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Photo by Mark Arike

HHOA volunteer Jim Cardinell stirs the thousands of walleye eggs currently being incubated at the fish hatchery. See story on page 19.

Cody Hodgson named to Team Canada

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

The Buffalo Sabres' regular hockey season came to an end April 13, but one of their star players will return to the ice on May 9 as a member of Team Canada at the 2014 International Ice Hockey Federation's (IIHF) Ice Hockey World Championship.

"[I found out] a couple of days after the season ended," said Cody Hodgson in a phone

interview. "Rob Blake called me, asked me if I'd like to go play for Team Canada at the World Championships and I said, 'I'd love to.'"

The 24-year-old centre, who grew up in Haliburton and cottages on Haliburton Lake to this day, didn't have to think twice about joining the team.

"It's a real honour," he said.

Blake was named general manager of the team in March. The highly-respected Canadian hockey figure played in the NHL

and is the current assistant general manager of the Los Angeles Kings.

Hodgson will leave for Zurich, Switzerland on May 3. From there he will head to Minsk, Belarus for the start of the tournament. Canada is scheduled to play France at 9:45 a.m. eastern time on May 9.

"It's pretty cool," said Hodgson. "I really love representing the country. Hopefully we can do the same as other years and win the gold."

Hodgson won two gold medals for Canada

at the 2008 IIHF World U18 Championships and 2009 World Junior Ice Hockey Championships. He played with fellow Haliburtonian Matt Duchene at the under-18 event.

The upcoming tournament will allow Hodgson to end his season on a high note, he said.

"Nobody likes missing the playoffs. It's another opportunity to finish well."

For now, Hodgson will spend his time training in Markham and Buffalo.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Haliburton's Home Hardware will be sold to Jerry Walker, with the transition taking place by the end of May.

Walker buying Haliburton Home Hardware

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Home Hardware is under new ownership.

Jerry Walker, owner of Walker's Heating and Cooling, has agreed to purchase the business from current owner Raymond Langdon. If all goes according to plan, the transition will take place at the end of May.

"Every rural community needs a hardware store," he said. "They're the basis of a rural community. It's very important to Haliburton."

Walker retired from his other business on May 1 of last year. "I'm too young to retire," he said. "I knew I was going to do something else, I just didn't know what. I was checking out opportunities and this cropped up and sparked my interest. It looks like we're going to move forward with it."

The business has been in Langdon's family for almost 50 years.

"It's been a successful business and it's been run very well," he said. "They've been great community players so I expect to carry that tradition on."

As a Home Hardware partner, some upgrades will need to be made to the store such as updating signage and displays. Home Hardware also had to approve the sale to Walker.

"It's like anything, once you look at taking something over you always have your own thoughts and ideas," he said.

Walker is looking to match hours with some of the other stores in town, though he said the extension won't be too drastic.

"I'm a believer that the more services you have to offer in a small rural area, the more you'll have to keep your shoppers here. One store, one service helps another service. The more you offer, the more people will stay here and shop."

"That's a lot of the importance of having something like a hardware store or grocery store [in town]."

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Highlander news

Dysart race for deputy heats up

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Long-time Ward 1 councillor Andrea Roberts is in the running for the deputy reeve's seat in Dysart et al.

A resident of Haliburton for 25 years and councillor for eight, Roberts felt it was the right time to file her nomination papers.

"All along I had been saying that I would know by the beginning of May, so if I did want to run for the role of deputy reeve I could start attending some of the lake association meetings and go beyond the Ward 1 boundaries," said Roberts.

Her "moment of clarity" came last week and she officially filed her papers on April 16.

"I wanted to tell people," she said. "I was excited and I [had] a house full this Easter. I wanted to tell my family so I thought, 'Why wait until the end of the month?'"

Roberts first ran for her current position in the 2006 election. She won and served a four-year term, then was re-elected to the same seat in 2010.

She seriously contemplated running for deputy reeve in the last election, but chose not to because she was still running a business with her husband, Steve.

If elected, Roberts plans to take on more of a leadership role. Her areas of interest include tourism, social services and housing, and county roads.

Roberts will run against her colleague and Ward 2 councillor,



File photo
Andrea Roberts has entered the race for deputy reeve.

Dennis Casey, who filed his papers for deputy reeve in February.

Casey told The Highlander that he wasn't surprised by the news.

"I anticipated it happening," said Casey in a phone interview. "It's a democratic process. It would be wonderful if a candidate wasn't opposed by anybody, but I mean that's just not the way it works."

Casey has known Roberts and her husband for many years. He called her an "honourable opponent."

"We sit side-by-side at council, we have lots of fun, we work well together..." he said, adding that they are both on some of the same committees.

Although election day is more than six months away, Roberts is ready to hit the campaign trail.

"I'm going to have to work really hard to get my name out in the other wards," said Roberts, pointing out that she lives and works in Ward 1.

"I have to branch out and get people to know who I am beyond those boundaries."

Below is an unofficial list of other candidates who have filed for positions on Dysart council for the 2014 election:

Ward 1 Councillor - Bill Davis, Bob Nichol

Ward 2 Councillor - David McKay

Ward 4 Councillor - Susan Norcross

Ward 5 Councillor - Walt McKechnie

Kids invited to help renovate park playground

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local children will have their shot at 15 minutes of fame during a May 9 casting call for the TVO series Giver.

Algonquin Highlands council recently learned that Elvin Johnson Park was one of 10 communities chosen to be featured in an episode of the playground makeover show.

"If you're interested in having your son or daughter in the show, they will be interviewing them there," Mark Coleman, manager of trails, parks and recreation, told councillors during an April 17 meeting.

The show, which is being produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment, gives kids the opportunity to work together with their community to build and improve a local playground.

"When I was poking around the website, it appeared as though the kids are the ones who sort of come up with the idea of what the playground is going to look like," said Reeve

Carol Moffatt, who expressed concern over the project being overrun by children.

Coleman said a designer was working on the themes and ideas, which are then presented to the children.

"The kids help tweak the final idea," he said.

"It's our park, it's our playground equipment," said Moffatt, who joked that she didn't want to see "a giant ninja turtle" in the park.

Coleman said that he has already had an opportunity to comment on some of the designs, and that council would be able to review them as well.

