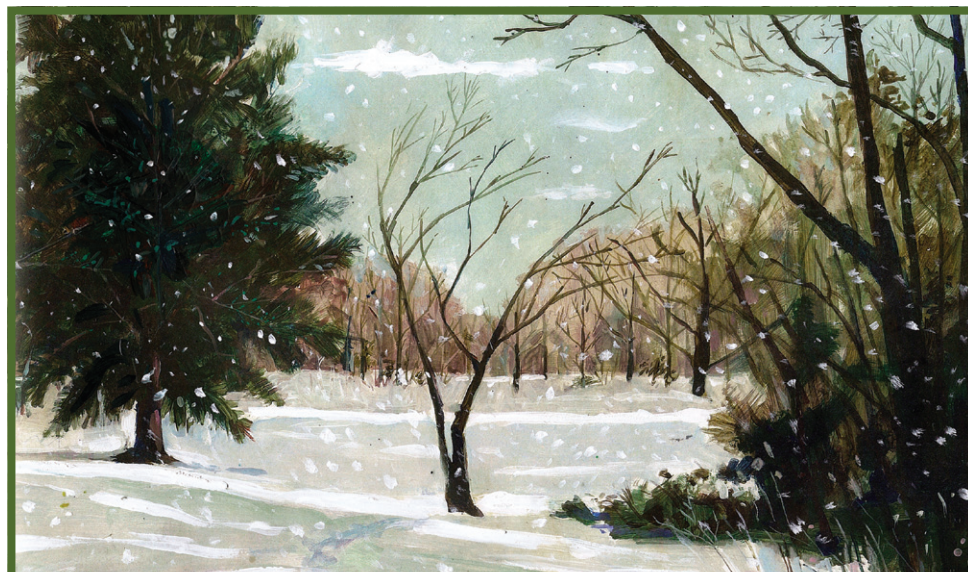
The bags were later delivered to the LCBO to be used at the checkout.



By Walt Griffin

Money for Food for Kids

Aaron Walker of Food for Kids and Barbara Walford-Davis of the Minden Food Bank received a \$2,500 grant that will be used for the Archie Stouffer breakfast and snack program.



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Highlander sports



Hawks lose to St. Thomas

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

The St. Thomas Aquinas boys basketball team were too much for the hometown Red Hawks to handle on Dec. 10. The visitors took home a 37-29 win in an end to end affair.

Although it was early in the game, the second quarter saw the Red Hawks lose confidence and it showed in their place. The team struggled both passing and shooting the ball throughout the game.

St. Thomas had a slow start to the beginning of the game but picked it up in the second half. The Red Hawks couldn't match their play and were unable to get back into the game after being down by eight.

Turnovers and poor ball possession ultimately led to the team's defeat.

Photo by Warren Riley

Two Red Hawk players jump for a rebound in their game again St. Thomas Aquinas. The Red Hawks lost the game 37-29.

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Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Highland Storm Minden CARQUEST Midget B girls travelled to Lindsay Saturday afternoon to take part in the Lindsay Lynx day's hockey celebration. The Storm were looking to remain in third place (8-2-3) in their eastern division of the LLFHL. The Lynx were on the prowl and played an aggressive style that seemed to frustrate the Storm throughout much of the game. Late in the first period, Cassidy Garbutt opened the scoring with a quick wrister that beat the Lindsay goalie low blocker side. The Storm continued to generate many scoring chances but the Lynx tender made numerous highlight saves to keep the game close. Lindsay never gave up the pressure of their attack and worked hard, trying to tie the game. The Highland squad weathered the storm Lindsay continued to throw at them and eventually built on their lead with a quick wrister from Kelsey Maracle that beat the Lynx netminder low blocker again for a 2-0 lead and eventual final score. The win was Connor Marsden's seventh shut-out of the season.

The Highland Storm girls will need to pick up their pace of play and focus on their next three games this weekend before a winter/New Year break that will start again on Jan. 4 on the road against the Keene Wolverines who currently sit right behind them in the standings. This weekend's three-game tilt will see the Storm Midget B's take on the 4th place Wolverines Friday night at 7:30 in Minden in a battle for third place. On Saturday, the Highland squad travels to Whitby for an evening match-up with the always hungry Wolves, and then wrap-up the weekend with a home game in Haliburton Sunday afternoon at 1:30 against the Cold Creek Comets.

