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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Minden's Izac Reid, second from the left, lines up at the starting line during his snowcross Amsoil Kawartha Cup race on Feb. 8. See story on page 19.

County standing against OPP changes

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

The County of Haliburton's treasurer, Laura Janke, has recommended that the county align itself with other rural municipalities that will see their policing costs skyrocket as a result of the OPP's proposed new billing model.

"Everyone who is going up [in policing costs] is rural, everyone who is going down

is urban," Janke told members of the county's finance and correspondence committee during a special meeting on Feb. 12.

"If we're banding together with all of these other people who are losers, we need to find the most common grounds to fight on," she said.

According to the OPP's website, the proposed billing model would use a standard per household cost for base services that would

be charged consistently to municipalities. Calls for service would be an additional variable cost based on frequency and type of calls in any given municipality.

Through discussions with the OPP and other municipalities, Janke and county staff gathered information to help county council better understand the negative financial impact the model would have on the entire community.

In 2014, the county's policing costs are nearly \$3.4 million. Under the new model, which is expected to be implemented next year, the total would increase by 150 per cent to just over \$8.5 million, or \$369 per household.

In her analysis, Janke learned that of the 323 municipalities across the province, 190 would see a decrease in their policing costs.

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Reid suggests municipalities opt out of OPP model

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"All of the urban centres are going down significantly," she said. "The very highest is going down \$4.2 million. The worst case scenario is going up \$7.9 million – and that's our neighbour Muskoka."

Janke said that Muskoka's policing costs would rise to \$17 million.

Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey pointed out that one of the major flaws with a per household calculation is the fact that seasonal residents – those who represent 65 per cent of all households in the county – are included in

the equation.

"Seasonal residents are pushing Muskoka and Haliburton right through the roof," said Fearrey.

In her report, Janke explained that urban and rural municipalities have varying property tax assessment bases that "greatly impact how costs are apportioned among the residential, commercial and industrial taxpayers."

Janke said that a per household cost leaves out the commercial and industrial sectors, and that according to the Municipal Act municipalities cannot charge ratepayers on a per household basis for any other services.

"Everyone I've talked to doesn't think it should happen that way," she said.

The solution Janke offered is based on weighted assessment, for example, the ability to pay.

"We need to make the case that this is hardship," said Fearrey. "This is about something that we can't afford. What do we want to do? Put people out on the street? This is real folks, this is the biggest thing that's happened – ever – in our county to destroy us."

Reid, who will represent the county on the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's

OPP billing steering committee, suggested that the county consider alternative policing services.

Councillors agreed that the county should engage in conversations with Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes to see if they'd be interested in banding together to figure out alternatives to the proposed model.

"If smaller municipalities opt out of the OPP model, that's going to create a fixed cost," said Reid. "All of a sudden the winners are going to become the losers, because they've got infrastructure that they have to pay for."

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Highlander news



Wolf attacks family dog

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A Gelert man and his dog faced an unexpected and dangerous encounter on the weekend.

The Highlander's Walter Griffin was returning home the afternoon of Feb. 9, when he and his wife spotted a group of deer coming over the snow bank near the house.

"That's very unusual," he said. "There are no wintering areas close by our house for deer."

Griffin said at the time he commented to his wife that it was probably a wolf that was pushing the deer from their normal area, but he didn't think much more of it.

At 5:30 p.m. that evening, the Griffins let their dog Spencer, a five-year-old springer spaniel, out into the backyard.

"The dog started woofing and barking, and I commented to my wife that maybe the deer the wolves had pushed out were off to the north of the house," he said. "About a minute later, the dog got into a serious bark and went down off the deck to the north of the house. At that point he started barking ferociously and I knew that either somebody had walked up the laneway, or something was in the laneway that didn't belong there."

Griffin looked out the window and saw Spencer in a highly aggressive state. He went to the front and put his boots on to go outside.

"All hell broke loose," he said. "It was unreal. I wasn't sure if it was a dog fight or if my dog had attacked a kid. There was so much snarling and shrieking that I knew something was terribly wrong."

Griffin flung open the front door, grabbed the only tool within his reach – a long-handled round-mouthed shovel he'd been using to chop up the snowbank – and ran around the car to see what was happening.

"To my horror, a wolf had my dog by the throat and pinned down to the ground. The noise was absolutely like something being killed. The wolf was so intent on the dog that even when I was shouting he did not do anything. I ran up and gave him a left-hander across his shoulder and top of the ribs."

The wolf let go of the dog and retreated 15 to 20 feet, then turned and faced Griffin.

"I don't know where the dog was at that point, I was so fixated on the wolf."

Griffin said he switched the shovel into a right-handed grip, ready to strike the wolf again.

"As I walked towards it with the shovel ready to whack him, the wolf went into a very aggressive mode," he said. "His tail was curled underneath him, his back was arched, and he had a great mouthful of teeth."

Walter Griffin

Another few steps towards the wolf and it jumped over the snow bank, with Spencer in hot pursuit. Griffin hollered at the dog to come back.

"All the shouting that I could do was not going to get my dog to stop pursuing the wolf at this point, as I'm sure he thought he was protecting me."

Finally, after running for 75 feet, Spencer stopped and barked at the wolf who turned and sat, staring the dog down. Griffin followed after and eventually convinced Spencer to come back to the house, at which point the pair retreated inside.

Spencer had a few bite wounds, but his thick collar saved him from most of the damage. Griffin said without it, Spencer would likely have died when the wolf had him by the neck.

"My first thought was to get him off my dog," he said. "I didn't have time to be afraid."

Griffin said he didn't think twice about protecting his dog.

"He's a protective dog. Spencer wouldn't let anything happen to me or my family."

My first thought was to get him off my dog. I didn't have time to be afraid.



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Details missing from federal budget

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The federal government has allocated \$391.5 million over five years to improve highways, bridges, and dams in national parks and along historic canals in its 2014 budget tabled earlier this week.

The funds could be used to complete improvements along the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW). Although Parks Canada was unable to confirm how they intend to prioritize projects as of press time, the budget does name the Crow Bay Dam as a proposed repair project along the TSW.

Other highlights from the budget include plans to encourage additional donations

of ecologically sensitive land by doubling, for income tax purposes, the carry-forward period or donations of such land, and \$10 million over two years to improve and expand snowmobile and recreational trails across the country. No details of which trails will be improved or expanded have been released.

The budget also promises \$305 million over five years to enhance broadband internet services for rural and northern communities, and \$5 million per year for the New Horizons for Seniors Program to support community projects that benefit seniors.

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Editorial opinion

One to watch

When Izac Reid hit his first jump, it took my breath away.

I'd never paid much attention to snowcross before and knew next to nothing about the sport. Hockey yes – especially here in a county that has developed so much talent on the ice.

But snowcross just wasn't my thing. Until now.

Izac is a 14-year-old from Minden, and he has made me a snowcross fan.

When I think of athletes at that age, for the most part I think of kids who still have a lot of practice – and time – ahead of them before they become complete sportsmen or women. There's usually a huge gap in talent between them and, say, an 18-year-old.

So it came as a surprise when Izac arced through the sky, snow falling from the back of his sled, leading a pack of racers four years his senior. I'm not sure what I expected, but it wasn't that.

Around and around the track he went, taking jumps with wild abandon and pushing his sled to its limit. When he would disappear down the hill behind a fellow racer and then fly back into view in the lead, I couldn't help but pump my fist in the air.

This kid is dynamite.

What impressed me most was when he crashed. Snowcross is a bit of a contact sport: the racers charge into corners, or fly off the starting line and jostle for position. A few times Izac came off his sled as a result. But even though he was clearly out of the race at that point as others sped by, he continued to push.

Izac attacked the course, as if his will alone could drive the sled faster and further off each jump. If ever he fell

behind, you always felt like he could catch up on that next corner.

He fit right in with guys who had more size, experience, and faster sleds. It's hard to believe he's only been racing for three years.

I may not know a whole lot about snowcross, but I do know this: Izac Reid is the real deal. This kid can race, and he's got the attitude of a winner.

He's also got a family behind him, supporting him in every way they can, from bringing him to races across Quebec and Ontario, to fixing his sled between them.

As he continues to succeed and more people find out about him, he'll get a lot of support from our community, too.

This county is dominated by hockey in the winter months – and quite rightly. It's Canada's sport and this year all our eyes are on Matt Duchene as he competes at Sochi. And in any year, Highlanders can name most of the players on the Highland Storm squads, and residents go to the arenas to support those kids as they develop and move forward in their sport.

But let's not forget our other athletes on the fringe of popular sports. We've got a lot of great hockey players, but we've got many other great talents, too.

Izac Reid is one of those. Stand up and take notice, because this kid is destined for great things.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Fancy diving too

This being an election year, we can expect to hear from the perennial pool lobby, a group of earnest would-be swimmers who have been trying to get a recreation centre built in our community. Late last year, the committee published a study commissioned to determine if a pool would be economically viable.

Common sense would tell us it isn't. Not enough people. And even if many of us say we'll pay membership dues and attend a recreation centre regularly, as the survey suggests, anyone who's ever made a new year's resolution knows that's not the same as actually doing it. Tellingly, the report noted how few people were engaged in fitness activities now, which may be a better indicator of where the line between intentions and reality actually lies because for those who look, there are places to exercise.

Even so, the pool committee should continue their efforts. They just need to stop trying to answer the wrong question.

The committee, like so many of us, have accepted the line that public services need to pay for themselves. This notion, possibly concocted in the 1980s by a confused bureaucrat with a head full of red tape, comes from a fundamental misunderstanding of the role of government: that it is somehow supposed to operate like a business and pay for itself instead of, you know, deliver government services. By trying to demonstrate a pool's economic viability, the committee is implicitly accepting this philosophy, or at least attempting to humour its proponents.

With respect and admiration for their determination, members of the committee are operating under rules of engagement designed to make them fail. The fact is, we live in a rich province in a rich country. We are 17,000 people living relatively isolated from many types of recreational opportunities who, as a right of citizenship, should have a recreation centre that includes a pool. That is where the argument should begin and end.

Whether we – the 17,000 we as opposed to the 12 million we in Ontario – can afford it is irrelevant, a cruel distraction designed to put the responsibilities of governing on those with the fewest resources.

A recreation centre is not an extravagance. The health and social benefits and the resulting net benefit to our healthcare system are well-documented. To look only at the cost side of the equation is ridiculous and panders to the clueless mandarins who wouldn't know a business plan from a three-piece suit.

Once a society has fed and sheltered its population, it builds higher-level facilities for learning, amusement, recreation,

interaction and contributing back.

Libraries, schools, roads and public artworks aren't supposed to make money, but we all understand on some level that they're part of being civilized and that they do have immense value, even if it doesn't show up on a balance sheet. When societies fail to build elements of higher civilization, they start to fall apart. We may think we're saving money by cutting after-school programs, for example, but the pregnancies and drug use that can result from a lack of structured activity can end up costing much more.

It's no different with seniors. If the province's ageing at home strategy is anything more than the usual rhetoric, it has to go beyond the notion that middle-aged children will take care of their parents if we just toughen admission criteria to long term care homes (another false economy when the lost income of those children is considered). It means giving seniors access to recreational opportunities, and making those activities part of our entire adult lives.

The committee's study asked respondents how much they'd be willing to pay for a monthly membership, and I'd suggest a round figure: nothing. Perhaps – and I'm going out on a limb here – the province could just step up and pay for it, yearly operational costs and all, because that's what civilized societies do. If our tax dollars can go towards new hospital wings in our provincial capital, surely a fraction could come back to support our health too. Our county politicians might consider taking the baton from the pool committee directly to Queen's Park to demand exactly that.