In his report, Coleman noted that the average playground the show builds is valued at \$26,000. Sinking Ship Entertainment has agreed to contribute \$10,000 towards the project while the township will provide \$16,000 plus in-kind staff and equipment. Coleman expects to find out if he was successful in obtaining a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation sometime during the first week of July.

The filming of the show will run from June 26 to June 29.



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Letters to the editor

Deer feeding helps animals survive harsh winter

Dear editor,

This is in response to M.Grinnell's letter last week regarding deer feeders (see Please don't feed the deer, The Highlander issue 130, pg. 5).

Deer feeders generally feed when the weather is very bad just to help the deer in the worst weather. There is a substantial cost to feeding deer. Most people stop feeding as soon as possible, as deer start roaming away from their winter groups and find their own food.

During the spring it is a known fact that deer spend a lot of time on or near highways looking for salty water and crossing to get open water as well on sunny road sides for vegetation.

You have to be diligent in the spring while driving and always look for animals this time of year. I drive back and forth from Wilberforce to Haliburton four times a day and I see deer, from the town all the way out on the sides of the road (Dover Hill, Kennaway Road, Essonville Line) with no connection to deer feeding.

One thing I have observed is that from the swamp at Loon Lake to past Loon Lake Road/Trapper's Trail, cars and trucks are usually going well above the speed limit.

Since I pass that area so frequently, I know deer are at the creek all year round due to open water. In the spring they are also on the north side of Highway 118 west of Loon Lake Road eating cedars and the new spring vegetation in the afternoon sun.

On Mr. Grinnell's own blog he has posted several pictures of deer feeding at his front yard during the winter at various times. I guess it is okay for him to feed them.

I am sorry he hit a deer but how, all of

a sudden, is deer feeding at fault? There are many reasons deer are on the road this time of year.

Last week's photo of the week in The Highlander was a picture of a deer drinking salty water on the highway, with no connection to deer feeders mentioned.

With reference to MNR stating there is no problem with deer herds, please read below Steve Galea's blog for January with his concern (<http://stevegaleaoutdoors.wordpress.com/2014/01/26/moose-in-winter/>):

I'll begin by saying that, like most of the northeast I assume, winter has been a tough one. Whether it causes too much stress to our wildlife still remains to be seen. But the snow came early and is deep enough that deer and other animals are expending precious energy travelling through it. Combined with the bitter cold, this could conceivably spell disaster, especially if this harsh weather is prolonged.

A biologist I spoke to told me these events are generally decided in March. By then, if an animal's fat reserves are done and the food and better weather of spring isn't right around the corner, animals could very well perish in good numbers.

Here's hoping that they get a bit of a break.

They did not get a break. Spring was late and cold. Deer are now roaming looking for anything to eat and drink. I have noticed some very skinny deer in my travels, and an acquaintance of mine told me of many dead deer found on Drag Lake this year.

Joe Carriere
Haliburton County

A toast to becoming Canadian

We had a party at the weekend. A celebration of things important, things specific and things in general. We toasted Clark on his birthday and made mention of numerous others', including yours truly, and their upcoming or recently past special days. We clinked a glass to Easter and the long weekend. The woodcock 'beep beeped' at us at dusk and so we took a sip to him and we drank wholeheartedly to the passing of winter and the few glorious weeks of spring that are devoid of bugs. Friends were in good spirits and I enjoyed myself thoroughly, even maybe a little too much.

While the party went on I didn't take stock of the scene or ponder its significance – the rabble of kids running amok all around and about our property, the crowd of guests laughing and joking around the bonfire and the wonderfully natural interaction between contractor and artist, geologist and office manager – but on reflection I consider myself very lucky to have met such wonderful people and to have found a spot that I consider paradise in which to host them all. But this is an aside. What the party

really brought home to me is my continued and, even if I do say so myself, somewhat successful integration into rural Canadian life. Let me explain.

There were three defining moments at the party that I now recognize as culturally important in my reincarnation as a true Haliburtonian (although some of you may choose to substitute the word Haliburtonian with 'hillbilly' or 'hick'). The first was mid-afternoon when we broke out the shotguns for a spot of skeet shooting. Now, before coming to Canada I wouldn't have dreamed this possible. I wouldn't have even considered it, period. And, not long ago I was the guy nervously stepping up to the mark and tentatively handling a gun while someone else instructed me how to load it. Then, it was I who grimaced on pulling the trigger and shot wildly into the air, virtually guaranteeing the skeet safe flight and escape. However, times change quickly, even here in sleepy Haliburton, and on this afternoon I found myself instructing rather than being taught. It was I who took a newcomer to firearms through safe handling procedures

and then stood back with a satisfied grin as they nervously mumbled 'pull' then touched off a shot into space. I smiled as they turned around eyes wide, the shock of the bang, kick of the butt, thrill of the game all dawning upon them simultaneously.

"Want another go?"

"YEH!"

I was introducing a Canadian to skeet shooting!

I then went on to show him that Englishmen are true and avid conservationists by missing most of the skeets that I shot at, on purpose of course, so that he didn't feel too inadequate!

Next came horseshoes. Now, I have become semi-proficient in the art of tossing a shoe; certainly a lot more proficient than I am at killing skeets, but it was with complete amazement that I found the guy standing next to me in the pit didn't know what to do.

"But you're Canadian!" I spluttered. "How is it possible that you don't know what horseshoes is?"

And so it was that I schooled one of your countrymen in this gentle pastime; albeit he seemed to catch on rather quickly the

Photo of the week



Photo by Mark Arike

Water rushes through Emerson Dam on April 22.

Armatec: a lot to answer for

Dear editor,

A tawdry tale has developed over the past while originating in the mysterious east of Haliburton County.

If one of the national dailies had locked on to the story, the lead would have been something like this: 'Municipal Council in poorest county in Ontario nixes 5-15 well-paying jobs after caving in to minority interest lakeside group'.

Dysart et al Council appears to show it is not interested in jobs or local development.

Instead tourism is touted as the economic engine for the area, yet the unemployed know most jobs in that segment are low paying and often seasonal.