Gear up girls as we get ready to push for second place in our loop.

Dollo's Foodland Peewee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

Dollo's Highland Storm Peewee A team visited Oro on Saturday and gave up a goal in the first 10 seconds of play. Shortly thereafter the team was faced with double penalties and things looked grim but the Storm successfully played the five on three penalty kill. With just 13 seconds left in the period the Highland Storm struck back with a goal by Owen Gilbert on a pass from Lucas Haedicke.

The second period saw lots of chances with both sides hitting crossbars and goal posts but not the net. The Highland Storm started the third period with a penalty but Zach Morissette grabbed the puck in a turnover at the Storm blue line launching into a breakaway and fired a low shot past the Oro goalie to put his team ahead with a short-handed goal. The Highland Storm kept the pressure on and Haedicke put in goal number three close in on a rebound. With less than six minutes of play left in the game Gilbert followed with a hard wrist-shot from a sharp angle that got past the Oro goalie. Oro was able to manage one more goal two minutes later but it was not enough as the Highland Storm team took the game with a 4-2 score.

Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Tammy Smith

The Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A team once again came alive in the third period to beat Huntsville 9-5. Huntsville came out strong in the first going up 2-0 before Mathew Wilbee scored assisted by Jake Bishop to make it 2-1. Then Huntsville scored to make it 3-1. Minutes later Owen Patterson Smith made it 3-2 unassisted to end the first.

Huntsville opened the scoring in the second to make it 4-2. Parker Smolen made a remarkable save on a penalty shot to keep

Highland Storm Hockey

the Storm alive. Moments later Bishop scored on a pass from Patterson-Smith and then with only 1:11 left in the second, Nolan Flood scored to tie it up assisted by Bishop.

While the zamboni was cleaning the ice the coach must have said something to these boys as they looked like a different team coming out for the third. The Storm scored just over a minute in on a goal by Paydon Miscio assisted by Owen Smitty Smith and Bishop. Another goal was scored a minute later from Kyle Cooper assisted by Patterson-Smith and Bishop to make it 6-4. Then at the 11:43 mark Chris Thompson scored from Greg Crofts and Chase Burden. Twenty seconds later Ethan Keefer fired a bullet from just outside the blue line to put the puck in the top right hand corner to make it 8-4 unassisted. Huntsville scored one more before Wilbee scored his second of the night to finish up the scoring.

Our next game is Friday night at 7 p.m. against Almaguin in Haliburton.

Lions Club Atom AE Silver Stick tournament

Submitted by Rich Smith

Our Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AEs hosted the International Silver Stick Tournament over the weekend in Haliburton. It was the 11th annual for the host organization that carries on a hockey tradition started back in the 1950s. The tournament offered a chance for our Atom AEs to compare themselves to other similar sized centres from Ontario regions three to five. All teams at the tourney proved evenly matched and all games were close, exciting and great to watch. It does your heart good to watch Canadian kids playing the best game on earth. Good clean hockey.

For many of the Storm Atom AE players it was their first Silver Stick and the kids really enjoyed themselves. They rode an intense roller coaster over the three games on Saturday that challenged the players and gave them valuable experience as they look toward their play downs.

The Lindsay Muskies handed the Storm their first defeat, winning 3-2 after scoring in the final two minutes of the game. The game featured solid goaltending, good defence and end-to-end battles. Nick Phippen scored from Owen Harrison, and Jaylin Frost scored a highlight beauty from Phippen and Sterling Nesbitt that electrified the crowd.

Next the Storm faced their biggest and roughest opponents from Tweed. Apparently they grow 'em big in Tweed. This was the first highly physical contest the kids have faced all year and they scrapped out a 1-1 tie. These types of games test the players' character and team desire and the kids came through with flying colours. What a game! Here the fiery Emma Tidey set up Phippen for his second goal of the tournament. Coaches love these team efforts.