If we don't, we're colluding in propagating the essentially nihilistic philosophy that governments have no role in service delivery, no role in building and sustaining the communities that support them in return. Our nation was built on the opposite sentiment: that we become a great society by building for ourselves the things that create a great society.

Let's get on with that.

The pool committee will be presenting the results of their study to County Council on February 19 at 9 a.m. in council chambers, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden. Those who would like to show their support for a pool and recreation centre are invited to attend this public meeting. More information is available at ourpool.ca.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Bobcaygeon left turn dangerous

Dear editor,

Well, you should try living on Invergordon Avenue (was North Water Street) for 44 years and making left turns onto Bobcaygeon Road almost every day! Talk about creeping out into traffic. That's an understatement.

I have written to Minden Hills Township twice about putting a convex mirror at the intersection of Invergordon and Bobcaygeon as it is very difficult trying to view traffic through the bridge spokes. There's either snow or flowers in the way. In February 2005, I was told "the road superintendent was

of the opinion that the sight lines are not the best, but it is adequate with the speed limit."

These convex mirrors are prevalent in Europe and the road superintendent told me he had one at the end of his driveway. My guess is that they would cost about \$150. What a reasonable price to save a fender-bender or life. I was also told that the township does not own property to put up such a sign. I did not realize the township had to own the property to put up a sign.

Eleanor Hall
Minden Hills

Bigger problems than left turns

Dear editor,

The Minden Hills council have been known to change their mind. I hope they do on this one!

We all know there is an engineering site line problem at the bridge on Bobcaygeon Road. To think that a no left hand turn at the bridge corner from Water Street will solve it is not the answer, in my opinion. It will create another problem as we will all have to cross the bridge only to make a u-turn at Deep Bay Road to come back down to the shops on the main part of Bobcaygeon Road. Of course it may help the businesses across the bridge!

If we want to park on the south side of the main street we will have to take this trip across the bridge no matter how we enter Minden to shop here. This will make it more difficult for those coming out of Invergordon to make a left turn to cross the bridge with a lineup of cars coming back across the bridge.

To make this law a trial period from May to the end of August infers to me that we all lose our common courtesy driving skills when traffic increases with the arrival of our seasonal and tourist traffic. At 40 km/hr, I can't believe that we cannot make this turn safely as we have been doing for years.

Perhaps I will just try to find a parking spot behind the Village Green unless the council decides to turn this area into a children's playground as another part of their downtown revitalization. Of course this would eliminate another dozen or more much needed parking spots. I wish the council would spend their time trying to solve the narrow sloped sidewalk problem in front of the CIBC bank! This to me is a bigger safety problem than a left hand turn at the bridge.

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Photo of the week



Photo by Sara Moffat

This wolf was spotted in Algonquin Park on a crisp January day.

Three-way stop the answer

Dear editor,

There is little doubt that when driving and trying to negotiate a left turn from Water Street onto Bobcaygeon Road in Minden, such is extremely difficult because of the bridge railing blocking the driver's view from the right and the oncoming traffic on the bridge.

It is my opinion that a simple solution to the problem would be to install a three-way stop at this intersection. A three-way stop, as we know, would give right of access to the car on the right. Having said this, a car entering the three-way intersection from the Bobcaygeon bridge would have to wait until the intersection cleared before proceeding because a vehicle cannot make a right turn at

this point. Not a big problem in my mind.

This idea/plan would serve to benefit both drivers and pedestrians alike in that drivers would be more confident in making the mentioned left turn and pedestrians would be safer and not as hesitant in walking across the intersection. Safety for both drivers and pedestrians is definitely a priority and such would vastly improve the present situation.

I do not agree with prohibiting any turns at this intersection (especially a left turn from Water Street) as this would make driving confusing to get to any desired amenities in downtown Minden.

Paul and Barbara Cameron
Haliburton

Screaming, swearing and no fish dinner

The engines screamed, its high-pitched whine audible above the loud rap music that I'd slammed into the CD player, such was my foul mood.

The engine screamed and yet I was travelling at 60 kilometres per hour, the transmission stuck in '4-wheel Low'. This was to be almost the last straw in a day that I would gladly have forgotten, had the 'I'm-gonna-blow-at-any-minute' noise of the motor that accompanied Eminem's potty mouth tirades not been a constant reminder. And yet it had all started out so well.

A Saturday: chores done, a snow shoe with my lovely wife and Little Z enjoyed, and now ice fishing. I couldn't wait. I had a lake chosen, minnows in a pail, foot warmers gently glowing in my boots and a flask of coffee to keep me company.

And then my calamitous luck began. As I pulled up at the lakeside, along a shoulder perfectly graded white by the snow plow, my car lurched sideways and I found myself wedged firmly in a ditch.

'BUGGER!' was one of the words not used by Eminem but most definitely uttered by me. Digging, sanding, salting, more digging, and plenty of swearing later the car was still stuck. However, a jog down the

road and visit to the first house with a pick-up parked in the driveway gave me hope. Two large friendly Haliburtonians came with me to assess the problem, bringing with them a silver behemoth by the name of Dodge Ram.

As we pulled and pushed, a conservation officer, out on the lake checking fishing licenses, noticed my predicament and came over to help. His sled promptly got stuck too. Perhaps I wasn't the only one slated for a bad day. The guys first pulled me out and then helped our friendly C.O. out too. Everyone shook hands and went on their way, my way being out onto the lake to catch the last hour and a half of daylight, the perfect time to catch a pickerel.

As I drilled my first hole through the ice I took a moment to rest (a writer's lot is not a wealthy one and so a hand auger it has to be) and smiled as I looked back at my car. 'Oh well, no harm done,' I thought. Now for some fishing. I baited my first rod and walked 15 yards away to drill a second hole.

I turned to see the first rod bucking madly: a bite, already! I ran to the rod. Or I tried to run. My snowshoes tripped me up and I fell flat on my face in the snow. The rod stopped bucking. The fish was gone.

'BUGGER!'

Time slowed as I sat watching the rods bob, the minnows below working their magic, hopefully. I relaxed. I drank coffee. I had to pee. Now out on a lake there is nowhere in particular to pee. You just point yourself downwind and out of eyesight of any nearby cottages. In doing this I was facing away from my lines and yes, you guessed it, another bite. An awkward combination of tucking myself back into many layers of clothing and zipping up, all the while hobbling towards the bouncing rod, caught me off balance and I slipped and put my foot squarely into the hole that my rod was perched above. The line went taut, then slack. The fish was gone and my foot was very wet.

'BUGGER!'

I am the eternal optimist but darkness was fast approaching, so I quit. Gear packed onto sled, I headed across the lake to shore. All went well until I got to a large mound of snow at the lake's edge into which were carved several snow mobile tracks. My sled skewed one way and then the other before spilling its contents onto the snow.

I swore again, a profanity somewhat stronger than 'bugger' and flat-footed it back

to pick up my gear. After making a couple of trips to the car, everything was packed and I turned on the ignition, only to notice the 4-wheel Low light on. I turned the knob to change into all-wheel-drive but nothing happened. I tried again, and again. I turned off the ignition. And turned it on again. Still the 4-wheel Low light stayed on. 'BUGGERBUGGERBUGGER!' I yelled and put the car into drive. Up through the gears it shifted rather too quickly and I reached 40 kilometres per hour, the optimum cruising speed when in 4-wheel Low. The Eminem CD went on and the car screamed, at 60 kilometre per hour, all the way home. Tired, dejected, and fishless, I unpacked my gear. What a day. Stuck in a ditch; face full of snow; cold wet foot; sled upturned; and, no fish. Surely nothing else could go wrong.

It was then that I realized all my gear was not in the car. I was missing a minnow bucket and a rod. No doubt they lay on the lake where my sled had crashed.

'BUGGER!' I thought. I couldn't swear. Little Z was at my side, asking where his fish dinner was.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What do you think of no left turns onto Bobcaygeon Road?



Art Beer
Minden

That will just cause chaos won't it? If you cannot go left they will go right and have to turn around and come back.

Bill Cooper
Ingoldsby

I think they should put a traffic light there and then allow left turns. It will be a mess at the new turn around located at Minden Mercantile and Gordon Monks.



Karen LeClair
Minden

I think that it is ridiculous. It will cause a massive confusion and they need to reconsider this idea.



Reg Raby
Minden

I think that Gordon Monk's Funeral Home will have a huge problem with people turning around in their parking lot.



Ted Earl
Carnarvon

There should not be a left turn there. They also should have made a better turn to the right when they re-did the bridge.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Reader to Dysart council: What are you thinking?

Dear editor,

There are some very serious questions that need to be answered in regards to the proposed military test site in Harcourt (see Military test site proposed for Harcourt, The Highlander issue 119, pg. 2) and the concerns for public safety connected with the storage of explosive materials on this proposed site.

Karl Pfister mentions five to 15 full-time jobs. What kind of jobs? Are these permanent jobs or temporary? Are there people in the area qualified for these positions or do they plan to bring people in from elsewhere? Just because there will be jobs doesn't necessarily mean employment for the local people. Mr. Pfister talks about spin off work, heavy haulage and gravel contractors. This would mean more traffic with heavy trucks rumbling back and forth with their loads. Will this sound also almost entirely dissipate before reaching the residents that will be impacted by this proposed military testing site?

How can detonating bombs underground not have an impact on the environment? Bomb explosions impact the environment. Mr. Pfister and Armatec Survivability can give all the assurances of minimal disturbance to people and the environment they want while trying to achieve their goal of buying property and building a military test site, but once all has been settled, what kind of control will be in place to make sure they do as they say? Their words "minimize any disturbance" or "the sound will almost entirely dissipate" are vague. It will be at their (Armatec Survivability) discretion to decide what is minimal disturbance. That being said, Mr. Pfister seems to be putting a whole lot of emphasis on noise levels, reassuring us that the noise levels will be minimal. Is he trying to steer us away from the fact that his business on this proposed site is detonating bombs?

The proposed site is located east of Benoir Lake and north of Elephant Lake, very close to the boarder of Algonquin Park. What impact will this have on the park and the people who camp, hike and visit there? Both Benoir Lake and Elephant Lake also need to be taken into consideration on this point. Maybe the bombs won't be heard, but the knowledge that this kind of testing is going on may deter visitors. Or will Armatec Survivability minimize public knowledge of military testing in this area?

Susan Norcross would like accolades from a similar facility in a similar community. Mr. Pfister suggested the Dorchester council. Armatec Survivability has a ballistics testing facility based there. Perhaps contacting the DRDC Suffield in Alberta where they do the same kind of testing as Armatec Survivability is proposing to do in Harcourt would be a better choice. This site may not be in a similar community as Harcourt, but perhaps the people in this community can give an idea of what goes on inside the site of DRDC and what the fallout has been concerning people living in the area, property values, and environmental impact.

It is inexcusable that Dysart council has decided to process this application. Holding a public information session so we can all be properly informed of this proposed facility? They will sugar coat it and expect our eyes to glaze over at the prospect of five to 15 jobs. The long and the short of it is they will be exploding bombs under military vehicles and vehicles will be blown apart. How does that not affect the environment, people and surrounding properties? A bomb is a bomb no matter where it is detonated.

What the heck are you thinking?