In this election year, ratepayers will no doubt

question candidates as to their stand on job creation and support for new business in the municipality. Local people will wonder how a small but vocal group in the Benoit Lake area could have their wishes accommodated contrary to the needs of all people in the townships.

At the county level note is being taken of the possible population growth over the next few years. With the apparent current attitude of council, it appears Dysart will only snag retirees as newcomers, not those in the world of work.

The folks who turned thumbs down on Armatec have a lot to answer for.

Michael Barnes, C.M.
Haliburton

The Outsider



By Will Jones

downing of pints between throws.

And talking of beer, the third and final instance that made me realize I am integrating rather well was when I popped off a beer bottle cap with my Bic lighter and another Canadian said "show me what you did there, that was cool." The moment took me back to a time one vacation, my first time in Haliburton before I had even immigrated to Canada, when I too had seen the cap-popping trick and been in awe of its purveyor. Ah, happy times then and now.

You see my friends, I am learning. I am slowly but surely getting to know some of your ways. Not necessarily the most important ones from a serious life-changing perspective, but definitely the most important ones when it comes to some serious backyard partying.

Happy spring everyone. Light a fire, stand around it with friends and toast your love of life, your beloved guests and plenty of marshmallows, too.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What did you do to celebrate Earth Day?



Christina Paradie

Gelert

We are cleaning up the yard. Also going around and picking up the garbage all down the sides of our road in Gelert.

John Toye

Ingoldsby

We went out and raked the leaves and cleaned up. We trenched and tried to keep the water flowing away from in front of the house.



Kristen Campbell

Minden

We turned off the electricity and cleaned up the garbage around the yard. My boyfriend's daughter has been talking about it a lot at school to make people aware of the significance of the day.

Marilynn Pennycook

Minden

I am trying hard to recycle. My grandchildren tell me that recycling is good for the earth, and they had a big assembly at Archie Stouffer School to celebrate and make people aware of Earth Day.



Mary Raby and Holly

Ingoldsby

We are cleaning up some of the garbage on Ingoldsby County Road 17. We try to do something like this every year. Somebody around here drinks a lot of Miller beer.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

County businesses warm up for spring

Long winter and heavy snowfall kept consumers away from Highlands

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Businesses throughout the county are preparing for what they hope will be a busy spring after a long, snow-filled winter.

Though heavier snowfall would seemingly bring more tourism to the county and more economic growth as a result, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce manager Rosemarie Jung said that many would-be consumers stayed in their own areas because all of Ontario received more snow.

"We had storm after storm, and when you're getting warnings to stay home, you do that," she said.

"We started off the season thinking, 'this is going to be fantastic,'" said Rick Griffin, manager of White Pine Shores resort in Harcourt. "We thought we'd have people but we didn't."

Griffin said many snowmobilers stayed closer to home because they could enjoy the sport without having to travel, so those in Oshawa were snowmobiling in Port

Perry rather than heading north.

"Winter wasn't very good for us," he said. "We got snow, but we got snow all over Ontario, and people weren't travelling."

Griffin said the slower season caused the resort to close for seasonal upkeep a little earlier than usual – before March Break. He anticipates having a grand opening to showcase renovations done on the resort and golf course and is planning it for mid-May.

"I think that typically when spring approaches, businesses are looking to get things moving," said Jung.

She said many business owners are currently getting jobs costed, doing preliminary work for the spring and summer months, and coordinating hiring for the busier warmer months.

"We take advantage of the slower months to have our managers and mechanics do additional training, maintenance on equipment, and we focus on the year ahead," said Minden Subaru co-owner Tammy LaRue.

She said it was slower during the winter

months with a good percentage of the car dealership's clients being south for the season, but because the lot's cars all feature all-wheel drive, there wasn't a drastic change in business.

Angelika Walter has co-owned kitchen and bath accessories store Aprons & Soaps on Highland Street in Haliburton for the past two years and saw a difference compared to last year's number of customers.

"Overall our winter was better than the last, however the very late spring contributed to a dismal March," she said. "The weather played a huge role, as the volume of snow and the extended cold prohibited many seasonal residents from accessing their properties."

"The only way to deal with the 'winter slump' is to be prepared for it," said Walter.

She and partner Rocco Condro take

advantage of a less busy time in the winter by buying and stocking new inventory and preparing for a new season, she said.

Business owners are upbeat and excited for what lies ahead.

Rosemarie Jung
manager,
Haliburton Highlands
Chamber of Commerce

"Right now is the time for spring cleaning."

Looking forward to spring, Jung said that despite the amount of snow the county saw this year, less flooding will enable businesses to have a better head start than last year.

"I think helping with repairs and flood relief last year really set a lot of businesses behind and they suffered a loss they couldn't recoup," she said. "All around it looks better this year. Business owners are upbeat and excited about what lies ahead."

Walter said she is looking forward to busier foot traffic with the coming of warmer months.

"[I'm looking forward to] people filling up our small towns again."



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Fine dining: a changing landscape

There are many decent dining establishments in Haliburton County, but once in a while I look forward to a special evening of fine dining. Fine dining is more than excellent food prepared by a knowledgeable chef who creates gastronomic experiences in a posh establishment. Oh sure that's part of the equation, but there's more to it.

For fine dining you dress up a bit. You're possibly entertaining the boss, your new girlfriend, or romancing the wife. Regardless, you're out to impress and be impressed. You also know that you're going to drop a bundle, but that's OK because it's for a great cause.

I liked it when Rhubarb was in Eagle Lake because it represented what was best about fine dining in the Highlands: a lake-view ambience, attentive staff, a good wine cellar, excellent food and, on occasion, live jazz. It was special and a bit sophisticated, and I was never disappointed. Recently Michelle and I decided to try out the new Rhubarb in Carnarvon.

On this particular evening the setting sun, streaming through the copious windows and reflecting off the frozen pond outside, gave the dining room the pleasant ambience of a New England cottage. It was a good start to what we hoped would be a wonderful

evening.

While awaiting a Portuguese green wine we realized that the place was packed. Unfortunately the corresponding decibel level was equivalent to a high school cafeteria at lunch time. Not exactly what either of us was expecting, and certainly a change from the old Rhubarb where you could hear wine being poured from across the room.

