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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Owen Patterson-Smith celebrates his goal in a 7-2 Highland Storm win against the Mount Brydges Cougars.

Bantam As win all-Ontario championship

By Sue Tiffin
 Staff writer

The Highland Storm Bantam As series finale on March 29 exhibited both great signs of sportsmanship and a huge outpouring of support from Haliburton County.

The community came out to cheer on the Bantam As in their quest for gold on March 29, and the hockey team repaid their fans by winning the game – and the Bantam B series – by a final score of 7-2. The team celebrated the first Bantam B division win in Highland Storm history.

"It was great that so many people were

there to support us, but we had to keep focused," said Owen Smith after the game.

Teammate Paydon Miscio agreed that the number of fans in the stands was surprising.

"It was a little nerve-wracking with that huge crowd, but it was pretty fun," he said.

The parking lot was packed and lines of people waited to get into Game 4 of the OMHA finals at A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. The best-of-five series was sitting at 2-1 after the Highland Storm lost their first game to the Mount Brydges Cougars in Minden and then recovered to take the lead after two away games.

"We were confident in ourselves and each other, but not cocky because we knew what we had to do to win the game," said Smith.

The crowd was on the edge of their seats with excited tension for most of the game, and went wild in the third period when the Bantam As scored four goals to take the all-Ontario title and the A.A. Ash Morrison trophy.

"I think we had a good intermission speech between the second and the third to calm the kids down," said head coach Drew Bishop. "Sometimes [being ahead] you can get sloppy and lazy, we just had to keep focused and keep pushing all the way

through. To come out and get four goals in the third period, it's special."

Bishop couldn't share his third period speech, but Smith said the coaches motivated the team and helped keep them on track.

"They told us the key things we needed to do and the things to keep us mentally and physically focused," he said.

Fans cheered as the boys skated around the rink, each taking turns hoisting the trophy into the air, and many were still excitedly discussing the score while the team doused the locker room in non-alcoholic champagne.

"I knew there was going to be a crowd

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Graduates of the YWCA Women in Business Class of 2014 celebrated their graduation by sharing smiles along with tears as they said goodbye to their program facilitators. From left: Facilitator Lauren Forbes, graduates Laura Trach, Michelle Connelly, Angela Thompson, Alison Davis, Michele (Shelly) Pearsons, Jennifer Mykolishyn, facilitator Donna Arnold, and coordinator Sarah Adams. Frances Cooke was absent from the graduation.

Women graduate into the business world

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

It was an emotional afternoon for seven women and their mentors on March 27 at the Minden Community Centre.

The women were graduating from the YWCA Women in Business program and many collected their certificate of completion with tears in their eyes. They claimed the tears were from pride and happiness as much as they were about sadness for their days as students in the program being over.

"I always thought this program was for women in need, but I didn't realize how much need I had," said graduate and gourmet raw food chef and instructor Michelle Connelly.

The program launched in Minden in November 2013 after a successful run in Haliburton. Students met for eight hours a week to hone their entrepreneurial business skills or to simply gain confidence in getting started or taking the next step in their careers. The women were instructed by facilitators Lauren Forbes and Donna Arnold, and connected with the local business community through guest presenters including Molly McNerney from Molly's Bistro and Tim Degeer from Dawson Gray LLP. Women in Business was funded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and organized through the YWCA.

"Each one of them has something in common," said YWCA Peterborough Haliburton's Women in Business program coordinator Sarah Adams. "A desire to plan their future and gain skills to make their future a reality."

"We know that you are having and will have an impact on the community," she said to the graduates.

"I really want to make sure when this program comes up again, people who have a business up here realize how important it is to come out, update your skills, get some new ones and improve what we're putting out as a community to the larger world," said graduate and studio owner Laura Trach.

Besides learning about financial literacy, branding and mind mapping, the women had discussions about the need to stay

healthy and cope with stress. During her presentation as a guest, former graduate Frances 'Effie' Barry encouraged the students to try belly dancing as a form of stress relief.

"What you get from this course isn't just training, it's a network of people and support," she said to the facilitators. "You were like the flashlight illuminating the darkness."

Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid attended the graduation to show the township's support of the Women in Business program and the graduates themselves.

"The hair on my arms is standing on end looking at you guys because you're exactly the kind of energy and people that are going to make Minden a much better place," said Reid. "I just wish you so much success and positive energy and I look forward to reading about you and hearing about your businesses."

Though the women have graduated from the program, they plan to continue meeting casually for both professional and personal support.

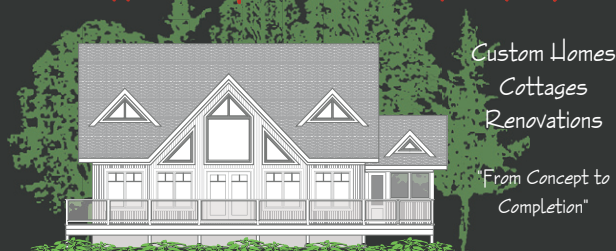
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Fire destroys Eagle Lake family home

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A chimney fire at an Eagle Lake residence on the evening of March 28 caused \$200,000 in damages.

At around 7:30 p.m., 21 firefighters from Dysart responded to the fire, which had spread up the wall beside the chimney and into the attic voids of the house.

In a press release, Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan said the upstairs ceiling had to be removed to gain access to the fire, and that there was extensive water and smoke damage to the building. No injuries were reported.

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Township finds savings in Stanhope hangar project

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Four new hangars at the Stanhope/Haliburton Municipal Airport are expected to cost just over \$1.6 million.

However, due to some adjustments to the project, the township is saving approximately \$438,000.

"We found savings within the airport project by changing or delaying some aspects of the next phase," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The township originally issued 20 Request for Proposal (RFP) packages to interested parties, according to a report by the project's senior consultant, Michael Osborne of R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited. Ten companies submitted their proposals by the Feb. 19 deadline.

On March 13, council held a special meeting to discuss potential cost savings for the project since all of the submissions had come in higher than anticipated, said CAO Angie Bird.

"Each proposal was evaluated on specific criteria contained in the RFP document, scored and ranked accordingly," said Bird.

The evaluation led to a short-list of three proponents: LBR Contracting Ltd., Aveiro Constructors Ltd. and Taskforce Engineering Inc.

Each was contacted and asked to provide cost-saving alternatives while still meeting the requirements of the RFP, she said.

"Taskforce Engineering Inc. achieved the highest collective score both before and after receipt of the additional information and cost savings."

Items removed to attain the savings included asphalt in two parking lots, surface treatment of the access road, stockpiling excess earth on-site and the reduction of parking spaces to 25. This work is expected to be completed at a later date.

Construction of the hangars will begin on May 1 with the partial excavation of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) site and construction of the stormwater management pond.

A portion of the project is being funded by federal, provincial and municipal governments. The township will fund its share through the airport reserve fund, MNR revenue, contributions from working funds, and a portion will be carried on the township's line of credit. The township's net levy would be used to pay off the line of credit by the year 2017.

The MNR will build its forestry firefighting headquarters at the airport. The \$12.2 million project is expected to be completed by 2015.

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Police find DNA evidence on Sugar Island

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Although police haven't yet solved the rash of break-ins and a suspicious fire on Gull Lake's Sugar Island, they did manage to recover DNA evidence from several of the properties that were broken into.

"Blood samples were recovered at the scene and that's being sent off for analysis to confirm through DNA for positive identification at the Centre for Forensic Sciences," said OPP Const. Paul Potter of the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

Potter also said investigators are waiting for information about the "suspicious fire" on the island that destroyed the Douglas family's cottage.

"We're also waiting to receive word from the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office as to the cause of the blaze on the eighth cottage and as to whether there is a connection between the seven break-and-enters and [that suspicious fire]."

Seven cottages on the island were broken into and

vandalized last month. In addition to the property damage, items were also stolen. According to Potter, police were dispatched to the area on March 19 after someone reported seeing broken windows while out for a walk with their dog.

Despite appealing to the public for information, police have not yet received any tips in the case.

"No tips have been received to date and it's still actively under investigation at this time," said Potter.

The blood may or may not rule out the number of suspects, he said, but it isn't necessarily a smoking gun. The evidence would have to match a person already listed in the OPP's database.

"Usually, of situations of break-and-enters and things like that, usually the people we deal with have been processed in some way. So that would certainly help us."

Anyone with information is asked to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Calls to Crime Stoppers are anonymous and cash rewards of up to \$2,000 are offered for tips that lead to an arrest.



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Editorial opinion

Shopping local

People often choose to interpret the words 'shop local' in the literal sense.

To shop local means walking into a local store to shop. It's that simple.

But shopping local is more than that. Yes, it's buying something from a local store, but it also means being an educated, responsible consumer. It means choosing to support our local small businesses at the check-out, on the street, in the office, and any other way that we can.

Consider that our small businesses are the only reason this county functions at all. They provide jobs, which in turn give employees the ability to put money back into the local economy, driving more business.

An example of shopping local – outside the obvious scenario of buying from a local store – is to be aware of how you pay for your purchase.

On page 12 of this issue you'll read about credit cards and how our small businesses are feeling the pinch from big credit card companies and banks each time they process a credit card payment. The article is designed to help readers become better educated consumers.

Did you know that each time you swipe a points card or air miles credit card, the credit card companies and banks take those bonuses you're receiving directly from small businesses? On each purchase charged to a credit card, the business owner pays a percentage of that back to the credit card company.

Rates for basic cards aren't too high. The 'starter card' or 'basic' – the ones that don't give you anything back – are affordable enough. But as you get into the more elite level cards – your golds, platinums, rewards and so on – fees go higher and higher. They get so high, in fact, that some businesses end up paying to sell you something instead of turning even a meagre profit.