Deborah Wisniewska
Tory Hill

Bomb tests save lives

Dear editor,

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the proposed development of a technical test facility by Armatec within Haliburton County. I personally think that this is an excellent initiative by Armatec and that it should be supported. My rationale is as follows:

Armatec tests and designs ballistic protection systems for armoured vehicles, several of which are used by the Canadian Forces. Having listened to my son who completed two combat tours in Afghanistan and his friends which he served with, the greatest killer of Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan were IEDs. Canada lost 161 of her sons and daughters in Afghanistan. A great number of those were killed by IEDs and roadside bombs. If companies such as Armatec can develop a system which will save lives, I completely support them. As a county, if we can support companies such as Armatec to save the lives of our sons and daughters, then I say we need to back them.

Armatec has proposed to construct a test facility in Harcourt which will employ several trades persons in the local area. Further, they have indicated that there would be between five and 15 full-time jobs created at their facility. Again, I see this as a win for the

county where currently we have a 22 per cent unemployment rate and our young people are having to leave the county in search of work. As a test facility, the trials and evaluations conducted by Armatec will require monitoring from the various clients. This will result in a spinoff for the hotels and restaurants in the area. Yet again another win for the county!

While there has been some concern addressed by some people regarding noise and potential impact, rest assured that any future development requires environmental impact assessments as well as seismic surveys before construction can begin. Companies such as Armatec are federally governed with regards to the type and nature of explosions which they may conduct. This involves not only the explosive yield, but the noise levels which result. As they indicate, they will be running 20-30 tests per year. This would be well below the number of explosions conducted by the upgrading of major roads in the county or the blasting for foundations for homes.

I support the initiative of Armatec as it will bring badly needed jobs into the community and possibly save lives.

William E. Beatty
Drag Lake

Have an informed opinion

Dear editor,

I really feel it necessary to respond to the letter from Darlene Buckingham of Tory Hill in reference to the recent Armatec Survivability proposal to amend zoning near Benoir Lake to allow a military testing facility (see Harcourt no place for bombs, The Highlander issue 120, pg. 5).

Ms. Buckingham states that this proposal is made with no consideration to local aquifers and wildlife. I have read the entire proposal and the protection and support of environmental issues are a key mandate in the proposal.

I realize that the proposal has created a lot of dialogue in the area and Armatec

will be meeting with the public to provide information at 11 a.m. on Feb. 22 at the Harcourt Community Centre. Personally, I am on the fence but feel it is important that we stick to facts and not make alarmist and misleading statements without have the correct information.

As a community, let's listen to the information and make an informed decision based on facts while treating both those for and against the proposal with the dignity and respect they deserve.

More information can be found on Facebook on the Harcourt Armatec discussion forum.

Ann Corrigan
Harcourt

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New logo appeals to right audience: Moffatt

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The new Haliburton Highlands logo was launched on Feb. 5 and county councillors immediately encouraged the public to use it.

Tourism committee chair Carol Moffatt said that initial responses to the logo were positive and that it had been submitted to Roots for the new Haliburton Highlands clothing line. She said the representatives at Roots approved of the logo.

Moffatt said that some business owners in the area were not yet totally on board with sharing the logo through social media.

"People are saying their customers aren't on social media," said Moffatt. "But maybe new customers are on social media."

Moffatt approved of the logo herself.

"I love it, I think it's a good choice," she said. "We took enough time to make the right decision on it."

Although Moffatt said that some business owners or residents might not approve of

the image, it was important that everyone participate in using it.

"It doesn't matter what the image is," she said. "It's what we collectively do with that image and how well we use it that will make the difference."

The design, created by Linda Middleton from Crystal Image Studio who worked with tourism director Amanda Ranson, is text-based and depicts the Haliburton County tagline, #MyHaliburtonHighlands, on a black background.

Initially the tagline was combined with an image of a tree, water, and hills, which was intended to represent Haliburton County's outdoor resources. The image was designed using a brushstroke effect to reflect Haliburton's artistic side. Members of the tourism committee sent the image

back to the studio to be tweaked after it was introduced in a January meeting but wasn't met with resounding interest by councillors or committee members.



At the Feb 5. meeting, Ranson revealed the updated logo as a brand asset package. The package included two variations of logos that show the tweaked image with text, and a logo that shows just

text alone. She said the new black background of the logo made it stronger, and that the rustic border added to the artistic appeal. Some members of the committee preferred the tweaked image, and some were still hesitant.

"I think it's a dramatic improvement," said Bruce Ballentine of the Haliburton Highlands Tourism Committee. "It really jumps out, it really works. It's branding and it's who we are."

"It looks like the wind took the tree and pulled it into the water," said Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey. "But I'm not an artist."

The committee discussed the possibility of starting the logo process over again, but committee chair Moffatt reminded members that the printing of the destination guide was dependant on the new logo, and Ranson said there was a possibility of missing significant print deadlines for magazines if a logo was not decided on.

"Even so, I don't want to go with something that people aren't happy with," Ranson said.

Councillors agreed that of the new options presented, the preferred choice would be to choose just the tagline as the logo and eliminate the image altogether.

"For my vote, I'd go with the tagline only," said Fearrey. "That's what we identified ourselves with."

Ranson agreed with the tagline-only option, and said that people could use their own photos behind the logo to personalize it.

Cottagers demand better road maintenance

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Seasonal residents with properties off Bear Lake Road are demanding that their concerns about the poor quality of their road be addressed by Algonquin Highlands council and staff.

"Frankly, we're not getting a fair shake," David McSkimming, president of an informal Bear Lake Road association, told councillors during a Feb. 6 regular council meeting.

McSkimming, a cottager in the area, said that although the municipality has done a better job of maintaining the road over the past five years than the previous 20, it still isn't "up to standard."

"It's very limited compared to other roads in the area," he said.

In 2011, McSkimming and other seasonal residents formed a "loose" association to address their problems with the road, which include no winter access, poor conditions and a lack of maintenance.

Despite ongoing communication with staff and councillors, they say little action has been taken to address their concerns.

"There's a lot of things we just don't have answers to," said McSkimming, who explained that the first delegation came to council in August 2012.

According to information from Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt, the township

inherited Bear Lake Road as a seasonal road at the time of amalgamation. It's one of 80 municipally-owned roads and one of five that isn't maintained in the winter.

In his presentation, McSkimming reported that the 120 or so residents serviced by the road make up for \$400,000 in annual tax revenue.

Based on what McSkimming has been told, it will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring the road up to municipal standards.

If the township were to invest in the road, McSkimming and his association members believe that cottagers would spend more time at their properties, therefore resulting in positive economic spin-off.

McSkimming asked council to develop a two to five-year plan for the road.

Jim Hobbs and Gary Welch, two property owners in the area, joined McSkimming and expressed their displeasure with the current state of the road.

Moffatt apologized for the "lack of response" to the previous delegation that came to council.

"I think that what we had said at the time was we'd look at it at budget," said Moffatt. "So we should've been in touch after budget. ... I think we'll do better going forward, just a different approach goes a long way."

After the group's presentation, councillors discussed the matter further.

"I think it's only fair to make a decision regarding the next steps about this road," said Moffatt.

According to her information, Moffatt confirmed that the concerns have been long-standing for a number of years. She went on to explain that bringing the road up to standard and maintaining it has been priced three times.

"The records also indicate that that request has been denied, repeatedly, for consistent reasons that are around terrain, related safety and cost. The main thing is cost."

Moffatt reminded council that property owners "knowingly and willingly" purchased property on a seasonal road.

Based on the township's asset management plan, it would cost \$80,000 per kilometre to bring the road up to standard, resulting in a total cost of \$530-550,000, said Moffatt.

Other expenses would include winter maintenance and the hiring of an operator.

In Moffatt's opinion, it's only fair that options for all five of the seasonal roads be discussed.

"Some of them are very tiny and have like two people on them, but it's still infrastructure," she said.

Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle said this conversation is "long overdue."

"In order to be a progressive township, we need to be listening to the people that have put us here," she said.

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said that according to information she has seen, not all residents want this road work to be completed.

"Let's see some signatures," said Danielsen. "I see that that's some work that needs to be done by this group."

Danielsen said she wanted a clear answer on assessment and taxation in order to be able to move forward on the issue. She also suggested the group create a formal association.

Lisa Barry, Ward 2 councillor, said she would like to see a "calculation of a plan of all of the roads that are seasonal right now."

Councillors agreed that the matter is not one that can be included in this year's budget.

"I would say that based on the notes that have been taken... I'm going to say there's a couple of months of work here in assembling this information for us to bring back," said Moffatt.

She suggested that some of the options be discussed amongst staff and legal counsel.

"That's the only way I can see this going anywhere, is to kind of blue sky it within realistic municipal constraints and see what happens next."

Moffatt told The Highlander that the township's public works operation manager, Mike Thomas, will determine the cost of bringing all five of the township's roads up to standard and present that information to council.

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February 16

8:00 am, Minden Fire Department
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9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council,
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Highlander news

Councillor gunning for deputy reeve's seat

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Current Ward 2 councillor Dennis Casey has set his sights on the deputy-reeve's seat for the 2014 municipal election in Dysart et al. "I have served two terms on Dysart council and feel that I have the qualifications and experience needed to move up," said Casey, who recently filed his nomination papers. "The natural and logical move for me is to move to the position of deputy-reeve." Casey said that over the past year he gave "considerable thought to the move." By November he made his decision. As a councillor, Casey said he has enjoyed

working for the electorate and with his colleagues. "I think working with and resolving issues that the electorate have has been most rewarding. Sometimes our decisions don't make everyone happy and that's disappointing, but it is what we do." During the campaign, Casey wants to connect with the voters. "I am looking forward to giving people the opportunity to [get] to know who I am and feeling comfortable in contacting me about issues, concerns and possibilities that they have about our municipality..." he said. On Feb. 11, current deputy-reeve Bill Davis filed his papers for Ward 1, the seat currently

held by Andrea Roberts who has yet to file. "I played with it for about a month," said Davis. "I looked at my options... and I'm not getting younger, I'm getting older." Davis said he's had a "good run" as deputy-reeve – a position he was first elected to in 1985. He got his start in local politics as Ward 1 councillor for Dysart. "I got my start in Ward 1, I might as well end in Ward 1," said the 72-year-old, adding that he's thoroughly enjoyed his tenure. If successful, Davis couldn't confirm whether or not this would be his last term. "It remains to be seen. I'm just slowing my pace a bit, I guess."

Ratepayer's request gets yellow light

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

An Algonquin Highlands ratepayer who wishes to see a street light installed at the intersection of North Shore Road and Highway 35 will have to put their request in writing. During a Feb. 6 regular council meeting, operations manager Mike Thomas told councillors that he contacted the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to look into the possibilities. "If we put in a formal request, they will come out and assess the area," said Thomas. "If warranted, they will cover the costs. If not warranted... we're looking at paying upwards of \$7,000 plus the monthly hydro usage." Reeve Carol Moffatt told her colleagues that the ratepayer's request should come to council in writing. "We don't make decisions because someone asks someone to bring it up," said Moffatt, who made it clear that she was opposed to the installation. "I think the person who wants this needs to write us a letter – a formal request for us to consider – and they need to tell us the reasons why." Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson asked Thomas if the township would incur any costs as a result of an MTO investigation. Thomas said he didn't believe there would be a financial impact. Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she has heard from other area residents about traffic safety at the intersection. "If there's no costs to them taking a look at it, I say let's check it out," said Danielsen. Moffatt insisted on asking the concerned ratepayer to submit their request in writing before instructing staff to make a formal request to the MTO. Danielsen agreed to relay that message to the resident.