Romantic it was not, but diners seemed to be enjoying themselves and that's not such a bad thing. Certainly the quality of the food was as good as it always was, even though the menu has been downsized.

Later on at home I reflected on some of my more memorable fine dining experiences in order to determine if there were any common attributes other than excellent food. There were several. Whenever we go abroad, or dine in other parts of Canada, we always like to order something local, be it vegetables, fruit, fish or game. Tasting local cuisine should be part of the total cultural experience, wherever you are.

Unfortunately here, due to government regulations, you cannot partake of local delicacies like trout or venison. If those things are on the menu they come from farmed stock or from some other part of

the world. Most often venison is from a European species. So unfortunately, apart from some locally grown vegetables and maple syrup, we miss the boat on expressing the Highlands through our cuisine.

Other important attributes of fine dining should include how your meal is presented, with maybe a bit of a flourish or flair. The décor of the dining room is important. I prefer understated. Art on the walls can be a part of the cultural and culinary experience, especially if the art reflects the tastes of the owner or chef and it's by a good local artist. The noise level should be muted. The attentive care of the server, pouring you wine when he or she sees that your glass is empty, for instance, should be a given, as should attention to details like not letting dirty dishes sit too long on the table.

Fine dining need not necessarily be about romance but it should include the opportunity to feel romantic, and a good wine cellar certainly can help in that regard. Candles are not necessary either, but can help in setting a mood.

Those are some of the things that I feel you should get for an evening of fine dining. This is what you pay the big bucks for. But having said that, this is Haliburton County and not a large urban centre. Some

people who choose to live here for the more relaxed atmosphere and who can afford fine dining on a regular basis don't want to feel obligated to dress up every time they go out to their favourite restaurant. They don't need or want the formality. For me it's a pleasant change.

We are fortunate in having several establishments in the county which fulfill many of the requirements of fine dining, including obviously, excellent cuisine. But one of the things I miss the most, as an occasional addition to a fine dining establishment, is a good bar. Nobody in the Highlands has got it quite right yet. The bar at Rhubarb looks promising and once the adjoining Boshkung Brewing Company is up-and-running, it might just be the perfect place for a brew and a late lunch.

Times are changing and fine dining need not be what it has been, but in this I guess I'm a traditionalist and I might have to go further afield in order to find the type of fine dining experience that not only satisfies my gastric requirements, but also meets my notion of a romantic evening and soothes my soul.

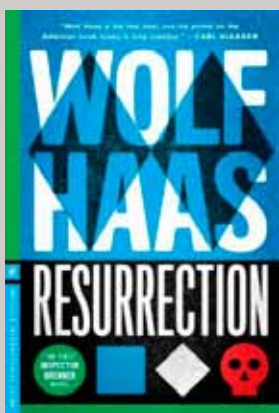
What's Up



By George Farrell

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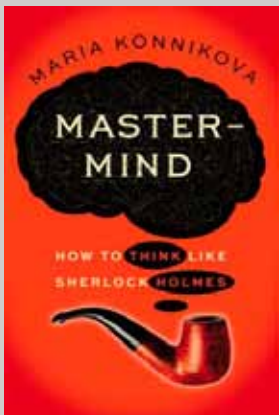
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Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Alora Hébért holds one of her glass jellyfish paperweights. Top left: VCAD student Phedra Vajda creates business cards at her table using India ink. Top right: Dan Wright shows a visitor some of his semi-precious gemstone bracelets.

Art show and sale ends Fleming semester

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Eighteen students from Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts had their work on display and up for sale at "I Made It!" "If they made it here, they're welcome to show it," said Terri Frew, event organizer and studio technician at the college.

The end-of-semester art exhibition was

held at the Haliburton campus on April 17 and featured a variety of media, including painting, drawing, jewellery, glassblowing, sculpture and mixed media.

Those who participated included students in the Visual and Creative Arts Diploma program (VCAD) and certificate programs.

According to Frew, the event is part of a marketing class for some students.

SPARC to engage community in arts

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Organizers are gearing up for the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC) event, happening in the Highlands from April 24-27.

"The symposium will provide a dynamic forum to address issues of sustainability, attracting new audiences, creative approaches to cultural tourism and look at ways for rural communities to share knowledge and resources," according to SPARC's website. "It will provide opportunities for developing strategic partnerships."

Performing artists and administrators living in rural communities are invited to attend the symposium. They will partake in social events, forum discussions, enjoy performances and participate in information sessions on topics such as quality theatre in rural settings and rural capacity building.

One of the symposium's speakers, Mayor George Bridge from the Town of Minto,

has symposium project coordinator Rachel Gillooly excited. She first encountered him at another symposium on the creative economy.

"[He talked about] what is the creative economy and how to go about a process that will enable people to understand it and therefore be able to create jobs in your region that are sustainable," she said. "Performing arts are one of those elements."

He spoke about the transformation that happened in Minto, and how they engaged their community to embrace a creative economy.

"When I came back I was vibrating," she said. "It was so inspiring."

The story of Minto's transformation fits right in with SPARC's goals.

"SPARC is about the performing arts in rural community, but that piece of performing arts, in terms of economy and making rural communities successful, is very powerful."

For more information on SPARC, visit sparcperformingarts.com.



Highlander life

Out of hibernation, into the community

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Despite having a tendency to be rather stubborn, I am not particularly good at keeping resolutions.

I make resolutions on a daily basis, but my tendency to be stubborn is slightly weaker than my ability to procrastinate, an art form I have mastered. As a result, I have fantastic ideas to better myself, my life, or the world that never really pan out because I am so very good at doing other things – anything, really – first. Sometimes I miss out on life in general as a result.

There are things I have always wanted to do or see in Haliburton County that I have not yet done or seen. I was a teenager when I was last in the Highlands and for numerous reasons, didn't take advantage of everything the area has to offer. Justin and I met countless travellers during our years abroad who hadn't explored their own country as much as they had explored other lands, and so part of the draw of

returning home was that we might have a chance to experience our own backyard.