Last on the round robin schedule were the Stirling Blues. The Storm had to win to continue their weekend. The game was intense and emotions ran high. Phippen had

scored for the Storm. With the game tied 1-1, 40 second remaining and the face off in Stirling's end, the stage was set for high drama. Darian "Tuukka" Willis was on the bench after doing everything he could to earn his team a win. The Storm iced six attackers and poured out their hearts to try for the win, however Stirling managed to shovel the puck out into the neutral zone and bury an empty netter.

I just want to tell every one of those kids that they couldn't have made us more proud. They gave their all. They were wonderful representatives of our county, their families and our organization. Thanks to all the families and friends who made the weekend such a success. Hats off to Trish Phippen. Well done.

Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee AE Silver Stick Tournament

Submitted by Jon Petrie

The Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee AEs hosted the annual International Silver Stick Tournament this weekend in Minden. Eight teams were in attendance which guaranteed some great hockey. The Storm started the day facing off against Centre Hastings (see photo on pg. 21).

Centre Hastings stormed out and scored on the very first shift but our squad didn't let up and midway through the period, Paul Turner passed through to James Alexander to even it up. Centre Hastings continued to chip away though and scored once in the second and again in the third. Although the Storm pressured the play, Centre Hastings sealed it up with an empty-netter to win 4-1.

In the second game the Storm faced off against Port Hope. The home squad got off to a great start and forechecked hard to force the play. Noah Black got things rolling by scoring from the point with assists by Lexie Tait and Alexander. Alexander and William Petrie passed through to Carter Bull who made it 2-0 after a nice shot from the slot. Port Hope closed the gap in the second and goalie Jaxson Campbell had to be sharp in net. There were a few tense moments in the end, but the Storm held on to claim their first win, 2-1.

This set up a must-win for the final game of the day against the undefeated Stirling Blues. The Storm lived up to their name, putting immense pressure on the Stirling defense from the first puck drop but neither team was able to break through to score in the first. In the second, Stirling broke free to score twice and unfortunately our squad was never able to recover and the Blues won 2-0.

The team should be very proud of the way they played in all three games, displaying determined effort throughout. Heartfelt thanks goes to Shannon Robinson and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout both days to make this event happen. Thank you also to James Baldry for convening the tournament. It was a great day only made possible by the parent volunteers that participated – thank you!



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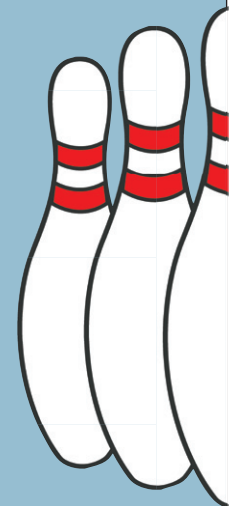
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The Haliburton Family Medical Centre Pee wee AE team competed in the Silver Stick Tournament on the weekend. Pictured above, Colby Lamshead takes a shot on net against Centre Hastings. See page 20 for story.

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Early start to ski season

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

About 400 skiers and snowboarders hit the hills at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike between Dec. 7 and 8.

"This was our best season opening weekend in four years," said Chris Bishop, general manager.

On Saturday, four of the 14 runs were open. Bishop said that conditions on Sunday were the best they've ever been.

"The double grooming and fresh snow made it great," he said, adding that all runs will be open before Dec. 20.

The terrain park, which has been relocated and will offer new features, was also well-received.

Photos by Mark Arike
Above: A young boarder cautiously takes flight off a jump. Top: Skiers bask in the sunshine as they go down the hill at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike. Right: Susan Annis, left, goes for a ride up the pony tow lift with her two-and-a-half year old daughter Samantha.