Yes, certain businesses are able to recoup those costs by raising prices, especially on

services. But the more competitive industries – those with low profit margins, like gas stations – are limited in their ability to recover those costs. If they raise gas prices, then consumers will drive down the road to the next station.

Those merchant fees pay for the rewards points you're saving to buy that fancy blender in the rewards catalogue. While you think that blender is free, it has actually been paid for by all the small businesses where you've swiped that card.

Whose problem is that? Yours. Mine. Ours.

Using our credit cards to earn 'free' points and miles is a sure-fire way to harm our local economy, one store at a time. It's like an extra tax of two to three per cent, sometimes more, on every business. As expenses to continue to rise – think Hydro and propane – this is one cost we can help mitigate.

Choosing to use cash or debit, to leave the credit card safely stored in your wallet, will save our merchants thousands of dollars a month in payment processing fees. That means thousands of dollars that can be re-invested into this community, stimulating further economic development and growth. For new business owners, it means a much safer and secure environment in which to get started.

If consumers are educated and responsible – and we can be that in Haliburton County – they will reap the benefits through lower prices, greater access to products and services, and a much more diverse and stable economy.

It's not just where you buy, but how you buy. That's shopping local.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Do your homework

Rarely are our councils as speedy and resourceful as they've been these last few weeks when it comes to trying to stop proposed changes to the OPP billing model. Those changes would increase our policing costs from \$3.5 million per year to over \$8 million per year, necessitating tax increases as high as almost 40 per cent. Essentially, the new model would have each municipality contributing to the OPP's provincial overhead based on its number of households – permanent and seasonal – naturally without any input into how that overhead is spent.

County councillor and Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid, along with county treasurer Laura Janke, gave a full explanation of the proposed changes last Monday on Canoe FM. You can watch excerpts from their interview on our website.

Reid and Janke clearly explained why the change was being proposed, why it doesn't work for Haliburton County, and what our councils intend to do about it. They also helpfully explained our councils' lack of participation in various consultations regarding the OPP billing model: they had no indication the changes under consideration would be so severe until after the consultations took place. That could be a lesson in showing up or, given the recent mud-rucking about conference expenses earlier in the year, perhaps the councillors could be forgiven for shying away from what, for all they knew, was yet another provincial boondoggle.

What Reid and Janke could not explain however were the costs of alternative models. There are essentially two: creating a detachment of an existing police force, for example Kawartha Lakes; or creating our own police force. Both may be worth looking at not just for cost reasons, but because with either we would be able to direct policing towards our priorities instead of having to abide by those of the OPP and the province.

Reid said both of those options would be expensive, which may or may not imply prohibitively expensive. There would be a lot of costs, she added – buildings and cars and salaries. Various people have asked various other people and have been told it's expensive, so it must be true.

But how is it possible to know something is expensive before you've actually taken the time to cost it out? It's not, of course, but perhaps to dissuade us from even considering such an exercise, Reid added that it would

cost \$80,000 to hire a consultant to write a business case and find out.

That's nonsense. A business case is no more than an imaginary budget. All the information we need for a business case, the costs of buildings and cars and salaries and uniforms, all of it is readily available public information. Surely among the five treasurers and five CAOs employed in the county there must be one with the skills and time to write a business case.

Yet for some reason, amid all the scrambling and bluster, a business case is not on our councillors' agenda. Any expert in negotiation will tell you to have a clear understanding of your alternatives before making demands. We know the proposed OPP billing model will cost \$8 million, but all we know about the alternatives is that they would be "expensive" because somebody told us so.

Maybe that somebody is correct. Maybe they're wrong. Aren't our councillors at least curious?

This failure to do their homework is just the latest example of our councils making decisions based on notions and opinions rather than facts. We're making housing policies for the next 50 years based on flawed surveys, regulations based not necessarily on what the law says but what the municipality next door is doing or because somebody heard this or that. Instead of evaluating risks on a cost-benefit basis, we tend to avoid any risk – and therefore much potential progress.

We have over 200 municipal employees in the county and 24 councillors. Somewhere among all those people there have to be the skills and motivation to evaluate options, make plans and get things done. There has to be the will find out what we need to know in order to make the right decisions, or we'll be stuck forever in reaction mode, lurching from crisis to crisis.

If there isn't that motivation, if there aren't those skills in our municipalities, county and councils, we whose future depends on intelligent, deliberate stewardship of our communities and economy can't afford it. Not another four years. Not another four months.

No amount of effort can compensate for a lack of accuracy. For crying out loud: open a spreadsheet, get some information, and figure it out.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Province abandoning farming

Dear editor,

Forces and events outside of Haliburton County that bring to light the concepts of local food are only talk, not actions.

The recent announcement of University of Guelph closing the campuses of Alfred and Kemptville (KCAT) colleges is a sad continuation that society leaders have no respect for people that work the land with their hands. This is like the death of the canary in the coal mine. What will you as an individual do to keep our food system alive and well?

Many people want to see our local farmers market expand with more products such as eggs and dairy. This is legally not possible because of the massive amounts of intertwined rules and regulations often established by bureaucrats or interest groups in the guise of market stability and consumer health protection.

It is sad that farmers are criminalized for providing food that consumers consciously seek out. Local food grown using organic methods is the expanding sector of agriculture. The closing of the Kemptville campus, a pillar of agriculture in eastern

Ontario, exposes the extreme vulnerability and the lack of respect that local food has by senior government politicians and academics.

Society's resources committed to creative thinking have not been applied to agriculture. An example of a local system destroyed is our federal government with the closure of the prison farm system. This articulates clearly that federal politicians do not respect the skill of people that work with their hands on the land.

Where will the people that grow food be educated? If you do not have a multi-level degree there is no respect nor thought to be consulted in community plans. Regretfully, over generations the Province of Ontario has given University of Guelph a monopoly on agricultural education. They have not educated for the growing sector of organics. News reports cite reduced enrolment for justification for closure. Where will our future local food producers be educated? How will you support those that grow local food for your table today?

Godfrey Tyler
Waverley Brook Farm
KCAT Class of 1980

Photo of the week



Photo by Mark Arike

Ice and snow forms a wave as it slides down the roof of Brian Hunter's home in Haliburton.

Armatec yet another potential employer run out of town

Dear editor,

For all intents and purposes, Armatec is now out in its bid to locate in Harcourt and also the five to 15 jobs possibly coming with it. From what I can gather, misinformation ran rampant in this debate, causing some people to cry Chicken Little outrage.

According to Pat Martin, 195 people writing in have opposed the project and at a March 3 meeting, 22 were against. That doesn't seem

like a lot of people to me. She mentions an online petition with 1,000 signatures. I looked up this petition. It was orchestrated by The Baptiste Lake Association through a vehicle called Change.org. This petition goes out universally and can be signed by anyone, even those outside the area. It was extremely bias and opinionated with unsubstantiated information. And bear in mind, this was a survey, not an opinion poll. There was no place to vote yes.

You have seen my letters continually hammering the fact that councils have to find companies willing to locate here if we want to preserve the economy of the area. Tourism will not do it totally. We need to send out scouts to entice companies paying high costs in the GTA to relocate, and when those companies get here, hopefully councillors will not deny their entry. Just so you know, the three councillors who denied those five to 15 jobs from what the Dysart website tells me

are Steve Pogue, Susan Norcross and Walt McKencknie.

The people for this project and the unemployed looking for work now have names to think about in the coming election. Decide if they are working in your best interest.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

Wet mitts and wonderful minds

Following my column of a couple of weeks ago, the one in which I bemoaned the fact that I'd neglected my snow clearing duties and was subsequently chipping away at the mountain of snow on my deck, a reader commented on the website: "Why are you clearing the deck when the snow's going to melt in a couple of weeks, anyhow?"

Good question. And a thought that had also occurred to Little Z, too, in a round about sort of way.

"Daddy why are you digging a trench in front of the garage?" he asked as I manically thrashed at the ice with a pick axe. I looked up, stretched my back and wiped the ice chips, dirt and sweat from my brow.

"Because we've had lots and lots of snow this winter and if I don't, when all the snow melts the water will flood the garage," I replied, thinking that my answer was perfectly logical and in need of no further discussion.

"But Daddy, don't you want the water to go into the garage?"

"No."

I was about to swing the pick axe again when he said: "So you don't want a

swimming pool inside like at the Pinestone, Daddy?"

Ah, the beauty of the young mind. Only the brain of a four-year-old could leap from riverlets of ice cold muddy melt water that threaten to flood my garage to the crystal clear heated pool of a local hotel without skipping a beat.

"But I want a pool in our garage Daddy. I want to go swimming in our garage, Daddy. I want to go surfing in our garage, Daddy. Don't you want to see me swim and surf in our garage, Daddy?" The barrage was quick fire and with serious intent. It halted me and I stood up straight, once again giving my back a hefty stretch.

"Put your hand in that puddle that you're standing in," I said.

Little Z reached down and before I could say no, before I could curse myself for being so stupid, he plunged his mitt-clad hand deep into the murky water.

"My mitt's all wet now, Daddy."

I winced, swore at myself under my breath and said: "Take off the mitt and put your hand in the water again."

He duly removed the mitt from his hand and dropped it in the next convenient

puddle, then carefully dipped his now naked fingers into the water.

"Whoa, that's cold!" he squeaked.

"Yes," I replied. "That's why we couldn't make a swimming pool in the garage." And with that I turned back to my pick axe.

"Mummy uses the kettle to make water hot. Can't you use the kettle to make water hot?"

I had to smile. The little chap wasn't to be beaten that easily.

"The kettle is for warming small amounts of water to make cups of tea with, isn't it?" I said and Little Z nodded back. "Well we'd need lots more water than that to fill a swimming pool, wouldn't we?" He nodded again.

"We could get lots and lots of kettles, Daddy."