For instance, I've eaten (mock) Peking duck in Shanghai, but I've never tried maple syrup off of snow – a Canadian culinary custom I didn't really learn about until after I had left a place with such marvelous (I can say that, now that it's mostly gone) heaps of snow. I precariously crossed one of the longest suspension bridges through the world's oldest tropical rainforest in Malaysia, but I haven't set foot on the canopy tour in Haliburton Forest... yet. I've attended countless festivals to celebrate drums and mud and full moons and bugs and shamanistic and Buddhist rituals, but for no reason at all, I've never attended Minden's bluegrass festival. In fact, it only became clear that I really quite like bluegrass when I saw a band play locally a few weeks ago.

One of the reasons I saw that band play is because I had to cover the event for The Highlander. Would I have trudged out into the cold winter to see the band if such a duty wasn't part of my job?

Most likely not. But I'm definitely happy that I couldn't make an excuse to see them another time, or to skip that particular event on that particular night for whatever reason. Because of my job, in the past few months I've been to more events in Minden than I would have thought existed, and I've met or re-met so many people out and about as a result. I see a lot of the same faces out there, and I suspect that's not just because we have a small population in our area, but because there's a population in our town as adept at making excuses to stay indoors as I am.

It seems a futile exercise to make resolutions during the winter, when many of us can barely move due to snow or holiday feasts or general sluggishness as a result of quasi-hibernation. Winter is behind us now though, and we have only seven or eight months or so before any productivity, any get up and go, will be pushed aside by our all-encompassing duty of winter-bashing. We might find excuses, but there are spaces to explore for free, or businesses that offer special

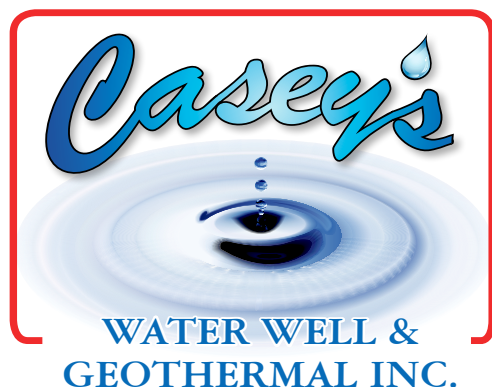
deals, and there really is an event for everyone on offer within half an hour of our own homes without a need for an all-inclusive resort or round-the-world flight ticket.

There are people in our community – many of them volunteers – who are planning events in the hope that we might come to support a cause, or learn something new, or have an experience that we can share with our friends and family (or even strangers on Facebook). Our tourism director is busy not just because she wants to bring people to our area, but because there's so much to promote.

We are very fortunate to live in a place that naturally has so much to offer – so much so that people come from other towns to partake of it at any chance they get. This spring, my resolution is to dust off my shoes (or rain boots) and be a tourist in our own town. See you there.



By Sue Tiffin



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Highlander sports



Photos submitted by Blake Paton

Haliburton's Grade 6 to 8 students played against teams from Huntsville and Bracebridge in the Character Cup, where respect, perseverance, self-control and loyalty were front and centre. Pictured above are the two Haliburton County teams with the tournament trophy.

Everyone a winner in Character Cup

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Respect, perseverance, self-control and loyalty all came together on April 17 in the form of team names and character development at the first Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) Character Cup hockey tournament.

About 35 local hockey-playing students from Grades 6 through 8 joined students from Huntsville and Bracebridge at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden for a few friendly hockey

games to encourage character development and teamwork.
"It's just a fun tournament to get out and be active," said Grade 6 J.D. Hodgson student Isaac Little. "We get to meet other people and learn from other kids."
The students began the day with a game playing against another school. After that warm-up, school teams were split apart so the students could have a chance to team up with players from other schools.
"At first they're mystified to play with each other," said manager Blake Paton, who helped

organize the tournament and said it was a good opportunity for local hockey players to meet students who had been on competing teams throughout the hockey season. Besides having the chance to work together, Paton said the students – both boys and girls – were given the opportunity to learn from each other while having a good time.
"There were lots of smiles even on my team that went 0-3," said Paton. "[It was a load] of fun, especially seeing players on opposing teams sharing the same penalty box."
"We all love the sport," said Little. "We're

just here to have fun, and we don't have to sit on our butts all day."
Little added that he was able to apply the skills and traits he had acquired throughout grade school to the games.
"It's not all about winning," he said. "Sometimes you just have to get out and have some fun. These are things we learn in school."
Though Team Perseverance won the character cup with a perfect 3-0 record, coach Ed Poropat saw success in a different way.
"Everyone won," he said after the last game.

Junior highlanders

Hawley elected G7 rep for Hal High

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Grade 10 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) student Tori Hawley has been elected the school's G7 representative for the 2014-15 school year.

Hawley won her seat by 12 votes. She said being a G7 rep is something she's looked forward to since before high school.

"When I was in Grade 7 I went to a leadership camp and all the G7 from that year came and gave speeches about what they were doing," she said. "So it's kind of something I've been wanting to do for a long time."

The G7 is a student body representing the seven high schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB).

"I think [the G7] is a really important link between all the seven high schools, but then also with the school board," Hawley said. "It's something I wanted to be involved in."

The current G7 started up a wellness week as one of their main initiatives for the year. Hawley said she'd like to continue that, but would also like her G7 to come up with ideas of their own.

"I want to keep that stuff going, and hopefully our G7 can think of something we're passionate about and follow through with that," she said.

One issue she'd like to focus on is mental health, which is part of the current G7's wellness week.

"Teenagers have a lot of problems with depression and stuff like that," she said. "There's a really big stigma around it, so [we] want to make sure that people that suffer from that are accepted."

Within the G7, one student is elected to represent the group as the student trustee to the TLDSB board. Hawley's older sister, Jillian, is the current HHSS G7 representative and TLDSB student trustee.

"Seeing Jillian do it... she's had a good time [and has] met a lot of different people," Hawley said. "It's great because I like to be involved in this school, but it would also be awesome to be involved in all seven high schools."

She will also put her name in the hat for the student trustee position.

"The trustee kind of takes charges of the things the G7 does," she said. "I'm someone that's really good under stress and I've always tended to take leadership positions. I just think I would handle myself well in that situation."

Hawley thinks the G7 can have a big impact on the lives of students, but she wants them to be involved.