Camp Trillium looks to add third site

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Camp Trillium staff want to get to know the people of Algonquin Highlands better as they begin to think about creating a summer camp in the area. "One of the [reasons] we're coming here today is to get to know who you are and for you to get to know who we are," Marci Shea-Perry, executive director of the camp, told Algonquin Highlands councillors during a Feb. 6 council meeting. With a head office in Hamilton, Camp Trillium provides over 54 free programs to children with cancer and their families. They currently provide these camp experiences at two sites: a 70-acre island on West Lake near Picton and a 170-acre property in Rainbow Lake near Waterford, On. In January 2012, the camp took on a third property after the late Gord Martin bequeathed his 440-acre property on Buckslide Road to the organization. With high demand for their programs and

spaces filling up, the camp is looking to expand, explained Shea-Perry. Plans for the property on Buckslide Road are yet to be finalized. "For us it means better reach for the entire province," said Fiona Fisher, director of fundraising for the camp. "If we add Martin's Woods [current unofficial name], we've got a whole triangle. So our families [that are] up north will have a place that's close, because it doesn't feel like we're servicing our northern campers." Ward 1 councillor Gord Henderson inquired about the size of the potential facility. "Ideally, we like to build our facilities so that we still have the opportunity to develop relationships with these kids and families," responded Shea-Perry, explaining that current facilities accommodate about 100 campers plus 50 staff. "That's at the higher end." "With these kids and the things that they're going through and these families, privacy and confidentiality, topped with support is a delicate balance." Ward 2 councillor Lisa Barry asked if the

local facility would be open in the summer months or year-round. Shea Perry said it would depend on the camp's numbers. Fisher pointed out that the camp would create local employment opportunities. "We would be employing people in this area. We have 100 summer staff that we currently employ plus 12 year-round, and people who live on our sites year-round." Reeve Carol Moffatt was happy to have Shea-Perry and Fisher in council chambers. "I'm pleased that you're here because I think we've done some work for you in terms of zoning," said Moffatt. "It is nice to put faces to the program for sure." Moffatt said that throughout the presentation, she thought of several individuals they should get in touch with to help further their cause. According to Shea-Perry, Camp Trillium was established in 1984 in London, On. by a pediatric oncologist. "He began Camp Trillium with 28 kids. We now have over 3,000 campers that now come for our programs every year."



Photo submitted by Robert Spurrier

Cardiff Food Bank kicks in for kids' snacks

Harry Strachan, treasurer of the Cardiff Community Food Bank, presents a \$1,000 donation to Cathy Graham, secretary of Cardiff Elementary School (CES), for its lunch and snack programs. The funds were provided to the food bank through the Grocery Foundation's Rural Kids food program, which they in turn passed on to the school. From left are Donna Witlax, CES teacher; Viney Bonk, Betty Strachan, and Doris Hogan of the food bank, and Grades 2 and 3 students.

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Highlander business

Bonnie View Inn one of TripAdvisor's top 25

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Andrea Hagarty knew it was a big deal when she heard that the Bonnie View Inn had won an award from TripAdvisor. She just didn't know how big.

The co-owner of the resort, located on Kashagawigamog Lake Road in Haliburton, said she received a letter from TripAdvisor, but she hadn't opened it before one of her guests wrote on her Facebook page congratulating her and business partner Monte Miscio.

The Bonnie View Inn had won a 2014 Traveller's Choice award from TripAdvisor and is now listed as number 18 of the 25 Top Budget Hotels in Canada on the popular travel web site. The Bonnie View was chosen out of about 10,000 hotel listings.

"I think it's a really huge award and a huge honour," said Hagarty. "I thought it was cool but then I kept thinking about it, and I thought, this is cooler than I thought it was, bigger than I thought it was."

Hagarty said it was exciting when the Inn won a Reader's Choice award in 2005 from the Sunday Sun but that the TripAdvisor award felt like an even greater acknowledgment.

"This is huge because it's Canada," said Hagarty. "Not just Ontario. All of Canada."

Hagarty says she has guests from throughout Canada and Europe, and that many have been coming since she bought the Inn with Miscio nine years ago. The Bonnie View, one of the last resorts to remain open on the lake, is also a popular

spot for weddings.

Jackie Brooks of Lindsay was a bride that chose the Bonnie View for her wedding venue, and she is still exuberant about the service, the food, the atmosphere, and how amazing her day was with the help of Hagarty and Miscio.

"To this day our guests rave about the food quality," said Brooks. "One guest took the time to write us and remark that although she works on Bay Street and has access to excellent restaurants on a regular basis, she has never had such an incredible meal."

Hagarty said that she credits Miscio's talents in the kitchen for giving the Bonnie View such a good name.

"A lot of people tell us, 'you didn't give justice to how great our meal would be,'" said Hagarty. "You're expecting a dinner, but not the dinner that you'll get."

Hagarty is also proud of the Bonnie View's customer service record and said her staff is "just so awesome."

Kim Wagner of Utopia is one of the guests who praised the customer service of Bonnie View's staff. Wagner has been visiting Haliburton since her youth, and after her second stay at the Inn, is already planning a third for May.

"You won't find a better deal anywhere," she said. "The accommodations are so cozy, the food is top notch, and the staff are the friendliest we've ever met."

Wagner said she wasn't surprised when she saw the Bonnie View had won the TripAdvisor award.

"They so deserve it," she said. "Because we travel a lot and are far from rich, I have to



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Bonnie View Inn owners Monte Miscio and Andrea Hagarty were recently rewarded for their customer service and excellent menu when tourists who use TripAdvisor voted the Bonnie View as one of the top 25 bargain hotels in Canada.

do my research to find where we can get the best bang for our buck. The Bonnie View Inn is one of those places. They really go out of their way to make you happy."

Hagarty said the award came at just the right time for a winter pick-me-up. The Bonnie View was originally built in 1945

and she said the heating bill is unpleasant this year.

"We were having such a tough Christmas holiday with how cold it is and everything breaking," she said. "So this is kind of our ticket to get through the new year."

Local realtors make the top one per cent

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The last time Anthony vanLieshout and the Trillium Team were recognized in the top one per cent for sales within Royal LePage was in 2008.

In December, the team found out they once again gained membership into the National Chairman's Club.

"We've always been very close to it," said vanLieshout, who added that in 2008 his team placed 142nd out of 15,000 realtor teams in Canada. This year, the local sales force finished in 120th place.

The team's gross sales for 2013 totalled \$15 million.

vanLieshout believes this is quite a feat, especially for realtors working in a rural area.

"The turnaround time for properties is longer than what it is in urban centres, and the average price is lower than what it is in urban centres as well," he said.

A big part of his team's success, said vanLieshout, is the fact that they've



Photo by Mark Arike

The Trillium Team was recently recognized by Royal LePage for their sales performance in 2013. Left to right are Lorri Roberts, Marcia Bell, Chris James and broker Anthony vanLieshout.

established positive working relationships within the community.

"You've got the networking and word of mouth in a small community. If you don't do a good job, you're obviously not going to last very long in a small community."

For their achievement, a photo of vanLieshout and Royal LePage realtors was featured in ads in The Globe and Mail and the Toronto Star. He was also invited to the Chairman's retreat in Mexico, which

he would have to pay to attend.

"Julie [his wife] and I just came back from three weeks of holidays, so we decided not to go," he said.

Although vanLieshout could get a marketing company to print and send him a certificate, the humble realtor said "that's not his style." Instead, he would rather look at all the thank-you letters from clients that can be found on a bulletin board in his office.

"Those are my awards," he said.

vanLieshout said he is grateful for the recognition his team has received, and that they will continue to produce quality work.

"It's nice that what we're doing is paying dividends... it validates the quality of the work that you do."

vanLieshout thanked his team for their support as well as the many other individuals they work with to complete their transactions.

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Photo by Sue Tiffin

James McBride and Lila Sweet are ready to serve their customers once again.

Café on the hill reopens its doors

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

After being closed for the past five months, Gravity House Café and Catering has reopened its doors to the public and is offering an updated menu to customers.

"After ten years, we decided to take a couple of months to streamline and reformat the business," said co-owner Lila Sweet. "It's important to stay fresh and current, but also to keep what's working, which is our craveability factor."

Sweet and partner James McBride, Gravity's chef for the past seven years, took a break beginning last October to update the menu and reorganize their business plan. Moving forward, the pair wants to ensure they balance their work

and personal life so that they have time to visit family and make appointments.

"Having been open six days a week for the past four years, it has been hard to make appointments or take any weekend road trips," she said of their busy lifestyle that includes catering as well as the operation of the café. "Our new business model is about more balance."

Sweet says she and McBride typically employ a local college/university student every summer but have never had the

volume in the low season to keep help. With their new focus on balance, they

are now looking for a part-time person "who loves people and food" to help year-round. Sweet says that she and McBride continue to love the indie café life and look forward to continuing to serving the community and sharing their new menu, which now includes a daily burrito.

Lila Sweet
co-owner
Gravity House Café

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Minden women join forces to bring sushi to Highlands

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Details are still being finalized, but this spring, Suwan Khamduang and Rosa Kim hope to bring sushi to Minden.

Khamduang, who has owned Wild Orchid Thai Cuisine since 2000, is planning a menu based on Kim's Korean and Japanese cooking skills. The pair intend to introduce a lunch menu at Khamduang's restaurant that will feature a bento box style lunch meal in May.

"People want more fresh and healthy food," said Khamduang. "Light, not too heavy. It's going to work for people looking for that."

A bento box is a Japanese-style box with a variety of food in each divided section. The bento box offered at Wild Orchid Thai will include sushi, noodles, rice, and possibly

Korea's beloved side dish, a flavourful and spicy fermented cabbage called kimchi. Sushi offered won't be raw fish unless patrons phone ahead for it, but will instead focus on vegetables and meat like beef and chicken. The menu will be made to order, so that customers can choose the ingredients they prefer.

"I prefer Korean style because there are more ingredients in it and it's colourful," said Kim, who owns Minden Food Mart with her husband, Kevin. "But here, people prefer the simple style of Japanese sushi."

News of sushi potentially coming to Minden is exciting for those who usually travel to Bracebridge or Toronto for the food.

Shelly Crowe said she would eat sushi three times a week if it were more easily available in Minden. Crowe says her daughter, Kelsey, eats it five times a week in Toronto and

introduced her to the Japanese food.

"I never thought I would ever be a sushi eater," she said. "I didn't think I could even get my head wrapped around the idea of it."

But now, Crowe said, her palette is opened because of sushi and she enjoys it, as well as ingredients like avocado that were introduced to her in vegetable rolls.

"I think there's a misconception about it," said Crowe. "I thought with sushi you had to have raw tuna, and it's not like that at all. For some people, this might be the opportunity to check it out."

Though Khamduang said she is aware that some people might not be attracted to sushi, she thinks the new venture will be a success.

"I think people like to have new experiences and try new things," said Khamduang. "Thai food worked, so why wouldn't Japanese?"

Highlander arts

What's Up Rails End Gallery: Art and community come together

The Rails End at 23 York Street in Haliburton is very much more than an art gallery. To be sure the walls, floor, pedestals and sometimes even the ceiling are dedicated to works of art, but curator Laurie Jones has also turned the gallery into a community gathering place.

Take, for example, the Art Lovers STAYcation, a program which is jointly presented by the Rails End and the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands. The program is, as the name implies, for people who are staying at home and not going on vacation.

"It's a series of fun, interesting and stimulating sessions that address the spheres of the imagination, the intellect, the physical, and the creative," said Jones. "Our committee came up with the idea of enjoying what you've got here if you're staying at home. What we want to do is to promote public education where people can learn new skills and engage with one another."