And so it went on, a back and forth that didn't end in a swimming pool in the garage but one in which I marvelled at the mental processing power of my boy's ever-developing brain, and the ingenious, if somewhat unconventional thought patterns that it churns out.

Then Little Z realized that his ungloved hand was cold and wet, forgot about

swimming pools and went inside to find his mummy.

I smiled at our little chat and went back to my trench digging, refreshed for a few moments by my son's wonderful young mind.

In a few years I'm sure we'll have a really snowy winter again and by that time I hope that Little Z is big enough to help me dig any trenches that need chipping out of the icy driveway. That may curb some of his curiosity about swimming pools in the garage.

Thinking about it, in a few more years he may even start to appreciate the extortionate cost of hydro, and so be less inclined to suggest that we heat any swimming pool, be it in the garage, basement or backyard with 'lots and lots of kettles'.

Such is the fleeting wonder of a child's innocent intellect. Almost as fleeting as the renewed vigour with which I swung the pick axe following our little swimming pool conversation.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *How is the postage increase going to affect you?*



Chad Cox
Haliburton

It will hurt the pocket book because the price of mailing went up. I will probably do more texting and send more e-mails.

Harry Morgan
Haliburton

I may have to switch to more e-mails. I send a few cards and that will not change.



Karen Madill
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Well I do not have too much to do with mailing. Other people will be hurt by the price increases. I think it is too much for people to pay.



Lynda Heaps
Haliburton

It already has affected me. I stopped sending Christmas cards three years ago. Postage and shipping costs are driving people to e-mail and purchasing offshore.



Lynn Cox
Minden

It will certainly affect me. I like to send birthday, thank you and Christmas cards. E-mail them? Not likely because it is not the same.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Abbey Gardens to study medicinal herbs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

John Patterson was having a conversation with his naturopath when he found out that most of the herbal medicines on the market are imported to Canada from other places.

After learning this, the founder of Abbey Gardens decided it might be worth trying to change that.

"It struck me that we should explore what could be grown by way of herbs in Haliburton County for culinary and medicinal purposes," said Patterson.

Recently, Abbey Gardens was successful in obtaining funding to undertake a \$20,000 feasibility study to find out whether or not a new market could emerge in Haliburton County.

"We just received word in March that we could move ahead," said Heather Reid, director of operations and strategic initiatives.

The local organization received \$15,000 through the Agricultural Adaptation Council's Growing Forward 2 program and \$5,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation's business planning fund.

"I think the opportunity is in a couple of places," said Reid. "One is for Abbey Gardens, but it's also for the larger growing community."

Reid said the purpose of the study is to "identify and assess medicinal herb varieties that can be produced" in Haliburton County's climate.

It will also look at the Canadian medicinal herb market and determine what the demand is for the product, as well as the types of medicinal products that could come from those herbs.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, over 4,000 medicinal herbs grow naturally or are under cultivation in Canada. By utilizing a greenhouse, the number could be even higher than that.

Should the project move to the second phase, partners from around the county would take on the task of growing the herbs, said Reid. The Haliburton County

Farmers' Association, Hunter Creek Farms, and Bedrock and Brambles have expressed support for the project and recently met with the consultant hired to coordinate the study.

Reid said if all goes according to plan, the study will be completed within the next eight weeks.

I believe that once we get the research done, there will be other growers beyond Abbey Gardens who will also be able to grow herbs on a larger scale.

John Patterson
founder,
Abbey Gardens

local growing process would be part of that, explained Reid.

Should it get that far, the plan would be to house a processing facility at Abbey Gardens.

According to Reid's letter of support to

local councils, "Abbey Gardens aspires to become a centre of excellence for the production and processing of medicinal herbs in northern Ontario."

Back in October, Reid initially thought of herbs as mainly being "leafy green plants," however there's a possibility that native plants in the area could contain medicinal qualities.

"There may be things that are already growing natively that can be harvested... for the purpose of their medicinal value."

She confirmed that medical marijuana would not be part of this project.

Once the results of the study are ready, the information will be presented at a public event.

"That's to share what we learned and in an ideal world, set up some of the pilot sites and move into the second phase."

Patterson is equally as excited about the direction this project could take.

"I believe that once we get the research done, there will be other growers beyond Abbey Gardens who will also be able to grow herbs on a larger scale," he said.

Anyone with knowledge of medicinal herbs and an interest in the project can contact Reid at 705-754-4769.

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Meetings and Events

April 7

1:00 – 5:00 pm, Youth Softball Registration, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

April 8

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Softball Registration, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

April 10

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

6:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Softball Registration, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

April 11

1:00 – 5:00 pm, Youth Softball Registration, Minden Community Centre, Room #3

April 24

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

Privacy Fence Tender

We are seeking tenders for the Construction & Installation of a Privacy Fence for the Minden Hills Museum & Pioneer Village.

A mandatory site visit is scheduled for Monday April 7 at 11:00 am at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, 174-176 Bobcaygeon Rd.

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders or call 705-286-1260 ext 313 for full details.

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Registration Dates

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Friday April 11 1:00 - 5:00 pm

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March 4 to May 17, 2014

Curated by Laurie Carmount

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Highlander arts

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Winter weary to spring spry

Mavis had to get away. The cold had reached into her bones and turned them to frigid sticks. Snow was no longer a pristine blanket but a suffocating burden. Despite what the calendar declared, Mavis felt spring would never ever return to her little part of the world. So she took off.

She had an American cousin living in northern Arizona who had extended many invitations to visit but Mavis had never taken him up on them. However after the winter she had endured, she decided this was the year and hopped on a plane for Flagstaff. Although no fan of airports and all that flying now entailed, walking across a bed of nails would probably be acceptable to Mavis if it led to a winter escape route.

The airport experience was as expected. Multi-ethnic crowds dressed in saris and sneakers, business suits and tropical shirts, all lining up to either leave or enter. Weary faces. Excited faces. Confused faces. Loud speaker announcements were undecipherable, departure gates located at the end of the universe and early arrival times a nonsensical waste of time. Strangers peered at her personal items, liquids were viewed as weapons of mass destruction and, worst of all, everyone

seemed to accept the invasive, paranoid procedures as normal.

She was glad to get it all over with and see cousin Jack waiting for her at Flagstaff. His grin immediately lifted her spirits and when she stepped outside, she was greeted by a snowless landscape for the first time in four months. Amazing.

However Mavis quickly learned that although she was now in what she had always thought of as a hot desert climate, elevation altered things. At seven thousand feet, Flagstaff had a more temperate climate than she had expected. It was doubtful she'd be wearing her new sandals.

The San Francisco peaks overlooked this small university city that had grown from a railway construction supply locale in the latter half of the 1800s. Instead of rough and ready labourers, wooden buildings and dirt roads, there were art galleries, fine dining and a forward-thinking population. Also ghosts.

She was surprised to learn there were documented sightings throughout the historic downtown of various apparitions and odd goings-on. Even the late movie actor John Wayne was alleged to have witnessed something in one of the old

hotels. This information was the perfect antidote to Mavis' winter blahs and she embraced its distractions totally. Why remember trudging through snow to the bird feeder, a brutal wind whipping her face, when she could contemplate vaporous figures moving through walls and frightening hotel guests? Such a pleasant change.

When cousin Jack suggested a drive down to Sedona, about an hour away and lower elevation, Mavis was all for it. While Flagstaff was still experiencing its own kind of winter, Sedona, Jack explained, would have spring. But even if there had been no spring in Sedona, Mavis wouldn't have cared because the drive to reach it was spectacular.

Jack took them down through the Oak Creek canyon, a series of switchback turns through breathtaking vistas and terracotta-hued pinnacles. Trees and other vegetation clustered by the creek that meandered down through the canyon and Mavis saw homes and tourist businesses taking advantage of this wondrous setting.

Sedona itself reminded her a bit of home in the summer. People strolled from shop to restaurant to gallery, necks craning and cameras clicking. Warm sunlight

enveloped Mavis in a golden embrace. The dry landscape with its shades of orange, red and purple entranced her eyes and she couldn't help but wonder if this was a place she could live, at least in the snowy season. She and Jack had a delightful lunch outdoors and she snapped a photo of him sniffing the blossoms on a fruit tree. It might be months before she could do that back home, Mavis mused morosely.

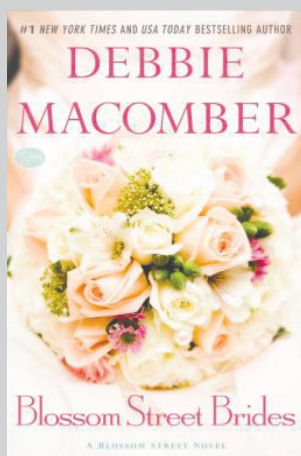
But then something happened. She thought of the lakes, the birds flocking to her yard, the deer sauntering down her road and the friends and family all awaiting her. Mavis found herself contemplating spring's return back home: late arriving no doubt; hardly tropical in its demeanour; but fresh, clean and nature-enhanced without a doubt. The wild leeks and trilliums would appear with the retreating snow. She was looking forward to it all, could hardly wait to see it come. The long winter would only make its arrival all the sweeter, she decided, sipping her ginger tea in the Sedona sunshine.