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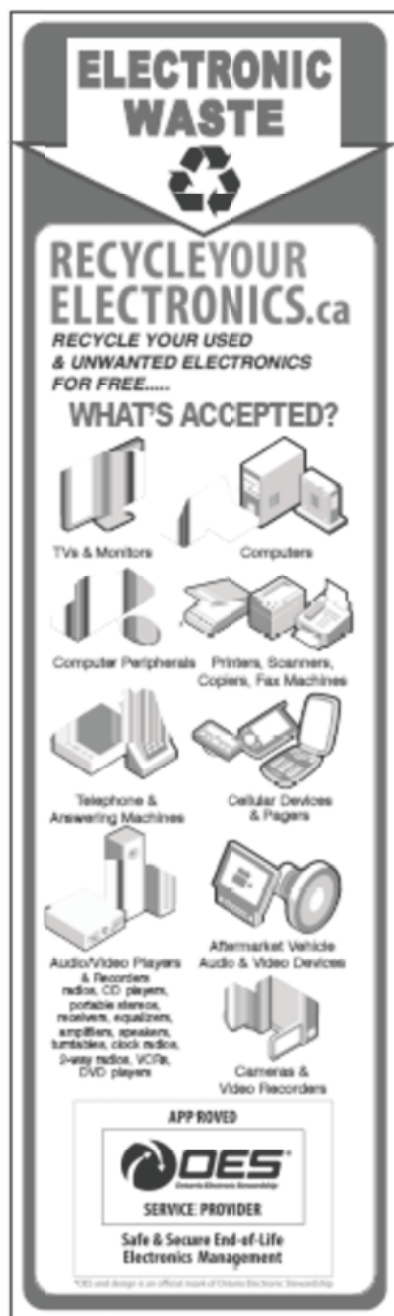
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By Matthew Desrosiers

Rotary skate party brings hundreds to arena

On Dec. 6, nearly 300 people filled the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton for the Rotary Club's skate party. Families came out to skate, participate in free dogsled rides in the ball park provided by Winterdance Dogsled Tours, and Santa Claus was there, too. Families were served free pizza and hot chocolate, and kids received a gift from Santa. Pictured above, Shawn Heasman brings his daughter Veronica for her first skate.



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

HEARING DATE: December 16, 2013
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

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

File No. MV A25/2013, Part Lot 4, Concession A, geographic Township of Anson – Bobcaygeon Road
Purpose: The Applicant requires relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit an addition to their dwelling in the Residential Type One Zone. The following variances are required:

1. From Section 4.1.4 to permit an addition to a principal building which will be 0.15 metres (6 inches) from an accessory structure. The Applicant therefore requires a variance of 1.35 metres (4 feet 6 inches).
2. From Section 5.2 to permit an addition which will increase the lot coverage to 31%, which is greater than the 30% maximum permitted lot coverage in the Residential Type One Zone. The Applicant therefore requires a variance of one percent (1%).

File No. MV A26/2013, Part Lot 10, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden – Cook's Lane
Purpose: The Applicant requires relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit an addition to their non-complying dwelling in the Shoreline Residential Zone. The following variance is required:

1. From Section 4.7.4 v) to increase the coverage of the non-complying dwelling by 108% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed dwelling will be 133% larger than the existing building). The proposed dwelling will not exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage in the Shoreline Residential Zone.

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

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

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

Dated this 12th day of December, 2013

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

Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Carl Dixon takes centre stage at the third annual Christmas Charity Concert held at McKecks Tap & Grill.

Dixon and friends give back

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local performers joined forces at McKecks Tap & Grill on Dec. 5 to sing Christmas carols and support families in need.

The third annual Christmas Charity Show, hosted by Carl Dixon and friends, raised \$850 for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. Admission to the concert was \$10 plus an unwrapped toy (also to be donated to the

Food Bank).

At least a dozen singers and musicians shared the stage with Dixon, including Harry Morgan, Gord Kidd, Jerelyn Craden, Ryan Dawson, Phil McMahon and Paddy's Lament, Andy Salvatori, Kris Kadwell and Bethany Houghton.

On Christmas Day the restaurant will serve a free meal to members of the public between 2 and 4 p.m. For more information call 705-457-3443.



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EVENT

Highlands Wind Symphony

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Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Joint Accessibility Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:
Angela Balle, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE



County of Haliburton Inaugural Session of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday December 17, 2013 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The Public is welcome to attend.