The Art Lovers STAYcation runs from Tuesday Feb. 25 to 28. Sessions start at 9:30 a.m. and go until 10:40 a.m. Some examples are: The 'Midas Touch', where you can learn the art of gilding with gold leaf; 'A Date with Tom Thompson', where you can explore the artist and his times with Vicki Rodden; 'Finding your Market', with Jennifer Wanless-Craig; and 'Mandala', where you can soothe

the creative spirit with symmetry and colour. There's much more. On Wednesday there's even a session called 'Tea Time' where you can get a free cup of tea courtesy of Tracey Lee Green of Momma G's.

Fees for Art Lovers STAYcation range from \$6-\$21 depending on the sessions you choose, and you can apply by calling 705-457-2330 or at the Rails End gallery.com website.

The website, as well as informing visitors about all the regular programming at the Rails End, also highlights the Boutique which is the excellent gift shop. Gallery volunteers have organized and meticulously displayed a cornucopia of affordable gifts made by gallery members.

Speaking of members, now is the time to catch the annual Members Show. It will occupy the main room in the gallery until March 15 and it's comprised of over 80-plus works of art from members of the gallery who are artists. There are oils, watercolours, acrylics, textiles and ceramics as well as some woodworking, mixed media and photography. If you've been too busy to go on studio tours, the members show is an excellent opportunity to see the works of many of our artists at the same time.

Every year Jones picks a different theme for the show. It's up to each artist to interpret

that theme and present a piece of work that embodies it. This year the theme is Local Colour.

"A theme helps the public to become more engaged by seeing the pieces as threads," said Jones. "A lot of people come as part of a group because they want to share the experience."

I am a member of the Rails End gallery and I have been contributing to the members show over the years while also observing the progress of individual artists, and I think that this year's show is the best that I've seen.

"People are all over the map as far as theme interpretation goes but presentation skills have been improved and you can see that people have been learning from others," Jones said. "They've been going to galleries and looking, and I think that this show is really good."

This year, in addition to all the well-known artists, there are several new or near-new members. Jane Orr Novotny, George Novotny, Marguerite Eastby, Ray Ostrom and Sharon Bayly are among the artists showing for the first time. Olga Chudnovsky is another, and her cloudscape is drawing a lot of favourable comment.

"She's showing a new level of confidence," Jones said.

As usual there is a voting station in the

gallery where the public can read artists' statements and vote for their favorite piece. The artist with the most votes gets the coveted People's Choice award. I had difficulty deciding who I should vote for because there are so many truly excellent pieces, but my eyes and heart kept going back to an expressionist/realist oil painting of a winter scene depicting a lonely tree fighting for survival on its rocky foundation. It's almost monochromatic, in shades of black, grey and white; so it was a surprise to discover that it's called 'A Study in Red, Green and White.' The artist is Marie Lennard.

"You can get shades of black by mixing crimson and green," Lennard said. "It's something that John [Lennard] teaches me." Lennard is her husband and fellow artist who is also exhibiting at the members show. She got my vote, but whether Marie Lennard wins the People's Choice award or not remains to be seen. The real winners though are the people of Haliburton and surrounding areas who have a gathering place that doubles as a wonderful art gallery.



By George Farrell

Loney takes the helm of Summer Festival

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Highlands Summer Festival has its first general manager.

On Feb. 5, the local theatre company announced that the board of directors had appointed local resident Ken Loney to the newly formed position at a January board meeting.

"I'm really looking forward to the challenge," said Loney, who served on the board for two years. "It's going to be interesting to work through the various challenges that make the general manager's position down what the board of directors wanted it to do to start with."

The Festival received a \$108,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to establish the three-year, part-time position. As a member of the board, Loney worked on the grant application in its early stages before knowing that he would end up applying.

"I helped write the application on the front end," he laughed, "but it got to a point where we had to draw a line. I backed away from it and the rest of the board took it over."

Loney had a chat with his wife Wendy before submitting his application on the final day of the job posting.

"It was a long discussion," he said, explaining that he and his wife enjoy taking trips in their fifth wheel.

"The discussion was to realize that our summers are shot for three years. But the way we do our road trips, we do them at other times of the year."

As general manager, Loney will work an



Photo by Mark Arike

Ken Loney served on the Highlands Summer Festival's board of directors for two years before being appointed to the position of general manager. He starts the job on March 3.

average of 25 hours per week to oversee the business side of the operation and assist with the launch of a new youth program called Early Stages.

"I'm really kind of excited about that. I have a support role there in terms of making the arrangement for things that have to be in place for a program like that to succeed."

The four-week program, which launches this summer, will connect post-secondary theatre students with local elementary school children.

Highlands Summer Festival president Jack Brezina is excited to welcome Loney to the position, which has a March 3 start date.

"We are delighted with the selection," said Brezina in a press release. "Highlands Summer Festival has grown to a size where it

needed a permanent employee to help manage the company throughout the year."

Loney plans on pursuing grant opportunities and hopes to see the position continue after the three-year contract ends.

"If we do it right, we will generate enough new revenue to be able to make it into a full-time position that is funded by the revenue stream of the Festival."

In addition to his newfound duties, Loney has a passion for music. He is a member of the Highlands Male Chorus, Festival Singers, and three different bands.

"That's plenty," he chuckled, adding that he builds guitars in his spare time. "Right now my guitar building is suffering due to a lack of hours to devote to it."

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. Cell by Robin Cook
2. Do or Die: reluctant heroes by Suzanne Brockmann
3. Private L.A. by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. The Turning Point: creating resilience in a time of extremes by Gregg Braden
2. Captive: the story of the Cleveland abductions by Allan Hall
3. Clean: overcoming addiction and ending America's greatest tragedy by David Sheff

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. The Journey Through Time by Geronimo Stilton (JF)
2. Alienated by Melissa Landers (YA)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. About Time (DVD)
2. Doing Harm by Kelly Parsons (TB)

LIBRARY NEWS

Join us for winter fun on Saturday, Feb. 15. Visit our Dysart Branch during the Haliburton Frost Festival and check out sports equipment with your library card. Soccer balls, frisbees, hiking sticks, pedometers and more are available.

Our Dorset Branch will be open 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. Stop in for a colouring activity and trivia!

Highlander arts



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Local resident Don Kerr holds up a model of a 108-square-foot house he plans on building in the near future. Above: The common room at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre was full for the first Waste-not Want-not Symposium.

Gallery expands scope of art exhibitions

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Laurie Carmount felt it was time to do something more with art exhibitions at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

"My whole thing is there's got to be more to do with the exhibitions than just throwing up art on the wall," said Carmount, the gallery's curator and organizer of the first Waste-not Want-not Symposium at the Minden Hills

Cultural Centre on Feb. 8.

"The premise here is that we're trying to offer a whole lot more to the community with exhibitions by plugging in a series of things."

The one-day event started with workshops on rug hooking, quilting and refurbishing clothes, while the afternoon featured local guest speakers who covered topics such as local resilience, seed swapping and the tiny home phenomena.

Several short documentaries were also

shown in the afternoon.

The symposium was "devoted to transitional thoughts to address different ways that we can leave as little impact as possible."

With rug hooking featured at the event, it tied in to the gallery's current exhibition titled "A Different Way – Rug Hooking Exhibition."

Carmount said her 13-year-old son Andrew inspired her to come up with the idea to put together such an event.

"He is so gung-ho into this," she said, explaining that Andrew reads and researches information about tiny homes.

As for the future, Carmount hopes to see this event lead to other initiatives.

"We're hoping Nature's Place could be a conduit to these people – or we hope to offer more of this kind of thing. I think it's really, really important."

The current rug hooking exhibition will be on display at the gallery until March 1.



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Micheon Reay and Curtis Hutchings

Location: Minden

Ages: Micheon is 18, Curtis is 20

Met: June 2010

Engaged: October 26, 2013

Wedding date: June 14, 2014

How they got engaged:

Curtis took me to our favourite place when he proposed, the edge of a cliff that overlooked a beautiful landscape. While we looked at the colourful trees, a huge sign appeared at the bottom of the cliff that said 'Will You Marry Me?' Then he got down on one knee and asked again. I just hugged him and didn't answer until he pulled me away and reminded me that I still hadn't said yes!

Love in 100 words or less:

Curtis and I met and quickly became friends while working construction together in the summer of 2010. We were best friends for three years before we started courting. He was my first boyfriend. I knew he was the one from the moment we started dating and I guess so did he since a few months later we were engaged! We both agreed in the

beginning of our relationship that we were going to save our first kiss for the day of our wedding. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with my true love.

How they celebrate Valentine's Day:

This will be our first Valentine's Day as a couple. Curtis knows Valentine's Day is one of my favourite days of the year so he is planning a special surprise for us!

The one thing they couldn't live without in their relationship:

The number one and most important thing in our relationship is Jesus Christ.

Their advice for others:

Curtis and I will never give up on each other. If I could give one word of advice to couples it would be to stay committed.

What they look forward to:

One of the things I'm really looking forward to in the future is having children and starting our own family.



Finding love again

Sarah and Dan Garbutt

Location: Minden

First date: June 2009

Wedding date: July 14, 2012

Love in 100 words or less:

We have known each other a long time but we started talking on Facebook. One day Dan asked me on a date. When the day came I stood him up. Finally, the fifth time he asked, I went. I was nervous and I wasn't looking for a serious relationship or someone that had children. It turned out to be the best day of my life. I remember pulling into his driveway. Right then, I knew every relationship, everything I had endured, led me to this spot in my life, the first time in a long time where I felt alive.

How they celebrate Valentine's Day:

We always celebrate Valentine's Day. Dan has always gone above and beyond for me. Even when it's not Valentine's Day, he treats me like a princess! We also celebrate it with our

kids too. They love it.

The one thing they couldn't live without in their relationship:

I couldn't live without Dan. Plain and simple. We have fun together, we laugh, we joke around and we do everything together. We are best friends. We just fit together.

Their advice for others:

Always compromise, be kind to each other, never talk bad to one another and mostly never take the other one for granted and show them how much you love them.

What they look forward to:

I look forward to the future with Dan so we can watch our children grow up, develop families of their own, become grandparents and retire. We want to travel and enjoy life. And why not do this with your best friend and soul mate?

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Married at a young age

Ashlee and Jason Casey

Location: Haliburton
Ages: 34 and 39
Wedding date: 1998

Love in 100 words or less:
Jason and I were married when I was 18 and he was 23. Jason's job has always taken him away from home. We certainly did not enjoy being apart, but looking back it definitely made our marriage stronger. Our weekends together have been something we cherish. We've always put our best effort into our relationship even when it wasn't easy. We wouldn't be who we are without each other and can't imagine life with anyone else. We are proud to be a young marriage that has lasted. We've been happily married for 16 years and plan on many more.

How they celebrate Valentine's Day:
We do celebrate Valentine's Day. Jason gets the girls and I gift certificates to a spa and we go out for dinner. We make it more about our family, not just about us, as we do special things for each other throughout the year.

The one thing they couldn't live without in their relationship:
Jason - Ashlee's advice and encouragement.
Ashlee - Our iPhones, because texting and FaceTime help make the distance disappear when he's working away.

Their advice for others:
Advice we would give to others is to always be honest. We make each other feel truly loved and important, and that goes a long way.

What they look forward to:
We had our children very young, so we will have an empty nest by ages 38 and 43. The thing we look forward to the most is spending the rest of our lives together somewhere warm. We are going to do plenty of travelling!



Diamond anniversary

Aldyth and Curry Bishop

Location: Haliburton
Ages: 82
Met: Haliburton High School
Wedding date: September 12, 1953

Love in 100 words or less:
Must have been love at first sight.

How they celebrate Valentine's Day:
We don't, because he's not romantic.

The one thing they couldn't live without in their relationship:
We couldn't live without our children.

Their advice for others:
Persevere.

What they look forward to:
Good health.