By Sharon Lynch

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. *Blossom Street Brides* by Debbie Macomber
2. *NYPD Red 2* by James Patterson
3. *Empress of the Night: a novel of Catherine the Great* by Eva Stachniak

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The End of Dieting: how to live for life* by Joel Fuhrman
2. *The Monkey's Voyage: how improbable journeys shaped the history of life* by Alan de Queiroz
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HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

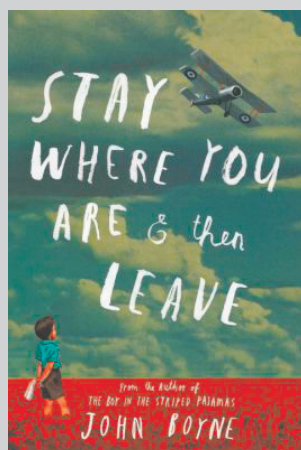
1. *Stay Where You Are and Then Leave* by John Boyne (JF)
2. *Shh! My Brother's Napping* by Ruth Ohi (Picture Book)

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1. *The Wolf of Wall Street* (DVD)
2. *Tempting Fate* by Jane Green (Book on CD)

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Ladies Auxiliary supports seniors' program

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton has donated \$500 to Community Care Haliburton County for its Emergency Response Service (ERS) program. Doreen DeGrave, breakfast coordinator for the auxiliary, presented the funds on March 27. The money was raised through 50/50 draws at the auxiliary's breakfasts held on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

Pictured above, Doreen DeGrave (centre) presents a \$500 cheque to Nancy Brownsberger (left) and Brigitte Gebauer of Community Care Haliburton County.

Volunteer driver wins raffle

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Wilberforce resident Ron Roberts will be making a few of his family members happy after winning Community Care's Sit and Ski Raffle. On March 28, Roberts received a book of eight lift tickets to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike and two Adirondack chairs from Cottage Country Log Cabin.

The prizes, which were donated by both companies, were valued at over \$1,000. Not only is he a recent winner, but Roberts is a volunteer driver for Community Care. This spring marks his fourth year as a driver.

With the help of volunteers, the recent fundraiser brought in nearly \$1,450 for the organization.



From left, Patricia Bertram, owner Cottage Country Trading Company Ltd.; raffle winner Ron Roberts; Chris Bishop, co-owner Sir Sam's Ski & Bike; and Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach coordinator for Community Care Haliburton County.

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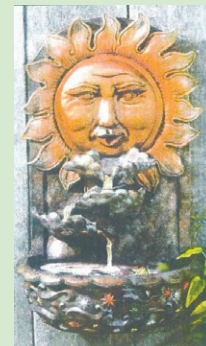
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Charging it adds up

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Don Bamford didn't know exactly what he was getting into when he started his small business, the Wilberforce Service Centre.

Like most business owners, Bamford signed a merchant services agreement so he could process debit and credit card payments at the gas station and auto shop. However, he didn't have a full understanding of just how much it was going to cost him to use those cards.

"The cards that have all the rewards points, those ones there are astronomically high rates that they're [credit card companies and banks] charging us," he said. "I didn't know all these extra charges were all on there."

Bamford knew he would be paying a rate per transaction on credit cards, but was not aware of the rate increases for premium – or rewards – cards.

On one weekend in particular, Bamford calculated that after purchasing his gas and setting his prices, he should have made around \$0.04 per litre sold. However, because of how many purchases were made using premium cards – which worked out \$0.07 per litre in fees – it actually cost him \$0.03 per litre to pump the gas.

"We ended up paying \$0.03 per litre to pump the gas for free so they could use their cards," he said. "It's not the right way to run a business."

That month, Bamford paid \$935.88 in credit card fees.

"That would have paid my mortgage," he said.

At the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, manager Rosemarie Jung said credit card fees have been an issue right across the country for a number of years.

"It truly is a buyer beware," she said. "Chambers right across the board have been dealing with it for a long time. It's been



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Don Bamford is reviewing his merchant services fees after receiving a \$935 bill.

accentuated probably as the different types of cards have been introduced."

Jung said the rewards, cash-back and miles cards have all created a problem for small businesses over the last eight to 10 years.

"Someone's paying for those rewards," she said. "Every [transaction] where a consumer is using one of those higher rate cards, it's the business that's paying for it."

Lauren Hunter, member services at the chamber, said rates on basic cards fluctuate between 1.7 to three per cent of the total purchase. Premium cards can be significantly higher than that.

In comparison to a debit transaction, she said processing fees for a credit card can be as much as 100 times higher. And, if the item is returned, the merchant must pay fees on the refund as well.

"If you're in support of local businesses and sustainability, just supporting small business period, right there is your argument for sticking with cash or debit," said Jung.

Once business owners sign a merchant

services contract, they're often locked in for a term and have various rules to follow. For example, some contracts state that merchants cannot refuse a premium card, or that the owner cannot advertise their preference for debit or cash transactions.

Hunter said the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has been trying to reign in the credit card industry by lobbying the federal government for a no-nonsense code of conduct for all companies to follow. In 2010, the government introduced such a code, wherein merchant services providers had to disclose all fees and allow merchants the ability to refuse a card, however adherence to this code is voluntary.

"Until it's made mandatory, there's no effective way of ensuring they follow the rules," Hunter said.

While the Canadian Chamber of Commerce continues to lobby the government to make the code mandatory – a ruling they were hoping to see in the 2014 budget – Jung said at the local level the chamber

will be conducting a survey to get more information on just how badly this is affecting Haliburton's business community.

"It is a substantial and uncontrollable cost to businesses in the county and across the country," she said. "Something's got to be done... to get this under control."

As more consumers turn to credit cards, and the rewards get better and better, Jung said it's the businesses that are losing.

"The consumer believes they're winning because they're seeing all these benefits and they're shopping in the rewards catalogues. Did you know that you really paid for that in increased costs to the businesses?"

Although the government refuses to force these companies to limit their rates, Jung said there is something that can be done at the local level to mitigate the damage.

"As a community, in terms of our economic viability, if we can get consumers to be aware of this issue, this challenge for small businesses, maybe it will make a difference."

Microbrewery fast track hangs on neighbours' input

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Neighbours next to proposed microbrewery sites in Canarvon and Irondale have 15 days to voice concerns they might have about living next to brewing facilities.

At a March 27 council meeting, Minden Hills councillors considered a recommendation made at a committee of the whole meeting on March 13 that would allow two local microbreweries in established locations. They decided to allow 15 days for feedback from neighbours within 400 feet of Rhubarb restaurant and the Irondale store and gas station on County Road 503.

"One brewpub is in the basement of a fine dining restaurant, the other is adjacent to a store," said Reeve Barb Reid. "We're not talking about a plant."

Reid added that the smell from a small operation would surely be minimal so as not to affect attached commercial property and the microbreweries had licensing permission from the province.

"Anybody can brew wine or beer in their home. I really don't think anyone's going to object," said councillor Jean Neville.

At the March 13 meeting, delegations made by Blake Paton of Boshkung Brewing Co. and Wayne Hancock of Hancock's Microbrewery requested permission to open their businesses in time for the summer rush.

In order to support the businesses, council recommended the definition of a restaurant be interpreted to include a microbrewery and a brewpub, while initiating a zoning by-law amendment to form microbrewery regulations. Staff had recommended council apply for site-specific zoning amendments.

"That is the tidiest way to go about

dealing with these two applications," said planning administrator Adam King.

He suggested approving the microbreweries without going through the formal rezoning process could potentially open council up to criticism.

Councillors were concerned the minimum four-month process of site-specific zoning would cause the business owners to miss the high season.

"Neither of these applications were submitted with nearly enough time for the township to properly look at what the implications of the approvals might be," said councillor Larry Clarke. "Neighbours of both of these facilities don't have the opportunity to have any input. If they have any issues at all, they're out of luck based on the decisions of this council."

Clarke had agreed with the planning administrator at the March 13 meeting and raised his concerns regarding council's

recommendation at the March 27 meeting, claiming political will was causing the applications to move forward at a faster pace.

"In reality this application should have come to us six months ago. They made it our problem," he said.

"It's in an existing space and it's related to the business they're currently doing. I don't think they had any idea they were going to run into a roadblock," said Reid.

She suggested a conditional approval and a public notice to allow neighbours to voice their concerns.

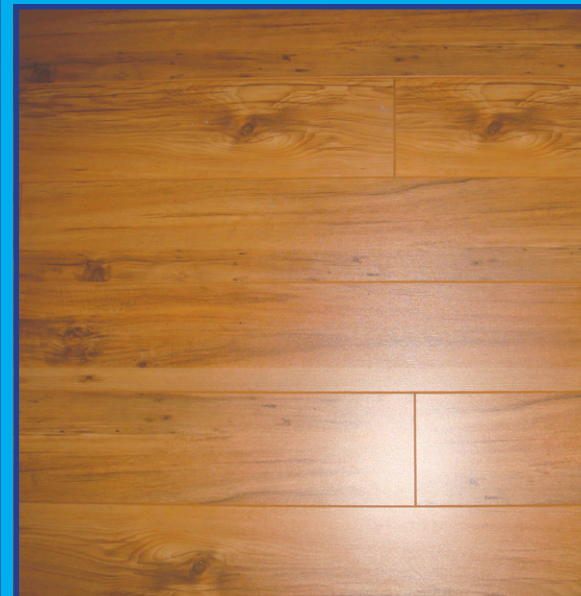
"The objective is to remove the barrier but consult the neighbours," said Reid. "If the neighbours strongly objected, we would feel differently."

"If someone is to object, the result is the same. It effectively stops the project. I don't see what we're risking by having the truncated process."

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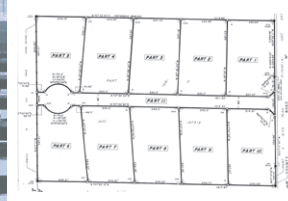


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The 2013-14 Highland Storm Bantam A OMHA All-Ontario champions.

Home crowd cheers Storm to victory

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but it was a bit overwhelming and I was glowing inside, overflowing with pride for this community," said Smith's mom, Tammy. She said the boys had played together for years and some had previously won the Atom division championship together.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Grade 9 student Hannah Klose sang the national anthem before the game and was taken aback when the crowd started singing along with her, and then when the teams began hitting their sticks against the ice at the end of O Canada.

"I couldn't hear myself sing," she laughed. "But then, I guess they couldn't either, so it was okay."