"It would be really great to make the students more connected with the G7," she said. "It's something not everyone even really knows what it's about, so I'd love it if the kids in my school would talk to me



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Tori Hawley will represent HHSS students next school year on the TLDSB Student G7.

regularly so they can get their voice out. I don't think people realize how much the G7 could help them out."

"It's a direct link to the school board that I don't know if the students really know is there."

As someone who has a long-term plan

in place, Hawley sees her role on the G7 as a step in the right direction towards being a doctor and, later, a politician. On April 24 and 25, she will participate in a leadership conference with the incoming and outgoing G7s, where she will run for the student trustee position on the board.

McGillion's games Titanfall

Titanfall is a firstperson shooter that may put the genre back on the map of the next generation consoles.

It is published by Infinity Ward, makers of the tried and true Call of Duty franchise. However, unlike Call of Duty, rife with spawn killers and camping snipers, Titanfall features giant robots and enemy and ally Artificial Intelligence (AI) controlled units known as grunts and specters. The game features a 12-player matchmaking system with six people on a team, but with the AI controlled units it feels like there are many more players on the field than there actually are.

The game features two critical augmentations that make it superior to other first person shooters: wall running and double jump.

Wall running and double jump increase the map maneuverability of players drastically, allowing for kills from angles never before thought possible. It opens players up to a whole new world of possibilities, and really lets them explore every corner of the map. This makes it so that no two rounds of Titanfall are ever the same.

The robots in the game, called Titans, are very well-balanced. Having one out in the field for your team makes a big difference in the outcome of the game. However, these giant metal beasts are countered by the multiple anti-Titan weapons that pilots (players) have access to.

This glorious game is only weakened by the lack of game mode choices. It currently has five game modes compared to similar games that have six or more. While Titan customization is vast and you have the ability to select several strategic styles for every player, pilot customization is lacking.

Two examples of Titan play styles are the

anti-trooper and anti-Titan. The anti-trooper is a build that consists of a lightning canon and lightning smoke to annihilate enemy foot soldiers. The anti-Titan is comprised of a plasma rail gun and a vortex shield. The only threats to the mighty Titans are enemy Titans and anti-Titan weapons, or so it seems. By using the "parkour elements" present in Titanfall, enemy players can bypass your shield, board your Titan and rip off a piece of plating to deal damage directly to the Titan.

While Titans being piloted by you are highly effective, you can order the onboard operating system to follow you while you're on foot or guard a specified area on command. The strategic options are nearly endless, and players will enjoy jumping into and out of their Titan as the battle unfolds.

Call of Duty players know the frustration of seeing the DEFEATED sign appear on their screen after a loss. A nifty feature in Titanfall is the chance to run to a drop ship to be evacuated from the battlefield. You will not respawn if killed in this epilogue, but there is nothing more satisfying than looking back on the winning team as you retreat to safety.

The campaign, despite being nine missions long, must be played on both military sides to unlock a new Titan. It is also necessary to unlock all of the Titans for a greater variety of Titan builds.

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By Austin McGillion

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Photo by Mark Arike

Scott Bird, resource management technician for the MNR, transfers water from the river to tubs for the fish.

Fleming students get hands-on with walleye program

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Eight students from Fleming College’s aquaculture program teamed up with volunteers from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) on April 22 to collect and harvest walleye eggs, which will add more of the species to area lakes.

“They’ll be stocking three lakes with some of the fish that they produce at the hatchery from the eggs that we collect tonight,” said David Flowers, fisheries biologist for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).

The event, which started in the evening and ran late into the night by the Emmerson Dam, saw students and volunteers collect eggs from five female walleye and fertilize them with a dozen males. Scott Bird and Jessica Tomlinson of the MNR helped catch and transfer the fish in tubs.

“We usually pair up one female – because they’re so large – with three or four males to get good genetics on the eggs that we’re taking,” said Flowers. “Our collection target is roughly 200-300,000 eggs, which is relatively the number of eggs you could produce from a large female.”

Before fertilizing eggs, students lined the Drag River with flashlights to count the fish

eyes they spotted in an effort to determine the population currently spawning in the stream. This process is known as stream mapping.

Al Chamberlain, program coordinator of the aquaculture program, said this was the students’ first experience doing field work.

“It benefits them in a number of ways, especially with hands-on skills,” said Chamberlain. “They’re physically spawning the walleye and mixing with the public.”

One of the students was given the task of being the crew leader, and it will be their responsibility to gather the data, analyze it and produce a research paper which will be given to Flowers.

“That’s good data for him. He can use that to compare how the populations are fluctuating, because it’s very important around a sustainable walleye population here,” said Chamberlain.

The following day, Flowers reported that the students and volunteers collected 560,000 eggs, 400,000 of which were delivered to the hatchery for incubation. The rest were put back in the river.

“Of those 400,000, they hope that half will survive to hatch,” he said.

The hatchery will put 60,000 fry in their pond and it is hoped that 10,000 small fish will come out of that for stocking. Any

remaining fish will be returned to the river.

The annual spring event is part of the hatchery’s long-standing walleye program, said Flowers.

“The importance of the program is the involvement of the community. We give them a target to raise walleye, much like we do lake trout and rainbows. They have an opportunity to meet that target, stock some lakes, but also learn a lot along the way about how to raise these species.”

He said the program gives volunteers a

chance to learn about walleye, their spawning habits and raise them for a period of six to eight weeks before they are put in local lakes.

The hatchery started the walleye egg collection program eight years ago.

“What we were trying to do originally was build up a walleye fishery in the area, and to see if it could be done and how it would do,” said Melissa Baker, office administrator for the HHOA.

“It’s just really beneficial for local fishermen and local fish populations.”

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Highlander events



By Sue Tiffin

Long weekend filled with music for legion-goers

Local musicians Gord Kidd (left), Scott Russell (right) and Ian Pay (middle) took to the Haliburton Legion stage on April 19 to play country and classic rock tunes for a crowd of toe-tappers. A crowd filled the Clubroom and folk artist Trina West entertained during the breaks.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers
Above: Angie Dineson (left) has her face painted by Abigail Kauffeldt to raise money for the Highlands East Skating Club. Right: Vonda MacLennan gave out tasty treats in her Easter Bunny costume.