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Tammy LaRue, the dealership's co-owner, said the dealership has a reputation for good service.

"We're very proud of Eddie," she said. "It means we're doing things right. We're thankful to the patronage of our clients. It's always nice to get recognized for a good job."

LaRue said a strong service department is key to the success of any dealership.

“People want to know that when they bring their vehicle in, it's fixed the first time around," she said. "They like to have a relationship with the people in the service department."**”**

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Above: Debbie Spear, left, and Aleitha Gormley head out on their first ever ride in the 25th annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run. Right: Sledders congregate at the Haliburton Forest before embarking on their ride.

Sledders in their element at 25th annual Poker Run

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Forest's annual Snowmobile Poker Run just reached a milestone.

On Feb. 8, 370 sledders participated in the 25th annual event which raised \$13,000 for the Haliburton Firefighters Association.

"The Poker Run started 25 years ago as an idea to combine snowmobiling with a charitable event, which would also serve as a focal event for the winter snowmobiling season," said Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and manager of the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

Over \$100,000 was raised for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary in the first 15 years or so, said Schleifenbaum.

"It was the time when the hospital extension in Haliburton was high on the agenda and funds for the hospital were badly needed," he recalled.

The volunteer firefighters began receiving proceeds from the event following a "rescue event at Haliburton Forest where the value of additional or improved equipment to saving lives became very obvious."

Schleifenbaum said the first event had just over 100 participants, but grew over the years to upwards of 800 sledders at an event in the late 90s.

"That was the largest poker run event and if I remember correctly, the single largest snowmobile event in Ontario that year," he said.

A big part of the event's appeal, said Schleifenbaum, is that it's not a race but rather "a leisurely ride along some of North America's best snowmobile trails."

For many sledders, this wasn't their first entry in the Poker Run or at Haliburton Forest. Haliburton resident Don Miller has been coming to the event for the past 10 or 15

years.

"It's good to get together with friends and do something together," said Miller, adding that another one of the perks is the chance to win a new sled.

What he and his friends consider "a small ride" also offers the opportunity to meet other participants at various checkpoints.

"The checkpoints are neat... to stop in and talk with everyone different from all over the place."

Oshawa resident Kelly Shepstone also signed up for the event with a group of friends.

"This is the second year I've been here," said Shepstone. "The last time I was here [for the event] was 22 years ago."

He said he returned because of the great riding opportunities.

"This is our annual trip. It's beautiful in here."

Visitors Aleitha Gormley and Debbie Spear joked that they followed their husbands to the Poker Run. It was their first time entering the event.

"They all work together and told us it was a nice thing to come to," said Gormley, an avid sledder.

"I'm looking forward to the experience for sure," said Spear, who cottages in the area.

Neither had ridden along the trails at the Haliburton Forest before.

First-time participant and Stouffville resident John Hopkins was the event's big winner, taking home a 2014 Arctic Cat snowmobile valued at \$8,000.

In the previous 24 years, the event was always held on the third Saturday of February. However, the Family Day weekend proved to interfere with the run, said Schleifenbaum.

He confirmed that the event will continue to be held on the second Saturday of February.

Highlander sports



Izac Reid gets huge air off a jump during his snowcross race in Lindsay on Feb. 8. Reid competed in the Junior 1, Junior 2, and Sport 500 classes. Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Reid ranks third after Amsoil Cup

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Minden's own Izac Reid is sitting third in the CSRA Snowcross Series overall standings after a successful weekend on the track in Lindsay.

Reid, 14, raced in the Junior 1 (14-15 years old), Junior 2 (16-17 years old), and Sport 500 classes at the Amsoil Kawartha Cup in Lindsay from Feb. 8-9.

"I felt really good," he said. "The sled was running good until about the last final when I ended up getting hit and it did some damage to my clutch. We figured it out for Sunday's [races]."

The weekend breaks down into two kinds of races: motos and finals. In each class, Reid races in two motos to determine his starting position in the class finals. He started out the first day of races with a first place and two

second place finishes in his Junior and Sport 500 motos. Unfortunately, some crashes on the track kept him from winning any finals on that day, although he did earn points towards the overall standings.

On Feb. 9, however, Reid won his first final of the year in the Sport 500 class.

"I usually do really good in the motos because there are less guys [on the track]," he said. "I felt really good on the sled... and Sunday won my first final of the year."

Lining up for the race, Reid said he gets some nerves, but they all go away once he gets the green light.

"Once the race starts it all goes away," he said. "You're zoned out racing. You don't really think about anything other than that. You're constantly trying to think about how to get around kids, wondering how far behind they are if you're leading."

Although the sled had a few mechanical

issues during the weekend, Reid said it happens to every racer and it's outside of his control. Despite crashing a few times during the weekend, he never gave up on a race.

"If I'm going down in the race, a lot of kids give up and say 'I'll do it next race.' I just go for it every race. Every time I'm out there I go my hardest. Every person you beat is more points towards the championship, and that's what we're all going for. You can't be scared."

This weekend was the fourth race in the series. So far, Reid has earned three third-place finishes, a second place, and a first. He sits 13

points ahead of the fourth place racer in the standings.

His next race is scheduled for Feb. 22-23 at the Georgian Downs in Barrie for the Royal Distributing Cup. This is the track where he made his snowcross debut three years ago.

"We're back," he said. "It's a really good track. The last year I raced there... I ended up winning my first ever final."

Reid said his smooth riding style is a good fit for the Georgian Downs track, and he's hoping for a strong finish again this year.

If I'm going down in the race, a lot of kids give up and say 'I'll do it next race.' I just go for it every race. Every time I'm out there I go my hardest.

Izac Reid
Snowcross racer

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10:00 & 1:00

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Families can compete against other families in this crazy obstacle relay race while wearing things that look like tennis racquets! Some will trip, some will fall and some will not be able to walk at all! Races start at the times listed above so get there 15 mins early to sign up.

STONES

11:00

Lower Baseball Diamond

This game is a rendition of capture the flag, but it is played in an open area and instead of having to capture a flag, your team must bring back more "stones" than the other team. A great game to come out and play!

ICE CAR RACING

12:00

Fairgrounds

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PUBLIC SKATING

12:00 - 2:00

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SNOW SOCCER BASEBALL

1:00 - 2:00

Lower Baseball Diamond

Snow Soccer Baseball is played like baseball except instead of hitting a ball with a bat, you kick a soccer ball. Come and join a team. Game starts at 1:00pm. This is a Winterfest must!

CARDBOARD BOX DERBY

2:00

Behind Curling Club

Using only cardboard boxes, duct tape, zip ties and some paint you can create and race your own cardboard box sled! Prizes for first place and most creative. You must preregister for this event. For more information please contact: eweiss@mindenhills.ca

BROOMBALL

2:00 - 3:00

SG Nesbitt Arena

Looking to try something new this Winterfest? Come and try your skill at Broomball. It is a sport that is played like hockey except instead of skates, you wear boots or shoes and instead of a puck and a stick, you use a ball and a broom-like device. It is a very popular sport that until you try it you don't know what you are missing. All participants must wear boots and a helmet (yes even the adults!)

CHILI COMPETITION

3:00 - 5:00

Curling Club

Come out and test some of the secret recipes from your local restaurants, service clubs, organizations and possibly your neighbour! See who has what it takes to be the ultimate Chili competitor. Cost is \$5 which allows you to sample all the recipes and includes a bottle of water

MONDAY FEBRUARY 17

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:30 - 11:00

Community Centre

Hosted by the Haliburton County Fair Board

For \$6 (children under 6 are FREE) you can bring your family out for a delicious pancake breakfast. A great way to start a Winterfest day!

SHINNY

10:00 - 10:50

S.G. Nesbitt Arena

A good old fashion game of pick up hockey for ages 12 and under. Bring your gear

HORSE DRAWN WAGON RIDES

10:00 - 3:00

SG Nesbitt Arena

PUBLIC SKATING

11:00 - 11:50

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SNOW SCULPTURES

11:00 - 1:00

Cultural Centre

Channel your inner artist as your family creates a sculpture made of snow. You can stay warm by the fire and roast a marshmallow or two! All materials will be provided.

FAMILY ADVENTURE RACE

11:00 & 2:00

Lower Baseball Diamond

A great way to bond as a family as you try to make your way through a series of activities to the end while trying to stay ahead of the other teams. Races start at the times listed above so get there 15 mins early to sign up.

MENS HOCKEY LEAGUE

12:00 - 1:00

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SHINNY

1:00 - 1:50

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A good old' fashion game of pick up hockey for ages 13-17. Bring your gear

SNOW SOCCER BASEBALL

1:00 - 2:00

Lower Baseball Diamond

Snow Soccer Baseball is played like baseball except instead of hitting a ball with a bat, you kick a soccer ball. Come and join a team. Game starts at 1:00pm. This is a Winterfest must!

PUBLIC SKATING

2:00 - 4:00

S.G. Nesbitt Arena

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INUIT GAMES

3:00

Lower Baseball Diamond

Many Inuit games are traditional and require no equipment. These games usually focus on physical strength, agility and endurance. For Winterfest, they will focus on having fun and learning something new!

FIGURE SKATING SHOW

4:00-5:00

S.G. Nesbitt Arena

Hosted by the Minden Figure Skating Club

Come and support our local Figure Skating Club as they put on a performance for the visitors at Winterfest!

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy.

- Anton Chekhov



Highlander sports

Red Hawks flying high into playoffs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School varsity Red Hawks hockey team trounced Crestwood Secondary School in a 9-4 win on Feb. 6 at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

"This team is on fire right now with great defense, great goaltending and the highest scoring offence in the league," said coach Bruce Griffith. "We have three lines that are all scoring right now. This is exactly what we want with two weeks to playoffs, everybody at the top of their game."

The most recent win brings the team's current record to 11-3-2. The Hawks are in first place in their division.

When asked if he wanted to highlight any players of the game, Griffith said there are "too many stars on this team to talk about them individually."

"This is a very skilled and young team, which means it will be strong next year as well. It's easy to coach when you have this kind of skill to work with."

Ron Yake, the team's head coach and another teacher at the high school, shared in Griffith's enthusiasm and praised the team for their efforts.

"I would agree with Bruce's comments and just add that the team has worked very hard from the start of the year on the special teams area of the game, namely power play and penalty kill," said Yake. "Overall there is a feeling that everyone can contribute in any given game, whether it be a big hit, highlight goal, huge save or a great, game-saving back check. As long as the effort is there, anything is possible."

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Photo submitted by Winterdance Dogsled Tours

Hank DeBruin takes off from the starting line of the Yukon Quest International Dog Sled Race on Feb. 1.

Winterdance team mushes onwards

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

At 3:30 p.m. (Alaska Standard Time) on Feb. 12, Hank DeBruin and his team of huskies were in eighth place out of 18 racers in the grueling, 1,000-mile Yukon Quest International Dog Sled Race.

"All 11 dogs went and looked good," reported DeBruin's wife, Tanya McCready,

on the Winterdance Dogsled Tours Facebook page. "They weren't that keen to get up off their nice straw beds on a cold night but decided they would and made a great run to McCabe Creek about 30 miles away."

According to the Yukon Quest's live tracker website, DeBruin has been travelling an average of 69 miles per day since the race started on Feb. 1.

Allen Moore, a musher from Two Rivers,

Alaska, came in first place after crossing the finish line at Takhini Hot Springs, Yukon, early Monday morning. Moore also won last year's event.

DeBruin, who owns and operates Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton with McCready, participated in the race in 2011 and came in 13th place. He also entered the Iditarod in 2010 and 2012.

For all updates visit www.yukonquest.com.