Bishop said that after two away games, coming home to play in Haliburton was beneficial for the team.

"It was nice to come to the home crowd and have a full house to cheer us on," said head coach Drew Bishop. "Community support has been fantastic in this area for sure. You can't ask for anything more than to have the support of the community behind you all the way."

"I think the best [thing] for me was how well all the boys got along," said Tammy. "There weren't any groups here and there. They were honestly one group, one team."

Both the crowd and the Cougars exhibited a touching show of support when the Cougars goalie became visibly frustrated toward the end of the game. He collapsed onto the ice not long after the

seventh goal and was talked back into the game by his coach to a round of cheers from both home and away fans. His team immediately skated to the net to encourage him before finishing the game.

Smith said seeing the defeated Mount Brydges team "ripped at [her] a bit."

"This was by far the best team of parents and coaches that we played through the playoffs. They were very kind and non-abrasive – how it should be," she said.

Smith looked for her son after the win to share in his moment.

"I was tearful looking for Owen to catch a glimpse of the sheer happiness that would be on his face," she said. "When you're winning and know what the boys are capable of, it's such a great feeling."

"I feel really proud of this team and

myself. This year's team is really exceptional and we showed this throughout the season," said Owen.

"It's been a pretty spectacular year," said Bishop. "I'm just really proud to have been part of it with them. They've done everything we've asked them to do, and it worked out in the end."

Owen Patterson-Smith, Kyle Cooper, Chase Burden, Chris Thompson and Matt Wilbee scored goals with assists from Ethan Keefer, Paydon Miscio, Cooper, Patterson-Smith, Thompson, Greg Crofts, Owen 'Smitty' Smith, and Nolan Flood.

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Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon,

March 24

Men

High average: Ken Thompson – 207
High single: Fred Phipps – 262
High single handicap: Fred Phipps – 299
High triple: Fred Phipps – 599
High triple handicap: Fred Phipps – 710

Women

High average: Chris Cote – 192
High single: Anne Lampman – 188
High single handicap: Anne Lampman – 256
High triple:

Norma Terro – 445
High triple handicap: Margaret Schepers – 646

Monday night,

March 24

Men

High average: Rick West – 207
High single: Doug Reinwald – 263
High single handicap: Ed White – 318
High triple: Doug Reinwald – 721

High triple handicap: Doug Reinwald – 775

Women

High average: Cathy Snell – 220
High single:

Cathy Snell – 279

High single handicap: Cathy Snell – 284

High triple: Cathy Snell – 758

High triple handicap: Cathy Snell – 773

Wednesday Special Olympics, March 26

Men

Brandon Bailey – 181
Ross Anderson – 145
Robert Boccitto – 134

Women

Robin Fletcher – 126
Lisa Burk – 124
Buddy Plouffe – 123
Skylar Pratt – 123

Wednesday night,

March 26

Men

High triple: Connor – 804

Women

Sandra – 598

Thursday afternoon, March 27

Men

High average: Gerry Wagg – 176
High single: Gerry Wagg – 252
High single handicap: Gerry Wagg – 292
High triple: Gerry Wagg – 611
High triple handicap: Gerry Wagg – 731

Women

High average: Gloria Wagg – 176
High single: Anne Franke – 192
High single handicap: Anne Franke – 260
High triple: Rose Cummings – 478
High triple handicap: Rose Cummings – 688

Friday afternoon, March 28

Men

High average: Claude Cote – 208
High single: Ken Thompson – 215
High single handicap: Bill Fry – 259
High triple:

Ken Thompson – 557

High triple handicap: Dave Brantom – 752

Women

High average: Chris Cote – 191
High single: Sharon Brantom – 210
High single handicap: Sharon Brantom – 283
High triple: Ren Higgins – 489
High triple handicap: Barbara Cameron – 671

Saturday youth league, March 29

Three games
Wyatt Raposa – 280
Kadin Card – 265
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Left: Chase Burden poses with his dad and Highland Storm trainer Chad Burden.
Top: Josh Bellefleur takes a well-deserved rest with his gold medal. Above: From left, assistant captains Andrew Hall, Paydon Miscio and Jacob Bishop celebrate the Highland Storm's win.

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Photos submitted by Defi Taiga

Above: Hank DeBruin treks across a frozen lake with his team of Siberian huskies. Bottom: Hank DeBruin finished just over an hour behind first place at the 200-km Defi Taiga.

Winterdance ends an 'amazing winter'

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The team at Winterdance Dog Sled Tours have wrapped up a highly successful season with a 200-kilometre race in Quebec.

The Defi Taiga 200, held in Fermont, Quebec, started on March 21. Hank DeBruin, Winterdance co-owner with Tanya McCready, finished the race in 15 hours and

20 minutes, just over an hour behind first place.

DeBruin ran a team of 10 purebred Siberian huskies. McCready said most teams run Alaskan huskies.

Earlier in the winter, DeBruin and the Winterdance team competed and finished eighth overall in the Yukon Quest race. McCready said that was one of the highlights of the year for her.

"Watching the team cross the finish in eighth at the Quest was amazing, but the day they left Dawson City eight hours behind the three teams in front of them, and passed them all within 24 hours, was incredibly exciting and gratifying to watch," she said.

While the race season ended two weeks ago, Winterdance remained open during the last gasp of winter.

McCready said the team would like to

return to the Yukon Quest again next year if circumstances allow.

"It has been an amazing winter in so many ways, from the weather to the race team, the Haliburton Dogsled Derby having record participants [this year], and our tours which also had a great year," she said. "That said, even we are pretty much ready for spring."



Junior highlanders



Photos submitted by Shana Kelly

Nyah Kelly received the opportunity of a lifetime to play golf at Augusta.

Young golfer heads to Augusta

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's the Super Bowl of the golf world where big names like Tiger Woods, Mike Weir and Adam Scott can be spotted on the same course.

For professional golfers around the world, making it to the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia is about as big as it gets. So imagine what it would be like for a young golf prodigy to be told that they'll get to hit a ball on that very same course, just prior to the start of one of the most prestigious sporting events out there?

For nine-year-old Bobcaygeon resident Nyah Kelly and her family, it's still hard to believe that this has happened to them.

"It's like the Holy Grail of the golf world," said Nyah's mother Shana in a phone interview. "You're going there for a competition... it still doesn't even feel real. It's a trip of a lifetime for these kids that get to go and hit these shots."

On April 6, Nyah will join 87 other junior golfers from the U.S. and Canada at the inaugural Drive, Chip and Putt Championship National Finals at the home of the Masters. She is one of 11 competitors in the seven to nine-year-old girls' category.

"Unprecedented, tour-level coverage is what they're giving it," said Shana, referring to live coverage of the event from the Golf Channel.

Although the Kelly family lives in Bobcaygeon, they have connections to the Haliburton Highlands. Nyah's grandmother, Sandra Kelly, owns a farm on Richie Falls Road in Lochlin. Her son (Nyah's dad Matt) lived in Minden as a teenager and attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

So how does a nine-year-old become such a serious golfer? Nyah started early and her entire family has an undeniable love for the sport. Shana, a Professional Golf Association (PGA) of Canada member, first took Nyah to the golf course when she was just six weeks old.

"Our kids all learned to hang out in their car seat, in a golf cart, when they were little

so we could still play golf," laughed Shana. "It's been a family thing for all of their lives. They don't know any different."

When Nyah was born, Shana worked as an instructor at the Kawartha Golf & Country Club in Peterborough. At the time, lessons were only available to children eight years and older. Shana began offering them for kids as young as two after she started taking Nyah to the course. That way they're able to learn golf etiquette early on, before they head out for their first game.

Nyah, who started playing when she was two, has never felt pressured to play.

"I just like it [golf]," she said. "It's fun to have fun with the family and [enjoy] the sport because I think it's really fun to do instead of sitting at home and watching TV."

Last year, Shana put her daughter's name into a lottery for a qualifier to enter the Drive, Chip and Putt competition.

"I registered her, forgot all about it and then a month later got an e-mail that said, 'Congratulations! Your child's been drawn.'"

The family had to either travel to New York or New Jersey, both 10-hour trips, to take Nyah to the qualifier. They chose Bethpage State Park Golf Course in Farmingdale, New York and made a mini-vacation out of it.

There, Nyah came first and advanced to the regional qualifier in August at Eisenhower Park Golf Club in East Meadow, N.Y. Once again, she secured a first place finish.

"I was a little bit [nervous]," recalled Nyah. "I wasn't as nervous as when I was there. At home I was just all excited to go. When I finally got there and saw how special it was, I was nervous."

She tallied 92 total points to win her age division by seven, according to the Drive, Chip and Putt website. A total of 158 kids between the ages of seven and 15 competed at the event.

Golfers were awarded points based on three drives, three chips and three puts. Those who accumulated the most points in each division advanced to the finals in Augusta. Nyah is one of eight finalists.

"When they announced my name, I just kind of felt really proud of myself for how well I worked and how hard I tried that day,"

said Nyah.

Her strengths include chipping and distance control, said her mom. Her longest drive is 150 yards.

Although practice makes perfect, Shana said her training is fairly laid back.

"We keep a casual focus on it," she said.

Nyah played her last round during Thanksgiving. In the summer, she was hitting a ball nearly every day. She's fortunate to be able to practice at an indoor facility owned by Shana's parents, who happen to live next door.

"Right now she's hitting balls every morning before school for half an hour and in the evening," said Shana.

But golf isn't the only sport Nyah enjoys. She's a competitive figure skater, plays volleyball and is into horseback riding.

"She's an all-around athlete," said her mom proudly.

The drive and chip finals will take place at Augusta National's practice facilities, while the putting will be held on the 18th green. The entire family headed out for the adventure on March 29 and planned to spend a week at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

"There's no driving ranges up here to go hit balls outside," said Shana. "Usually by this time of year you can get outside in Mississauga or Burlington. We've got to get down to some green grass so this little one can see her ball outside."