Maple Fest a hit

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday
May 3, 2014**
at
Haliburton Curling Club
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Election of Officers
Memberships and
Renewals available

Social following the meeting



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HALIBURTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION
705-457-4263

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday May 5th, 2014

Minden Legion Branch 636
12847 Hwy 35, Minden

AGM will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Do you have a passion for snowmobiling? If so, come to the AGM to hear what the club is doing and what is planned for the coming season. Do you wish to join a great group of volunteers who enjoy assisting with the many functions of a large club? Come out and become part of the HCSA in a big way or a small way to help the club make the trails within Haliburton County the most enjoyable to ride.

A dinner meal for \$10 is available at the Legion at 6:00pm.

Please RSVP to 705-457-4263

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- Applicants must have excellent people skills and be able to function well as part of a team

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Best wishes only.

THANK YOU

The Heffer family would like to thank our friends and the community for their donations, care and support following the unexpected death of our son and brother, John.

Our hearts have been lifted by this outpouring of kindness. May John's energy, spark and spirit live on in all who knew him.

Paul, Janet and Matthew Heffer

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Sunday, April 27, 2014 12:00 - 3:00 pm

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OPP Billing Reform will CRUSH our County!

Join the
#OPPMayDay of Action

Raise Your Voice on May 1st

The new OPP billing model could take \$5 million out of the County of Haliburton – without any service increases – and could result in **tax increases of 20% – 36%** across each of our four municipalities.

This will have a devastating impact on our local economy!

We need YOUR voice – on May 1st, help us flood the phone lines, inboxes and Twitter accounts of Premier Kathleen Wynne & Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services Yasir Naqvi ...

Raise your voice and tell them this model will CRUSH the County of Haliburton!

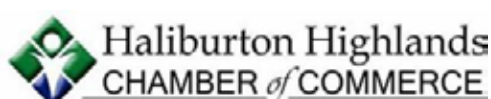
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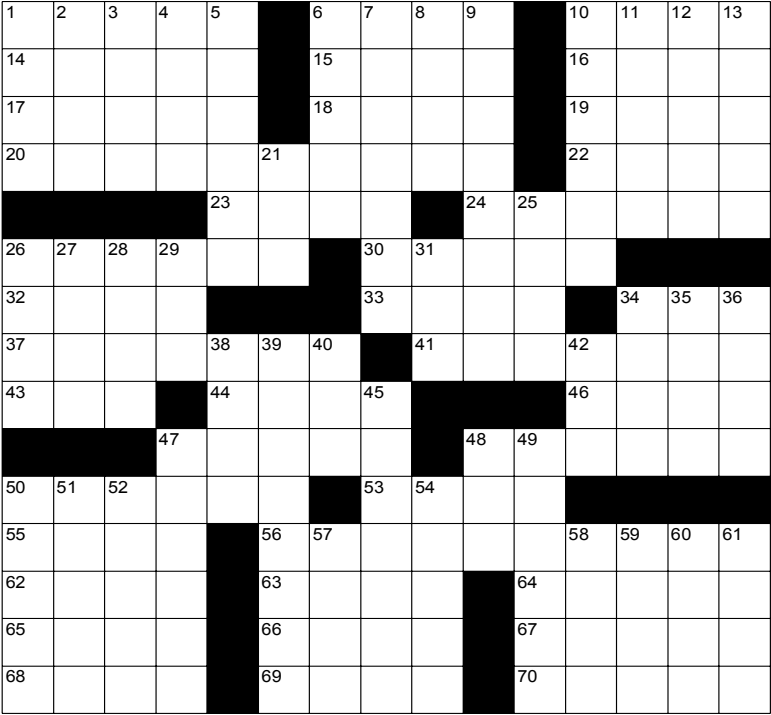


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- 1. Vocation
- 6. Old wound
- 10. Camper's home
- 14. Mature
- 15. Robust
- 16. Once more
- 17. Proficient
- 18. Over
- 19. Got it! (2 wds.)
- 20. Commit (a crime)
- 22. Undressed
- 23. Film holder
- 24. Vouch for
- 26. Scanty
- 30. Vows
- 32. Tempo
- 33. Joy
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- 37. Cost of a plane ticket
- 41. Perfectly
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- 47. Southern beauty
- 48. Erase
- 50. Fiesta item
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- 55. Dollar bills
- 56. Favored option
- 62. Vietnam's neighbor
- 63. ____ belt
- 64. Nebraska city
- 65. Actress ____ Bancroft
- 66. Besides
- 67. Moves upward
- 68. Take it easy
- 69. Color changer
- 70. Fixed gaze

DOWN

- 1. Mouse catcher

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- 2. Carousel, e.g.
- 3. Copier
- 4. Johnny ____ of "Finding Neverland"
- 5. Goes inside
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- 7. Product list
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- 52. Advertising lights
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- 60. "Moonstruck" actress
- 61. Relaxation

APRIL 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting and elections, 1 p.m.		Haliburton Concert Series presents Foothills Brass, 7:30 p.m. Dorset's spring litter clean-up – Dorset Rec Centre, 9-11 a.m.	CARP Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54 Annual General Meeting – Pinestone, 12-3 p.m. 705-457-3919. Hike for Hospice – Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, 1 p.m. Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast, 9:30-1 p.m.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Healthy beginnings prenatal class begins – Haliburton OEYC, 6-8 p.m. Free class offered by the health unit, pre-register by calling 705-457-1391.	Volunteer income tax program – Haliburton Legion, 9:30-2 p.m. Every Tuesday until April 22. Seniors Standing Balance Exercise Class – Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.	Volunteer income tax program – Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday until April 23. Free walk-in tax clinic – Robert McClausland Community Centre, 12:30-4 p.m.	Seniors Standing Balance Exercise Class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
	Highlands Festival Singers "Songs of the Sea" Concert – Haliburton United Church, 7:30 p.m.		Pedal for Hope - Wilberforce Elementary School
2	3	4	5
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION APRIL 24-30, 2014			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2 nd 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, 2 nd and 4 th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. Gord Kidd & friends , April 19, 4-7 p.m. No cover.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. 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. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Community Care 55+ lunch, Friday, 705-448-2106 Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. L.A. appreciation dinner, Sunday, 4 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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What's on



File photo

Hikers are drummed out of the HHSS cafeteria for the 2013 Hike for Hospice. This year's hike takes place on April 27.