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Thank you to Hard Ryde for travelling great distances in snowy weather and entertaining us with the most awesome bluegrass and for your support of our fundraiser. Keep listening to Canoe FM 100.9 and checking the local papers.

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Highlander sports

Dollo's Foodland Pee wee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta
Gananoque came to Minden and Haliburton to play on Saturday and Sunday, and while they played a fast game, the Highland Storm Dollo's Foodland Pee wee A team took their level of play up a couple of notches winning both games.

Gananoque was strong in the first period of Game 1 in Minden but the Highland Storm held them off and started to outplay them in the second period. Lucas Haedicke scored a hat trick in the third period to give the Storm the win.

Game 2 in Haliburton on Sunday saw the Highland Storm get an early lead in the first period with a goal by Owen Gilbert on a two-on-one where he faked a shot and then deked the defenceman and put in a shot high on the goalie's blocker side. Gananoque tied up the game in the second period with a low shot through traffic in front of the Storm goal. Late in the second period the Storm had huge pressure on Gananoque and with the play in Gananoque's end, numerous shots where

made. The puck came back toward the blue line and Alex Little seized the opportunity for a long shot that ended in the net. Up 2-1, the Storm did not let up and had many chances. In the final minute, Gananoque removed their goalie to play the extra skater and came close but the Storm defence was ferocious and kept them from getting an opportunity to put a shot into the Storm net. The Dollo's Highland Storm Pee wee A team travels to Gananoque next weekend needing only one more win to advance to the Pee wee semi-finals.

Minden CARQUEST

Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden
The Minden CARQUEST Highland Storm Midget B girls travelled to Pickering Saturday night to play their second game in their first round best of three series against the Durham West Lightning. Billings was back in the lineup moving our roster back to 11 skaters. The Storm started the game a little flat, but with the Lightning taking some early penalties, our squad was able to jump out to an early lead late in the first period with a power-play goal from Maddie Allore's point shot. Midway through the second period, Sydney Feir finished off a beauty pass from Little off a two-on-one rush to give the Storm a two-goal margin that would prove to be the difference in the game. With Durham West continuing their undisciplined play, numerous power-play advantages resulted for the Storm. Little capitalized with the Lightning being short-handed late in the second period and went short side off the post with a "puck eyes" wrister that beat the Lightning tender for a 3-0 lead. The Lightning never gave up, continuing to apply pressure, and early in the third period spoiled Connor Marsden's shut-out bid with a goal-mouth scramble tally. Durham West pulled their goalie late in the third trying to claw back on the scoreboard but Alicia McLean put the game away as she fought off two Lightning defenders, skated the length of the ice and secured the win with an empty-net goal. Final score 4-1 Highland Storm. Great first round series girls! Get ready for round two where we will take on

the first place Ennismore Eagles.

The Peppermill Highland Storm Atom A

Submitted by Kathy Martin
The first round of the playoffs have begun. Our series began against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in Parry Sound on Jan. 26. The Peppermill Highland Storm Atom A team started off with a bang and Tim Turner popped one in with only four minutes remaining in the first period. In the second Tyler Martin was showing Parry Sound who was boss, scoring twice, assisted by Joe Boice and Cole Prentice. The score was 3-0 to start the third and the boys were determined to keep their lead. Then Boice popped one in assisted by Martin to make it 4-0. The game ended in a 5-0 shutout for Dylan Keefer as Alex Little smoothly put another past the goaltender.

Our second game of the series on Jan. 31 was in our home barn and it was great to have such a big crowd out to cheer the boys on. Boice started the scoring off to put the Peppermill Highland Storm Atom As on the board first. Parry Sound was not going down without a fight. The Shamrocks scored with only two minutes remaining in the first, and then, out of nowhere, Aaron Bellefleur assisted by Prentice sniped a quick one with 35 seconds left on the clock. It was a very intense first period, but as the game went on, the Storm began to show their dominance, eventually winning 5-1.

Our third game was again in the home barn on Feb. 1 with an awesome crowd watching on. The scoring was led by a great team of snipers; Boice, Martin, Turner, Little, and Bellefleur followed up by many passes and defensive plays on the part of Cody Martin, Colin Glecoff, Jake Sisson and Brenden Newhook. Another great game ending in a 9-2 win for the Peppermill Highland Storm Atom A team.

Now we are off to Gananoque to start the second round of playoff action on Feb. 15 and 16, and back in town the weekend of Feb. 22, so stay tuned and come out and support us if

you can. Keep up the great work boys.

Tom Prentice Trucking Bantam AE

Submitted by Tammy Smith
The Highland Storm Bantam AEs, sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, continued their best-of-five playdown with the Huntsville Otters this past weekend. Following the first two games, the difference between the two teams was razor thin with both teams winning on the other's home ice.

Game 3 was set for Thursday night in Haliburton and on this night, our boys did not disappoint the hometown crowd. The Storm came out fast and furious putting pressure on the Otter defense from the first puck drop. Midway through the period, Ryan Prentice's shot from the point created havoc in front of Huntsville's net. Ryan Manning and Alec Stoughton crashed the net and Stoughton stuffed it past the Otter goalie. With under a minute left in the period, Devyn Prentice deftly swept the puck in on a wrap-around to take a 2-0 lead. While the Otters made it interesting, the Storm held on for the 4-1 win.

On Friday, the squad travelled to Huntsville to play on the big ice at the Don Lough arena. It took a bit to get used to the wider surface and the team spotted Huntsville two quick goals before they really got rolling. Despite a strong effort they couldn't catch up, dropping the game and leading to a Game 5.

Although the effort was there, the puck wasn't and our boys found themselves on the losing end of the series.

And so ends another season for our boys. Thanks goes to the coaching staff of Jason Billings and Chris Rogers, our trainers, Tom Prentice and Dan Garbutt, and to our ever-excellent manager, Dana Manning for volunteering so many hours to the betterment of these boys. The lessons learned this year go far beyond the game and all of you deserve credit for teaching our boys skills that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Thank you.



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Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon Feb. 3 Men High average Ken Thompson – 211 High single Ken Thompson – 256 High single handicap Ken Thompson – 258 High triple Ken Thompson – 656 High triple handicap Ken Thompson – 692 Women High average: Chris Cote – 193	High single Anna Shuster – 165 High single handicap Anna Shuster – 233 High triple Anna Shuster – 418 High triple handicap: Solveg Stout – 672 Monday night Feb. 3 High single Cathy Snell – 314 Rick West – 255 High single handicap Cathy Snell – 322 Eugene Bond – 295	High triple Cathy Snell – 735 Rick West – 728 High triple handicap Cathy Snell – 759 Rick West – 770 High average Cathy Snell – 216 Rick West – 209 Tuesday afternoon Feb. 4 High average Claude Cote – 203 Chris Cote – 189 High single Ken Thompson – 278 Rae Shepherd – 177	High single handicap Ken Thompson – 300 Johanna Hayward – 241 High triple Ken Thompson – 685 Johanna Hayward – 470 High triple handicap Ken Thompson – 751 Johanna Hayward – 680 Wednesday Special Olympics, Jan. 29 Men Brandon Bailey – 173 Ross Anderson – 158 Luke Shapiera – 143	Women Robin Fletcher – 178 Sklar Pratt – 140 Lisa Burk – 134 Wednesday Corporate League, Feb. 5 Mark Arike – 431 Sandra Glecoff – 462 Thursday afternoon Feb. 6 High single Ed Braithwaite – 285 Barb Ballantyne – 209 High single handicap Ed Braithwaite – 336 Edith Shirran – 272	High triple Ed Braithwaite – 641 Barb Ballantyne – 573 High triple handicap Ed Braithwaite – 794 Ellic Welch – 712 High average Gerry Wagg – 174 Gloria Wagg – 181 Friday afternoon Feb. 7 Men High average: Claude Cote – 208 High single: Bob Seymour – 241 High single handicap: Bob Seymour – 280	High triple Ken Thompson – 665 Women High average: Chris Cote – 191 High single: Netty Alexander – 215 High single handicap Netty Alenxander – 297 High triple Ren Higgins – 466 High triple handicap Netty Alexander – 700
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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Lynda Shadbolt stares down her shot. Right: Baylen Taylor, 2, carefully approaches the lane.

Bowling for Places for People

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The sounds of strikes and excitement filled the air on Feb. 8 as supporters of Places for People (P4P) gathered at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden.

Twenty-eight bowlers participated in the fifth annual event, raising over \$4,100 for the not-for-profit organization. The group's most financially successful bowl-a-thon raised \$4,700 in 2012, but had 35 more participants.

"This is really quite an accomplishment with the number of people involved," said Lisa Tolentino, who organized the fundraiser along with Fred Phipps. Tolentino and Phipps are also members of the organization's board of

directors.

P4P president Max Ward said it couldn't have been done without Tolentino, Phipps, the bowlers and donors.

According to Tolentino, funds raised through the event will be used to help pay for renovations currently underway at their most recent affordable housing project on Newcastle Street in Minden.

With the help of volunteers, Places for People works to provide secure and affordable rental housing in Haliburton County to those at risk.

A number of local businesses donated prizes to the event, which were given to bowlers.

The organization's next fundraiser – the third annual Haliburton Hootenanny – will take place on April 12 at The Dominion Hotel in Minden.



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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT Application RZ 13-12, Part of Lot 3, Concession A, geographic Township of Minden By-law – 14-02

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 14-02 on the 30th day of January, 2014 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. By-law No. 14-02 amends Schedule "22" of Zoning By-law 08-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Community Facility (CF) Zone to the Residential Type One Exception Three (R1-3) Zone to zone the property appropriately for its use, to recognize an existing undersized lot, and to recognize a deficient front yard setback. This By-law will conform to the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 5th day of March, 2014, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 13th day of February, 2014.
Adam King, M.R.M.
Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council, or in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.



By Sue Tiffin

Fitness team brings the Olympics to Minden

The Sochi 2014 Olympics began on Feb. 7, and with the help of Laurie Kah, Meghan Reid, and Kirsten Monk, they were celebrated with great spirit in Minden.

Residents gathered before work, or before school, and celebrated day one of the Games by taking Kah's Olympics Challenge. Over the 17 days of the Olympics, they'll try to drink a lot of water, eat a lot of veggies, get some exercise in, and take a moment to appreciate Canada and being Canadian. Seventy-five people signed up for the event and had a blast passing the "Olympic torch," and imitating Matt Duchene's hockey moves.

Pictured top: Lorie Kah (left) opening the Minden Olympic Games with the "Olympic Torch." Above: The Minden Olympians were challenged to make a maple leaf.



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FOR SALE

FOR SALE – snow blower, \$1200. Mexican soft wood lumber dining room table and 6 chairs, \$1200. 10 candy machines, tray of 10, \$700. Cappuccino & hot chocolate machine, commercial use, \$1400. Side by side refrigerator/freezer, ice cold water capability, \$250. Contact Herbert, 705-879-8403. (FE20)

NOTICES

ANYONE KNOWING WHEREABOUTS of Peter Holloway, grey hair, may have ponytail or Mary Lockwood (they own a cottage and a house in Haliburton), call Vanessa at 905-852-7634. (FE13)

HELPWANTED

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EVENTS

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We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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EVENTS

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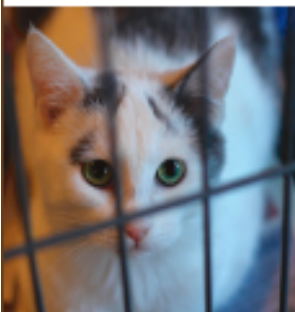
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IN MEMORY

*Bill Porter, February 2005
Darlene Porter, July 2012
Years go by!*

Months and years may go by since you left us, but there's not a day that goes by that someone from our lives says "I remember this or that" about both of you, and we laugh. So thanks again for the life we had together and the laughs we still get from our memories of you.