Besides the competition, Nyah is most looking forward to swimming indoors at the hotel, said Shana. She'd also like to meet her favourite PGA golfer, Bubba Watson.

"I just think that there's going to be so many great moments. We just want to soak them all in," said Shana.

The family will receive tickets to the Masters practice round and bragging rights (if Nyah wins), but simply being able to attend the event is priceless, according to Shana.

"It's the trip of a lifetime. If anyone had told me a year ago that we'd be going to do this, I would've said, 'Nah.'"

Through
my eyes



A man's best friend

By Austin McGillion

Any kind of pet, whether they're furry, scaly or slimy, make great friends for autistic kids.

Growing up, my best friend was my cat, Harley, and my brothers cat, Levi. Animals can pick up on the emotions of humans better than some humans can. Pets help autistic children, such as myself, open up to others, sleep better and be happier. So I guess you could say that pets are a safety net.

I think the reason for this security is that animals have a natural instinct for understanding human emotion. When we're sad our pets comfort us, when we are happy our pets play and entertain us, but when we are angry, our pets hide making us aware that we need to calm down. They love us unconditionally.

Some parents might worry about allergies, for themselves or their children, but fear not. Many websites can offer information on non-allergenic dogs. There are breeds of dogs that do not have fur. Instead they have hair like a human and very little dandruff. It is very beneficial to a child to have a pet and with allergies taken care of, every child can have his dog to hold when he is sad or scared, and to play ball with when he is happy.

Having a pet can teach you many things. When I had my kitty I found that it taught me the importance of responsibility because taking care of a pet is just as important as washing dishes and preparing meals – all require responsibility, dedication and discipline. Pets love you for who you are and have no expectations of what you should be or can't do.

According to helpguide.org, "professionally trained helper animals – such as guide dogs for the blind – offer obvious benefits to humans. However, the average domestic pet, such as a dog, cat – even a goldfish – can also provide many therapeutic and health benefits. Pets can ease loneliness, reduce stress, promote social interaction, encourage exercise and playfulness, and provide unconditional love and affection. Caring for a pet may even help you live longer."

I am very lucky to have Sophie in my life. She is my constant companion. When I have to take her for a walk I worry less about my surroundings and focus more on her, thus reducing my anxiety about going out.

Haliburton is a great place to live because everyone here loves animal. When I walk in the park we meet lots of other dogs, so I think Haliburton has a lot of happy people.

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Above: Alexandra Talbot shows off her dance moves in a fiery performance as the rest of the members of Fin de Fiesta provide the Flamenco sounds. Right: Veteran Flamenco dancer Lia Grainger takes centre stage.



Flamenco show ignites the stage

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A taste of Spain came to Haliburton on March 28 as a touring Flamenco troupe graced the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage.

The four artists, known as Fin de Fiesta ("End of the Party"), combined the Spanish style of folk music and dance in their latest tour titled "Mala Yerba Nuna Muere" ("Wild Flowers Never Die"). According to their website, the show "incorporates the traditional and the contemporary to create an electrifying portrait of an art form that shatters traditional stereotypes of beauty."

The group's members, who include guitarist Dennis Duffin, singer Tamar Ilana, and dancers Lia Grainger and Alexandra Talbot, divide their time between Canada and Seville, Spain.



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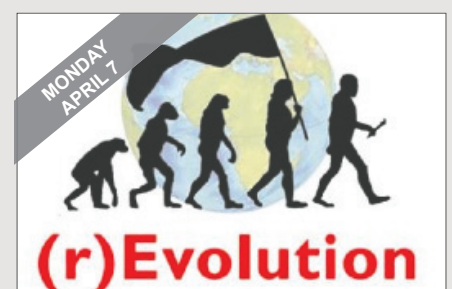
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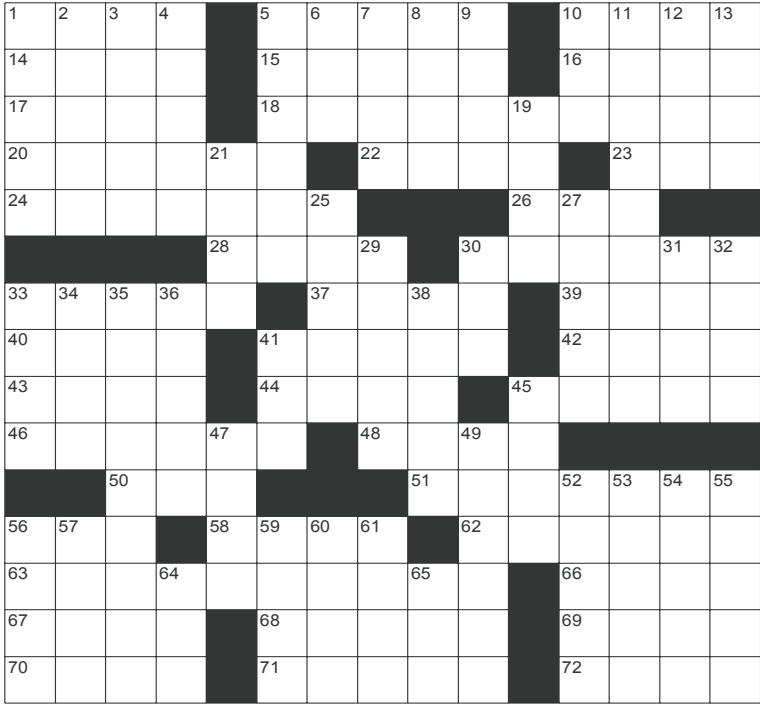
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Seniors Standing Balance Exercise Class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.	Liver health awareness open house – Haliburton Curling Club, 11-1 p.m.		Liver health awareness open house – Haliburton Curling Club, 11-1 p.m.
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The Art of Pasta workshop – Abbey Gardens, 6-8 p.m.	Volunteer income tax program – Haliburton Legion, 9:30-2 p.m. Every Tuesday until April 22.	Volunteer income tax program – Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday until April 23.	Community Care Movie Day – Minden United Church, 1:30 p.m. 2 p.m.
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HIGHLAND SERVICES HOME MAINTENANCE & REPAIR – Painting, interior & exterior spraying, staining, dry wall, plumbing, cottage maintenance, subcontracting, driving. Been a busy year, bookings available for spring/summer. Our quality and commitment sells itself. Haliburton, Minden & surrounding areas. Licensed tradesman. Call Neil at 705-854-1505. (TFN)

WINDOW CLEANING

by squeegee, clean for you. Booking now! Free estimates, reasonable, reliable, fully insured. County wide service, call Rick at 705-455-2230.

PARALEGAL SERVICES – small claims, \$25,000. L&T, traffic court, title searches. John Farr, B.A. (Hons.) LL.B – 40 years experience. 705-645-7638 or johnlakeview1@hotmail.com. (TFN)

SERVICES

COMPUTER sales & service. Set up, file transfers, software installation, virus infections, networking, continuous backups, emergency service available. Call The Computer Guy - Dave Spaxman - at 705-286-0007. WE MAKE HOUSE CALLS! (TFN)

YOGA FOR EVERY "BODY" at West Guilford Community Centre. Yoga focused on areas of common aches and pains based on my experience as a Massage Therapist. Mondays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

FOR RENT

TWO-BEDROOM home in Camarvon, \$1,100 per month includes heat, hydro, snow plowing & lawn maintenance. No smoking, references, first and last. Available Jan 1, call days 705-489-3131 or evenings 705-754-4534. (TFN)

ROOM FOR RENT – shared kitchen, living room, 4 minutes to Minden on Cty Rd 21. 705-286-6978. (TFN)

FOR RENT

APARTMENT FOR RENT - bright spacious two bedroom apartment for rent with full view of Head Lake, walking distance to all amenities, open concept and beautiful recent flooring. \$865 + utilities, rent negotiable for ideal tenant. Available May, e-mail cclfox427@gmail.com. (AP17)

DOWNTOWN TORONTO, student roommate wanted, 2 bdrm apt., lower level. Dundas & Jarvis area. Walk to Ryerson, UoT, George Brown. Fully furnished, bright and airy, quiet, safe neighbourhood. I have car and come back to Haliburton often. Rent: \$900 all in (incl. high speed). Lease May-April. Contact Sophia. xo@hotmail.com. (AP3)

FOR RENT

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT for rent, main street, downtown Haliburton. \$600 plus utilities. Call 519-763-1130. (AP3)

COMMERCIAL/OFFICE SPACE available on the main street of downtown Haliburton. Approximately 540 sq ft, rent \$450 plus hydro. Please call 519-763-1130. (AP3)

SMALL ONE BEDROOM apartment between Minden & Haliburton. Ideal for a responsible, non-smoker, working guy. Available April 15, \$530/mth, utilities included, first & last, references. Call Carmen at 705-201-1222. (TFN)

HELP WANTED

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has openings available for:

Family Health Nurse

Lindsay Office - Competition #0020-14

Tobacco Test Shopper

Haliburton Office - Competition #0021-14
(must be in grade 10 or 15 to 16 years old)

For details, including responsibilities, requirements and salary range, visit www.hkpr.on.ca.



HALIBURTON, KAWARTHA,
PINE RIDGE DISTRICT
HEALTH UNIT

We would like to thank all applicants in advance and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. All information is collected solely for the purpose of job selection under the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

THANK YOU



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." (Winston Churchill)

The Executive Director and the Board of the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre are deeply grateful for the vital contribution of our volunteers.

Thank you for your commitment, and for giving of yourselves in order to make a difference in the lives of others in our community. The gift of time is priceless; thank you for sharing yours.

We appreciate each of you.