Jim Wilson, CAO/County Clerk

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (By-law – 13-35)

(Application RZ 13-04, Part of Lot 14, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 13-35 on the 28th day of November, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 13-35 amends Schedule "11" of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Shoreline Residential (SR) and Rural (RU) Zones to the Shoreline Residential Exception Forty-Eight (SR-48) Zone as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law. This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

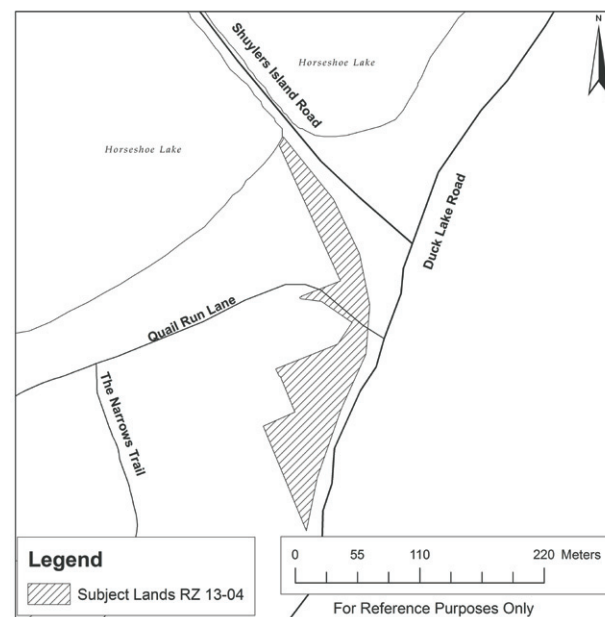
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DATED at the Township of Minden this 12th day of December, 2013.

Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator

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Highlander events



By Matthew Desrosiers

Stocking up for Christmas

The Lloyd Watson Community Centre was full of shoppers on Dec. 7 for the annual Christmas sale. Organizer Cathy Agnew said 37 vendors set up tables to sell their wares throughout the day. "They were happy," she said. "People look forward to it." On sale were Christmas ornaments and displays, art work, tea, treats, and a variety of other items. Pictured left: Julie LaRocca (left) browses a collection of tea blends from Lynda Wootton's Tea Cosy table. Top: The Spence family look over some hand-crafted gifts.

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Application RZ 13-05, Part of Lot 14, Concession 6,
geographic Township of Minden, By-law – 13-36

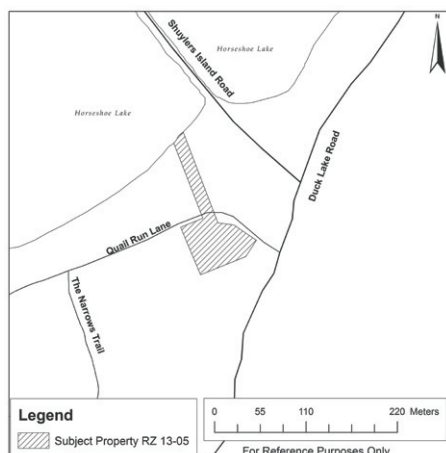
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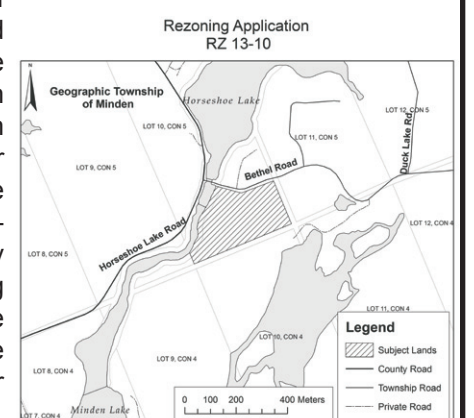
Application RZ 13-10, Part of Lot 10, Concession 5,
geographic Township of Minden, By-law – 13-60