Hike for Hospice celebrates 10 years

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

If you ever needed a good reason to go for a walk, now's your chance.

Community members and volunteers will walk around the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) track and Head Lake Park trail on April 27 to raise money for SIRCH's hospice program. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Hike for Hospice, which has raised \$140,000 for hospice care since its inception.

"The goal of hospice is to provide support and quality of life for people with life-limiting illnesses," said Bonnie Roe, Hike for Hospice chair. "It also supports loved ones and those going through bereavement."

Although families are going through a tough time, hospice workers provide caregivers an opportunity to take a break, get out of the home or palliative suite and do things.

"The families can have a break," Roe said. "The person who is ill can spend quiet time with someone, play a card game, or just talk about their past. It's a really emotional support, but all of the volunteers are trained in how to support individuals. They come to the person with respect and dignity."

Money raised from the hike goes directly into the hospice program, allowing SIRCH to provide that support for the community.

Over the last 10 years, there have been 900 participants and 400 volunteers involved in the event.

One participant in particular, Nancy Brink,

has raised more money for hospice care than any other volunteer. She has brought in the most pledges eight out of the nine years of the event so far, amounting to \$26,000.

To recognize her efforts, Brink has been named the honorary chair.

In addition to individual pledges, Roe said community businesses have provided \$8,000 in corporate donations.

"That really shows the support of our community."

Those wanting to participate in the walk are asked to register at HHSS at noon, followed by the hike at 1 p.m. If the hike seems too much, or if you want to participate in a more reflective activity, a one-kilometre memory walk around the HHSS track will be available as an option, followed by a memory tea event.

Member of Parliament Barry Devolin and MPP Laurie Scott will both be in attendance for the 10th anniversary event, along with Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, who will emcee the hike. The day includes entertainment and some refreshments, along with recognition and awards for most pledges raised by a team or an individual.

"This is very much a celebration," said Roe. "I'm hoping people will come out and support us."

This year also marks SIRCH's 25th anniversary as an organization, and the 20th anniversary of its hospice program.

To donate, obtain a pledge form or for more information, visit www.sirch.on.ca.

TUESDAYS

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SPECIAL GUESTS: Producer Wayde Greer and
Director/Screenwriter Charles Teljeur

See this documentary (83 mins) and hear how this local story was told, and taken from an idea to broadcast documentary.



Baked & Battered 128 Highland Street *Before the show – have dinner!* *"We take our fish & chips VERY seriously"...*

Gluten-free batter that fries into a beautiful, crispy crust. Looking for something a bit different?: fried clams, chicken fingers, breaded scallops, even Coconut Shrimp. Match any of these with a special dipping sauce and you've got a meal to remember.

And don't forget sweet treats from 'baked'.



McKee's Tap & Grill 207 Highland Street *Come on in and enjoy some Great Food, Friendly Faces and a Refreshing Pint!*

Musical Entertainment

FEATURING **Carl Dixon**
Show: 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Playing with bands – Alvin Shoes, Firely, April Wine and The Guess Who, Carl Dixon calls the Haliburton Highlands his home. Carl's solo career is celebrating the recent release of his album "Lucky Dog".

Guests attending tonight will also be "lucky dogs"!



Dublin Gate 212 Highland Street *An authentic Irish pub. Great atmosphere, meals and service!*

Offering two amazing menus to choose from, upstairs in the Pub or downstairs in the Haliburton Room. It's Friday – it's Irish Music.

FEATURING Phil McMahon and Paddy's Lament
Irish traditional music from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Carnarvon

Rhubarb Restaurant

Hwy 35 and 118, Carnarvon
(North East side of Hwy 118)

RHUBARB
RESTAURANT

BOSHUNG
BREWING CO.

Daily Features with some of our Rhubarb favourites as well as new creations from Chef Christoph.

Following dinner, musical entertainment provide by "Custom Blend" at 8 pm.

Custom Blend plays a broad spectrum of popular cover tunes and original material ... from 1950 to 2010 ... from Bob Dylan to Blue Rodeo. They feature their own, unique custom blend of instruments and harmonies.



Eleanor Bathe

Minden

Minden United Church Newcastle Street *Buffet Dinner & Entertainment*

6:30 pm **Dinner & Show** \$20
7:45 pm **Show** \$10

Tickets: Pharmasave in Minden, or can be reserved by calling Pat Thornett at 705-286-3026.

An evening of familiar toe-tapping show tunes provided by **Highlands Brass and Highlands Concert Band** with brass 'n woodwinds, including the spectacular vocal offerings of guest **Hannah Klose**, accompanied by the strings of **Simply BeFiddled**.



The Haliburton Echo



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Dominion Hotel Pub 113 Bobcaygeon Road

Live Poets in the Pub present – WANTED Dead AND Alive!

Enjoy dinner, and then at 7:00 pm, be ready to be entertained! An evening of **Poetic Entertainment** featuring readings from live poets and their dead inspirations.



Saturday, April 26th



Where: Bark Lake Leadership Centre
1551 Bark Lake Drive, Irondale, ON

When: Saturday, April 26th
6:00 - 10:00 pm

Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres
Dinner, Performances
Tickets are \$45

FEATURING

A media arts presentation by **STICKS AND STONES PRODUCTIONS**.

The premiere of a creative collaboration featuring **SPIRITS OF THE GREAT WHITE PINE**, bringing to life a moment of our lost history – the destruction of the primeval forest in the 1880s.

Playwright **MICHAEL FAY**, choreographer **JULIE BARBAN**, and composer **BETHANY HOUGHTON** turn the spoken word chorus from a play into a dance with original music, and will feature nine dancers from the **HERITAGE BALLET STUDIO** with music composed and performed by **BETHANY HOUGHTON**.

A special performance by the **HIGHLANDS OPERA STUDIO**.

And to complete the evening, local band **RAGGED COMPANY** will take the stage to set your toes to tapping, perhaps even dancing the light fantastic.

www.sparcperformingarts.com



Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at www.sparcperformingarts.com/symposium/registration

A Special Evening Presented by SPARC

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Michael Fay

Julie Barban



Bethany Houghton



Heritage Ballet Studio



Ragged Company

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