HELP WANTED

Voyageur Transportation Services

Non-Urgent Patient Transfer Attendant Positions Available

Emergency Care/ First Responder (MFR/EFR) Certificate, Emergency Patient Care, or AMECA Required
www.voyageurtransportation.ca

Email: jobs@voyageurtransportation.ca
Fax: 519-455-4402 Phone: 1-800-263-7163 ext 255
Accommodations for applicants with a disability are available upon request.

HELP WANTED

Marcus Beach Cottages; a shared cottage property on Lake Kashagawigamog, is seeking a summer student to assist with the outside property maintenance. This position will be 32 hours per week for 16 weeks (some Sundays), starting May 2014. Brief work description is: lawn cutting, trail maintenance, recycling. Student will require proper clothing attire to work outside. Interested candidates should fax their application to 705 457 4907 or e-mail their application for employment to: manager@marcusbeachcottages.ca; to the attention of Lori Roberts, Property Manager.

CELEBRATING A SPECIAL DAY?

Let everyone know.

Place a birthday announcement in
The Highlander for all to see.
E-mail heather@haliburtonhighlander.ca
for details and price.

Highlander classifieds

FOR SALE

SAVE MONEY! Garbage removal, free for any re-sellable items or make a deal to buy furniture, boats, etc. One piece or entire contents, plus small building demolition and take away. 705-448-3920. (TFN)

SOLAR BATTERIES - Trojan L16HG-AC batteries, 6 volt, 435 amp hour. Kawartha Battery, 705-741-6097 or 1-800-954-9998. (MA30)

RABBITS, breeding pair. Giant chinchilla New Zealand cross, 1 year old. \$30 each. 705-286-1650. (AP3)

CLASSY, COZY, COUNTRY house, Minden area. \$182,700, 2 bedroom, open concept, new kitchen, bath, steel roof and siding. Private, treed, wraparound covered deck. Realtor.ca MLS#2840607. 705-489-4162. (AP11)

CAREERS

CAREER IN REAL ESTATE - Unlimited income potential. Flexible hours. We will train you to make an above-average income in this exciting business. Call for details. Bowes & Cocks Limited, Brokerage. Kate Archer, Broker/Career Coach Direct Line: (705) 930-4040.

PETS

ADOPT ME



Black and tan Beagle puppies, 11 weeks old,

Haliburton Feed Co.
175 Industrial Rd.
705-457-9775

HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR A HAIR STYLIST and esthetician to work full time at Alberto Salon & Spa located in Haliburton. Please call 705-788-2700 for further information. (AP3)

WE'RE LOOKING FOR a variety of cleaners from all areas of the county. Please contact us at rentals@haliburtoncottages.com with your contact information. (AP3)

HELP WANTED

OUR ROOFING COMPANY is looking for qualified shinglers & steel roofers with their own transportation. Local work, we pay top dollar. Contact terry.stoughton@hotmail.com, 705-457-0703. (AP17)

WE'RE LOOKING FOR a variety of cleaners from all areas of the county. Please contact us at rentals@haliburtoncottages.com with your contact information. (AP3)

HELP WANTED

HAIRSTYLIST REQUIRED for busy salon in Minden. For further information call Janet at Head Inn, 705-286-2585. (AP3)

WANTED

WANTED TO BUY: HOUSE TRAILER, either Bowler or Trillium, 13 ft. Please call John or Maria at 705-286-2797. (AP10)

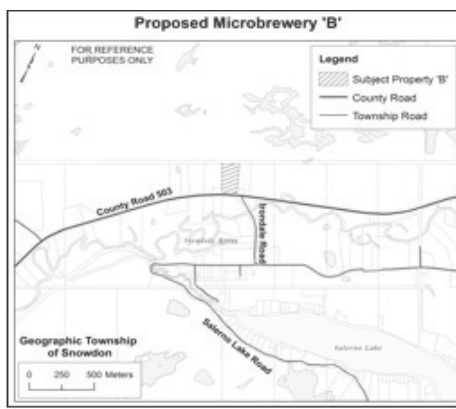
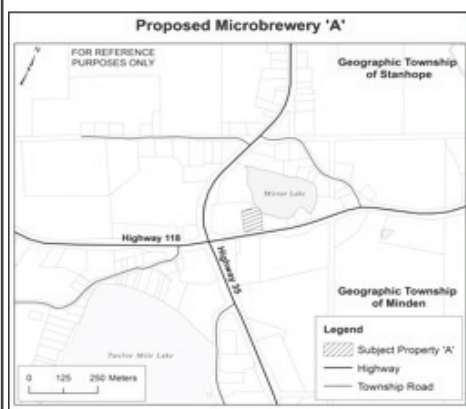
NOTICES

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Minden Hills is considering two proposed microbreweries within the municipality. Council is therefore requesting that members of the public that would like to comment on the microbreweries (please see maps below) submit their comments by April 21, 2014. Comments can be submitted via email to Adam King at aking@mindenhills.ca or by regular mail to: Adam King Planning Administrator, Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0



County of Haliburton
13 St. Germaine Street, PO Box 399, Minden, ON K0M 2K0
Tel: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881

VEHICLE FOR SALE

2002 International Combination Plow & Sander
(Reserve Bid of \$15,000)

Vehicle to be sold on an "as-is/where-is" basis.

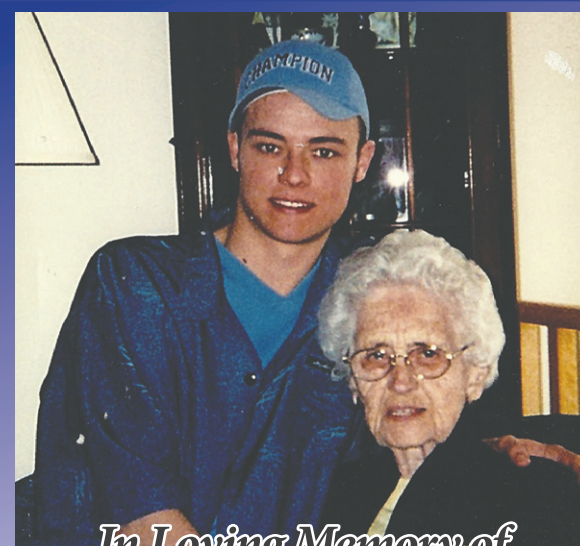
There is a reserve bid of \$15,000.00. Highest, or any bid, not necessarily accepted.

Bids, on Official Bid Forms only, will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. April 28, 2014.

Official Bid Forms may be picked up at the Roads Department Office between 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. or may be downloaded from the Haliburton County Web Site: www.county.haliburton.on.ca under "News & Notices".

Vehicle may be viewed at the Ingoldsby Patrol Yard, 1516 Ingoldsby Road (County Road 17), from Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tel: 705-286-2757

IN MEMORY



In Loving Memory of

Denis Arbour, April 7, 1982
& Violet Nelson, April 7, 1910

BIRTHDAY WISHES
SENT TO HEAVEN
To my Mom and my
Grandson

Two extraordinary people
born on the same day, 72
years apart.

As Spring finally breaks for
another year and we begin
to feel some warmth in the
sun,
we are reminded of all of the
special times we celebrated
your Birthdays together.

What happy times they were
as you opened your presents
and blew out the candles on
the cake you always shared.
I know you are watching
over us and that you are
celebrating with great joy the
very special things that have
happened in our lives.

I miss you both so very
much and I carry you in my
heart.

All my love on your special
day and always.
Your adoring Grandma
Gilmour and your loving
daughter Bev

Nana, you were one
that led by example, a
compassionate heart, always
seeing the good in others,
always putting everyone else
first, loving unconditionally,
keeping family

close to your heart and
having faith in God.
Denis, you lived your
life with determination,
resilience, compassion and
fearlessness.
Always having ones back, a
friend was

a friend for life. You loved
deeply, laughed loudly and
danced freely. You learned
to live with joy, sadness, love
and pain.

As you celebrate your
birthdays together in
Heaven, I can't help but feel
that I am the recipient of
your gifts today and I hope
and pray that I can live my
life the way you've shown.

Happy Birthday
Loved and missed, always
and forever. Peace.
Mom, Dad and Daryl
(Cathy and Dan)

OBITUARIES



Robin Lee Anthony

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)
October 7, 1954 – March 21, 2014

Suddenly on March 21, 2014, Robin Lee Anthony succumbed to a stroke, at the age of 59. She was the devoted daughter of Ruth and Ken (deceased), dear friend to Ruth's partner Harry Weston, beloved wife of Ron Morse and remarkable sister to Kent, Glen (Frida) and Pamela; amazing aunt to Max, Graham, Thomas and Karyn and supportive step-mom to Douglas (Stephanie) and Daniel. Robin grew up in Rosebank and Scarborough but lived her final 15 years on the shore of Haliburton Lake where she revelled in her passion for nature, healing and cooking. She was a caring nurse, an accomplished teacher and faithful friend to many. Robin has flown from this earthly nest. Fly on dear Robin, fly on!

Remembrance Gathering

As she wished, her organs have been donated to the Trillium Gift of Life Network with cremation following. For friends and family, a Remembrance Gathering will be held in THE COMMUNITY ROOM at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, 705-457-9209, on Saturday April 5, 2014 from 2 to 4pm. As expressions of sympathy, donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation in Robin's name.



www.communityfuneralhomes.com

What's on

WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP & PANCAKE BARN

Open all weekends (Sat. And Sun) from
March 1 to April 27 @ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Early spring heralds the annual "Sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast, baked beans and complimented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products are available in our retail area along with our BBQ sauces, jams, jellies, preserves, mustards, fruit syrups, hot sauces and preserves. Join us at 2 p.m. for a visit to Sourdough Sam's cabin and a sugary taste of sugar-on-snow.

Call the Dawsons anytime at 705-286-3202
for more information.

Cash or cheque only.