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1. Responsibility

5. Is sick

9. See eye to eye

14. Casino game

15. Snare

16. Tire pattern

17. Establish again

19. Nervous

20. Sculpture, e.g.

21. Quoted

22. Corroded

23. Kitchen gadget

24. Picnic nuisance

25. Like Swiss mountains

28. Parched

30. Sis's sib

33. Earth

34. Forest clearing

35. Hunting dog, for short

36. Outstanding

39. Adolescent

41. List-ending abbr.

42. Get up

44. Thirst quenchers

45. Baby's "piggy"

46. Lincoln's coin

47. Hinder

49. Gun lobby (abbr.)

50. Bert's buddy

52. Barbecue site

55. Sumptuous meal

56. Compass dir.

59. Roberts and Clapton

60. Mediate

62. Land measures

63. Society girls

64. Not written

65. Yonder

66. Correct copy

67. Makes a hole
- DOWN**

1. Gumbo ingredient

2. At no time, in verse

3. Platoon

4. Mama's boy

5. Apparel

6. Furious

7. At the side

8. Went fast

9. Audience member

10. Terrific

11. Housing expense

12. Alleviate

13. Genesis garden

18. Skim over

23. Tablet

24. Assistant

25. Resource

26. Gambling game

27. Fragment

29. Rank

30. Knife feature

31. Expressed anger

32. Fat

34. Wide smile

37. Sport with webbed rackets

38. Location

40. Neck area

43. Guided

47. Demand

48. Catcher's glove

49. More pleasant

51. Synagogue figure

52. Bog fuel

53. Curve

54. Fatigue

55. Become dim

56. Eastern garment

57. Buck

58. Snaky swimmers

61. Fishing gear

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY

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

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

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FRIDAY



29

SATURDAY

Card making – The Art Hive, 1-3 p.m. Drop in and by donation.

30

SUNDAY

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

DECEMBER 1

MONDAY



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TUESDAY

Minden Guides and Pathfinders meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

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

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

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WEDNESDAY



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THURSDAY

Community Care Christmas lunch – Minden Lion's Hall, 2 p.m. RSVP by November 29.

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SATURDAY

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

Annual Cookie Walk - Haliburton United Church, 10-12 p.m. Bring your own containers to fill, \$4.50 per dozen.

Christmas Craft Sale – Lloyd Watson Centre, 9-2 p.m.

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SUNDAY

Country Music Jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m.

White Gift Sunday – Haliburton United Church, 11:15 a.m.

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MONDAY



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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION NOVEMBER 28TH - DECEMBER 4TH

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary meeting, last Thursday 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, Monday to Friday, 12-2 p.m.

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, 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

NFL Sports Day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)

Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m.

Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.

Executive meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Last week's puzzle solutions

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4	9	6	3	7	8	1	5	2
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FUN FACT:

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David; Clubs - Alexander the Great; Hearts - Charlemagne; and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

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What's on



Photo by Mark Arike

Students from Grades 6-12 are showcased in Airline, a comedy showing at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Catch a flight with young actors

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's one big character-driven farce that will have you in stitches from beginning to end.

A cast of 30 elementary and high school students came together on Dec. 11 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for the opening performance of "Airline", a play written by Tim Kelly.

"If you've ever had a complaint with an airline, you might find some humour in this," said Ryan Merritt, a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) who directed the production along with Peggy Flowers, a teacher from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

The play brings together a unique group of characters who find themselves on a wacky

flight through a terrible storm with Go Bananas Airline, the cheapest airline on the planet.

The production is the result of a partnership between the two schools and the Highlands Little Theatre, a local theatre production company.

"The mandate was to encourage students to participate in theatre in the community," said Merritt.

Students in Grades 6-12 participated in the play.

"It's the first example of that kind of community partnership between the two schools," he said.

The age difference between many students created a mentorship opportunity, said Flowers.

"There's great communication and sharing

of ideas."

"It's a character-driven farce, which isn't easy to do with students who aren't as experienced in drama," added Merritt. "The comfort level that some of the students have in Grade 12 helps the younger students. Mind you, there are some students in Grades 6 and 7 that are just as mentoring as anyone else."

Flowers and Merritt reviewed 15 to 20 scripts before selecting Airline.

"It's a very funny play," said Flowers, who has directed a number of Kelly's titles. "I was familiar with the playwright, so that's another reason [we chose it]. We both liked the script."

In order to carry out the performance, students began rehearsing two days a week in September. This was an extracurricular activity.

"It's been a huge commitment," explained Merritt. "That's not easy to do in a community where there's so much offered. There are so many commitments that a student could be involved in."

The Highlands Little Theatre lent their expertise and in-kind services to the production. Both Flowers and Merritt are grateful for the organization's support.

"They've been immensely helpful," said Flowers. "I don't think we would've been able to do it without their help."

The final performance of Airline will be held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at either school or at the door.

Proceeds will support extracurricular drama programs at both schools.

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