*Always in our hearts,
Brett & Lori*

OBITUARIES



Emma Herron (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon on Sunday morning, February 9, 2014 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Charles Herron. Cherished daughter of the late David and Alma Morrison (nee MacDuff). Emma was the youngest of five children. She is predeceased by her sisters Freda Carlson, Dora Madill, Pearl Madill and Evelyn Carnegie. Emma will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Very special aunt to Julie (Pat) Angers and stand in grandma to Nicolas, Ted, Sarah, Angela & Jennifer. Emma was a practical joker, she enjoyed a good laugh and loved her pets. She enjoyed accommodating and providing the gift of hospitality when friends called.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, February 14, 2014 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to Full Gospel Lighthouse would be appreciated by the family.



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Freda Norman (nee Maynard) (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Extendicare Haliburton, on Monday evening, February 3, 2014 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Murray Norman. Predeceased by her son Murray (1978), sisters Doreen and Kathleen and her brothers Don and Paul. Dearly missed by her close friends Christine, Joan C, Joan J, and Joan Mac. Also fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews and other friends. Freda was very social and enjoyed many activities including cards, curling, her involvement with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and FIRA, when Murray and Freda lived on Percy and Haliburton Lakes.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209. As expressions of sympathy donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary or the charity of your choice would be appreciated.



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Canadian Mental Health Association
Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge
Mental health for all

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPORTUNITIES

Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Branch is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote and support mental health recovery and wellness by working with individuals, families and community partners within the counties of Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton and Northumberland.

We are currently seeking a number of committed and talented individuals who reside in Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton and Northumberland areas to help us shape our strategic future by joining our Board of Directors.

You have an understanding of our community and its mental health needs; a passion for promoting mental wellness; a willingness to commit time for board meetings, committee meetings, planning sessions, special events; and, you work well in a group. Applicants who have prior board experience would be considered an asset. Preference will be given to applicants who have practical experience related to mental health supports, finance, fund raising, legal, human resources, healthcare and not-for-profit operations.

Closing Date: **February 28, 2014**

Please send your resume to:

Canadian Mental Health Association, HKPR
Attention: Karen Wolff – Executive Administrative Assistant
415 Water Street
Peterborough, ON K9H 3L9
Phone: 705-748-8687 Ext. 1011
Fax: (705) 748-4078
Email: kwolff@cmhahkpr.ca



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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Jacqueline "Jacquie" Evelyn Chillman

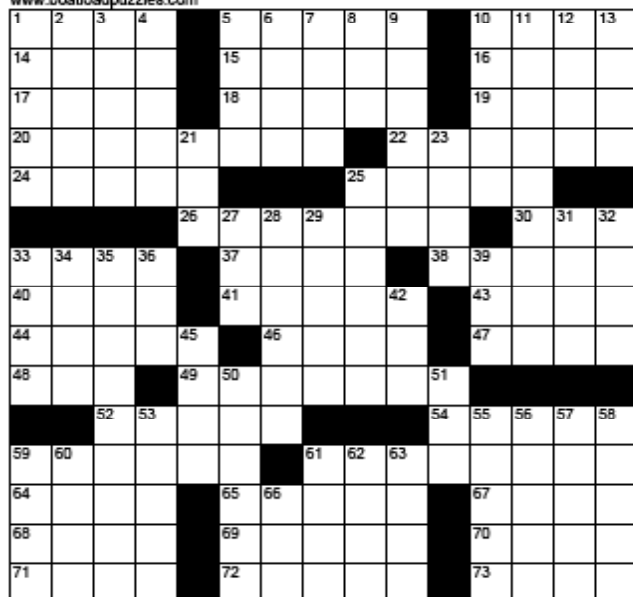
Passed away peacefully at her Florida home on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 At the age of 76. Beloved wife of the late William Frederick Chillman. Dear mother of Gerald Chillman and Ronald J. Chillman. Grandmother of Todd and Geoffrey. Dear sister of Jessie Burgess, Ruby Lindensmith, Richard Ratcliff, Helen McKirdy and Dawn McDonald. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends will be invited join the family for a Memorial Visitation and Memorial Service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 at a later date in the spring. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Highlander events

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ACROSS

1. Abrasive particles
5. Spanish title
10. Fix
14. Nevada city
15. Nurse ____ Barton
16. Burn-soothing plant
17. Remote
18. Excuse
19. Opera singer
20. Guard
22. Sailor
24. Groom
25. Florida metropolis
26. Willie and Ozzie
30. ____ guilty
33. Memo letters
37. Bawdy
38. Athletic groups
40. Infamous fiddler
41. Prepare to propose
43. Stair section
44. Musical pace
46. Mumbai dress
47. Enclosures
48. Enjoy the slopes
49. Stricter
52. Flies alone
54. Trumpet's sound
59. Gasoline, in England
61. Heating device
64. Waterless
65. Dark wood
67. Guided trip
68. Gaming cubes
69. Journalist ____ Sawyer
70. Division term
71. Clairvoyant one
72. More strange
73. At no time, poetically

DOWN

1. Comprehend
2. Allude
3. Foolish
4. Pastry
5. Read rapidly
6. She, in Paris
7. Manicure target
8. Ball
9. Dried grape
10. Lady's title
11. Do away with
12. ____ Scotia
13. College official
21. Lodge
23. Direction
25. Contemporary
27. Moose's kin
28. Telescope parts
29. Take an oath
31. Harbinger
32. Recipe units (abbr.)
33. Picnic visitors
34. Hide-and-____
35. Cease-fire
36. Burst
39. Telepathy (abbr.)
42. Little white ____
45. Scandinavian capital
50. Ohio city
51. Baseball stat
53. Sequence
55. Old Roman language
56. Make up for
57. Course
58. Bloop
59. Writing tablets
60. Ohio lake
61. Thoroughfare
62. Diarist ____ Frank
63. Tinter
66. Make an offer

Last week's puzzle solutions

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FUN FACT:

Dogs have four toes on their hind feet, and five on their front feet.

FEBRUARY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m. Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting , 6-7:30 p.m. (every Thursday)	 Happy Valentine's Day	Frost Festival – Head Lake Park Polar Bear Challenge – Head Lake Park, 1 p.m. Catch the Cure , a fundraiser for Angelman Syndrome – S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dorset Snowball	Winterfest Minden – S.G. Nesbitt Arena (UNTIL MONDAY)
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Minden Hills Fire Department annual family fish derby – Pigeon Lake, 8 a.m. Weigh in, 1 p.m. 705-286-1202. Table tennis – Minden Community Centre, every Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.	Table tennis – Minden Community Centre, every Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.	Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m. Pickleball – Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym, 7-9:45 p.m. \$4 and must have clean, indoor court or running shoes. (every Thursday)
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
		Open mic jamboree – Kinmount Legion, 1-5 p.m.	Table tennis – Minden Community Centre, every Monday, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION FEB 13 - FEB 19, 2014			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 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.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – 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.	Willberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Upcoming events: Saturday, February 22 – Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby.	

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Highlander events



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Jillian Hawley is hoping to collect a lot more pasta for Max Ward and the food banks.

Students crave pasta title

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students are competing with other high schools to collect the most pasta for the county's food banks.

Jillian Hawley, HHSS student and G7 representative with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is organizing the pasta challenge here in Haliburton.

"All of the G7 do it," she said. "It's all on the basis of collecting boxed pasta. At the end of the two weeks, we give [the donations] to our local food banks."

The competition started on Feb. 7 and runs until Feb. 24. The winner high school receives a trophy and bragging rights for the year.

Hawley said for everyone donation, students

receive points towards a raffle. Whole wheat pasta earns two points, while regular pasta gets you one.

Max Ward of Minden's food bank said the donations are going to go a long way.

"People are coming into the food banks because the end of the month is longer than the end of their paycheque," he said. "The reason [pasta] is so handy is that it can be stored without refrigeration and keeps on the shelf as needed."

Ward said financial contributions to the food bank are also much-needed because it allows them to buy what they need at the time, and also helps run the organization.

Hawley's goal is to raise 50 to 100 boxes of pasta, though she'd love to collect more. She said teachers are getting involved in the drive as well, donating pasta and money.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

We are currently seeking

Truck & Equipment Rental Price Lists for 2014

From qualified Contractors to provide trucks and equipment to the Township of Minden Hills, Roads Department.

Interested parties are invited to submit a Request for Tender, available at www.mindenhills.ca, under "Tenders & Tax Sales" or can be picked up at the front counter of the Administration Office. Submissions shall include the completed mandatory pages of the RFT document in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Truck & Equipment Rental" no later than Thursday, February 27, 2014 by 12:00 noon addressed to the following:

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

Attention: Mr. Kevin Hills, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

Tenders are scheduled to be opened at 2:00 pm on Thursday, February 27, 2014 in the Administration office, 2nd floor boardroom.

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Please contact Kevin Hill, CRS-S Road Superintendent at khill@mindenhills.ca or (705) 286-3144 for full details.

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Attention: Mr. Kevin Hills, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

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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, February 27th, 2014 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-13-13
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 14, geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9586, registered January 15, 2014.
2. File No. SRA-13-08
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 3, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9585, registered January 14, 2014.

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 13th day of February, 2014.

Adam King, M.R.M
Planning Administrator

What's on

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What's on



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Mark Brohm has been named this year's Frost Festival ambassador.

Frost fest for everyone

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's Frost Festival ambassador has been named and is ready to receive his crown this weekend.

Mark Brohm, landfill and recycling manager with the Municipality of Dysart et al, was asked to be the ambassador for this year's event.

"It's quite an honour to be chosen," he said. "I was surprised."

Brohm, who said he usually finds himself working during the festival, is looking forward to participating this year.

"Just getting out and meeting the people, going around to the events and seeing them first-hand," he said.

In his role, Brohm will be highly visible in his ambassador's robes.

"I just go around and give out some brochures, meet and greet people, and point them in the right direction to different spots."

Frost Festival begins on Feb. 15 with the crowning of the ambassador and a Lions Club pancake breakfast at the Haliburton Legion for \$5 a plate, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Other events throughout the day include ice fishing with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m., snowshoe games with Camp Wanakita from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Haliburton Curling Club demo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., pony rides with South Algonquin Trails from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Beatty's maple taffee on snow from 11:30 a.m. until it's gone, and kids dogsledding with Winterdance from 1:35 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Also returning this year is the second annual Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge, with the first dip starting at 1 p.m. to raise money for the Sick Kids Eye Project.

There are many more events going on throughout the day. For a full list, visit www.frostfest.ca.

As for this year's ambassador, Brohm said the Frost Festival is a great community event, put on by hard-working and dedicated volunteers.

"It's a good break from boredom," he said. "Get the kids outside, away from the computers and games, get some fresh air and exercise."

He said it's something the whole family is going to enjoy, young and old.

"It's a family day event," he said. "You should make sure the whole family gets out, even grandma and grandpa."

The festival takes place at Head Lake Park. All activities are free of charge.



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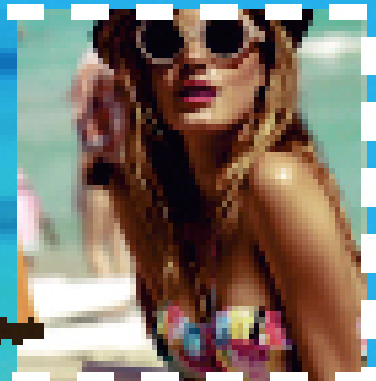
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