We are taking orders for maple syrup for this season.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Call Matthew at
705-457-2900
to tell us the details.

Dublin Gate IRISH-PUB

212 HIGHLAND ST. ♦ 705-457-3535

LIVE MUSIC
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FROM 6:30 PM TO 9 PM
— FEATURING —
AMELIA & THE MAYOR

TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
FROM 6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM

THOSE OTHER MOVIES

presents
12 YEARS A SLAVE
Thursday, April 10th

Tickets: \$8 at the door



Coming Next:

May 15 – PHILOMENA
June 12 – SEX AFTER KIDS
Doc(k) Day: Saturday, April 12
4 p.m. - BURT'S BUZZ

7:30 p.m. – WATERMARK with the Oscar-winning short THE LADY IN NUMBER 6
Tickets sold at the door: \$8 or see all films for \$15
The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton
More info: www.haliburton-movies.com

THOSE OTHER MOVIES

presents
DOC(K) DAY
Saturday, April 12



4 p.m. - **BURT'S BUZZ**
Amazing life of the eccentric founder of Burt's Bees



7:30 p.m. - **WATERMARK** plus **THE LADY IN NUMBER 6**
Awarding-winning doc from the makers of **MANUFACTURED LANDSCAPES** and 2014 Oscar-winner best short doc



Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

Tickets \$8 each or \$15 for all three

Tickets sold at the theatre door from 3pm on Saturday April 12
For more information: www.haliburton-movies.com

The combined choirs of Zion
United and Haliburton United
present

"It's all about the Lamb"

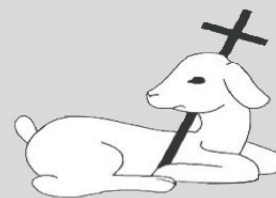
A Good Friday Service reflecting
on the Lamb of God.

Friday, April 18, 2014

Zion United Church - 9 a.m.

Haliburton United - 11:15 a.m.

All are welcome



Sunrise service - Sunday,
April 20, 7 a.m. at 12 Mile
Lake Church Beach
Light breakfast served back
at Zion, please join us!

TUESDAYS

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PASTA

\$9.99

Choice of
Spaghetti and Meatballs
Spicy Beef Rigatoni
Chicken Penne Fresca
Wild Mushroom Fusilli
OR

Pasta Package: choice of the above pasta, green salad,
garlic bread and a glass of house wine for \$19.99 per person.

5pm-9pm, dine-in only. This offer can not be combined with any other promotions or offers. Gluten Free Pasta Available.

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What's on



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Alice Sycamore (Amanda Robinson) shares a moment with the love of her life Tony Kirby (Adam Perecko). Top right: Mike Jaycock as grandpa Sycamore. Right: Mike Jaycock as grandpa Sycamore.

Two-act play has it all

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They could be your neighbour, family member, co-worker or a complete stranger.

But between April 3 and 5, they will take centre stage in "You Can't Take It With You," a two-act play based on the original work of American playwrights Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. Audiences will get their fair

share of laughs by going to see this comedy at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

The two-hour show features a cast of 18, including several familiar faces from the community.

Performances include three 8 p.m. shows on April 3-5, and a 2 p.m. matinee on April 5. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden.

WEDNESDAYS

WING NIGHT!

50 CENT WINGS

Best wings in the county! We'll prove it!



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RESORT, CONFERENCE CENTRE
SPA AND GOLF COURSE

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Susan Johnson*
705-457-2414 x 44

GULL RIVER \$199,900



- 2 bedroom four season cottage
- Private level south exposure lot
- Newly renovated, new dock
- Single detached garage
- Boating to Gull Lake

STORMY LAKE \$350,000



- Newly renovated 3 bedroom
- 139 feet of southeast exposure
- Year round access
- Borders 40 acres of Crown land
- Good fishing and boating

CHARMING HOME \$239,900



- 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 storey home
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Vintage home with veranda
- Recent upgrades: roof, insulation & windows
- Ideal location for a home based business

FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$439,900



- 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3928 sq ft living space
- Close to beaches, skiing, fine dining
- Sunroom, hardwood floors, games room
- Lower level walkout to gorgeous yard
- Many recent upgrades, year round comfort

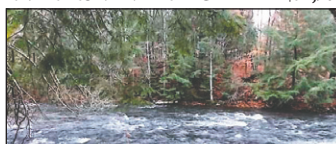


Lorri Roberts*
705-457-2414
ext 43



Luba Cargill**
705-286-1234
ext 252

RIVERFRONT NEAR EAGLE LAKE \$74,900



- 200 ft water frontage on 1.5 acres
- Level cleared areas, driveway, hydro at lot line
- Private year round road
- 1 km to Eagle Lake beach/boat launch
- Great nature lover's retreat

DEEP BAY ROAD \$428,000



- Custom finished country home
- Energy efficient R2000 construction
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, finished basement
- Detached garage and workshop
- 1.39 acres near Minden, Bob Lake, Gull Lake, Gull River

LOOP ROAD \$119,500



- Spacious 3 bdrm in-town home, walking distance to all amenities & school
- View of Dark Lake from the living room.
- Upgraded high efficiency oil furnace, most of the windows
- Walkout basement, deck off dining rm overlooks a large back yard
- Public dock and boat launch are across the road

INCREDIBLE VALUE \$385,000



- 2,200 square foot, 6 bedroom, beautifully renovated home on a
- Large riverfront lot connecting 2 lakes
- Hardwood floors, stone fireplace, garage, boathouse and a storage building
- Call me for a complete list of upgrades including decks, windows, insulation and more



Chris & Michelle Smolarz*
705-457-2414 ext 22



Diane Knupp*
705-488-3060

TWELVE MILE LAKE \$1,495,900



- Luxurious 6 bedroom, 4 bath, built 2012
- Gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors
- Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, master with ensuite
- Lower level family room, 36' X 30' garage
- Walk-out to 275 feet of beautiful shoreline

DRAG LAKE \$800,000



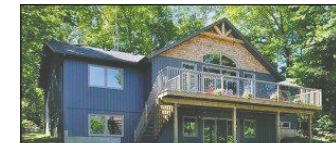
- 284 feet of shoreline, western exposure
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, four season
- Open-concept, wood floors, fireplace
- Extremely private, attached garage
- 12 minutes to Haliburton Village

BRADY LAKE \$179,900



- Fantastic building lot
- Septic already installed
- Site cleared
- Super southern exposure

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$649,000



- Superb lake house
- Outstanding bunkie/boathouse
- High-end everything
- Close to Haliburton on the 5 lake chain
- Main floor living at it's finest



Lindsay Elder**
705-286-1234
ext 223



Larry Hussey*
705-457-2414
ext 23

CUSTOM BUILT! \$559,900



- 2552 square feet of luxury living
- 3+2 bedrooms, 2 washrooms
- Walk-out fully finished basement
- Extensive upper and lower decking
- Fully furnished and ready to enjoy!

4 SEASON USE \$549,999



- 6 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,688 square feet
- 140 feet of waterfront with clean shoreline
- Sunset exposure, extensive decking
- Hot tub, lakeside shed, dock
- Year round access, turn-key set up!

MINNICOCK LAKE RD \$109,000



- 2 bedroom mobile home on 10 acre lot with garage
- Property abuts Crown Land
- Close to trails and Minnickock Lake
- Affordable opportunity for 1st time buyer or retirement retreat

CONTAU LAKE \$309,900



- 4 bedroom custom cottage built in 2006
- Open concept with loads of windows
- Private well treed lot with 142 feet of frontage
- Ideal opp to finish off with your own touches
- Good boating and fishing for Pickerel and Muskie



Cathy Bain*
705-286-1234
ext 224



Chris James*
705-286-1234
ext 222

ABSOLUTE STUNNER! \$275,000



- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2200 sq ft living space
- Almost 400 ft riverfront, 2.85 acres
- Walkout to huge deck, lower level screen porch
- 9 year new Royal Home, open concept
- Year round access, endless possibilities

PRIVATE SETTING \$249,900



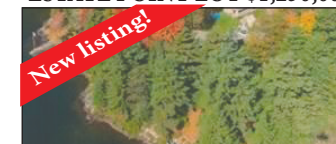
- 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,700 square foot home
- 8.8 acres to enjoy trails and wildlife
- Detached garage, storage shed
- Master bedroom balcony, finished lower level
- Close to town, year round access

GREAT STARTER HOME \$174,900



- 2+1 bedroom, 2 washroom home
- Close to the town of Haliburton
- Full, finished, walk-out basement
- Ideal set-up for a "Granny" suite
- New Furnace, oil tank and carpets

ESTATE POINT LOT \$1,250,000



- 3+ bedroom, 2 bath, 2000 sq ft living space
- 985 ft frontage offering multiple views
- Detached double garage, wet slip boathouse
- ICF construction, Timber Frame entry
- Rare chance to own this "Estate Setting"



Marcia Bell*
705-457-2414
ext 27



Anthony vanLieshout***
705-457-2414 x 27

CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$729,900



- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3038 sq ft living space
- 107 ft sand frontage
- 22 ft pine ceilings, stone fireplace
- Floor to ceiling windows, custom kitchen
- Stunning expansive southern view

PINE LOG HOME - \$474,900



- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1978 sq ft living space
- 110 feet clean deep shoreline
- Sunset view over 2 lake chain
- Cathedral ceiling, full walkout basement
- Year round municipal access

EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$424,000



- 3+2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,406 square feet
- 150 feet of waterfront, 1.61 acres
- Custom kitchen, skylights, games room
- Short boat ride to Gull Lake
- Year round access off Highway 35

PRIVACY PLUS \$329,900



- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,324 sq ft home/cottage
- 340 feet of natural shoreline
- Expansive view of the lake and Crown Land
- Wrap around decking, dock area
- River rock floor to ceiling fireplace



Anthony vanLieshout***
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