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Photo by Mark Arike

Grade 4 students, from left, Emma Tidey, Olivia Villamere and Nick Phippen hold up their completed picture books. See story and pictures on page 22.

Declined ballots skyrocket in 2014 election

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

Laurie Scott has been re-elected as the MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and as such will be Haliburton County's representative at Queen's Park. Scott earned her seat on June 12,

overcoming Liberal candidate Rick Johnson by 3,130 votes across the riding. But the decision was not an easy one for all Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock voters.

Throughout the election, Ontario residents said they had a hard time choosing between a scandal-ridden Liberal

government and Tim Hudak's Million Jobs Plan, which called for a reduction of 100,000 jobs across the public sector.

Unofficial poll-by-poll results, released by Elections Ontario on June 18, reflect that apprehension. The results show that 497 voters in the riding opted to decline their ballot, effectively refusing to endorse

any of the parties. That number is up significantly from 2011, where 46 voters declined their ballots, an increase of 980 per cent.

In Haliburton County specifically, 120 ballots were declined. Only three ballots were declined here in 2011.

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Voter turnout increases in riding

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Those in Haliburton County who decided to vote for a party were in line with the rest of the riding. Approximately 7,964 votes were cast in the county. Of those, 3,367 (42.7 per cent) voted for Scott, while Johnson received 2,946 (37 per cent) votes. NDP candidate Don Abel earned 1,322 (16.6 per cent) votes locally, and Green Party candidate Arsalan Ahmad earned 329 (4.1 per cent) votes.

Those numbers are similar to the riding's totals, where Scott earned approximately 41 per cent of the vote, followed by

Johnson at 35 per cent, Abel at 19.7 per cent, and Ahmad at 4.2 per cent.

The villages of Minden and Haliburton voted opposite ways this election. Including advanced polls, Haliburton residents chose Johnson with 52.35 per cent of their votes. In Minden, however, Scott was the clear choice with 54.44 per cent of votes.

The Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding was 17th overall in voter turnout. Approximately 57 per cent of eligible voters turned out for the election, up from the 2011 general election turnout of 55 per cent.



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NDP candidate Don Abel (right) congratulates MPP Laurie Scott on her election victory.

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Editorial opinion

Follow the rules

We live these days in a world full of rules, so many that it's inevitable that some of them will be stupid. And because more and more rules keep popping up, the spread of stupid ones tends to decrease respect for the good ones, too.

Some rules however are important. Especially at this time of year. Especially because breaking them can have unintended consequences; someone could lose their life.

As an example of unexpected consequences, look at the simple rules against burning or having a campfire during the day in summertime.

Day burning is banned. That rule is in place because heat and dry weather can quickly take a small brush pile burn and turn it into an out-of-control blaze. Sparks and embers can't be seen well in full daylight and wind is usually stronger, making it all the easier for a fire to get out of control.

If you start a fire during the day, you're risking a fine. If that fire turns into something requiring an emergency call, a team of local volunteer firefighters will drop whatever they're doing to rush to your home and extinguish it, risking their safety to save lives and your property. The consequences can be worse. Imagine if, at the same time as those firefighters are at your house putting out your illegal brush fire, across the municipality two families have crashed their cars and are in need of assistance.

The fire department is now caught up somewhere in our 4,000 square kilometre county and will need more time to get to the accident. Backup is available to help, but those departments may be even further away.

What should have been a 10-minute response time has now increased to over

30 minutes, maybe longer. In a life and death situation, that makes all the difference in the world.

Refusing to wait until after 8 p.m. to burn your brush pile may have inadvertently cost someone their life, because you tied up the resources needed for the rescue effort.

You may be reading this and thinking this is exaggeration, but our fire chiefs will tell you how often it happens that an emergency call comes in while their firefighters are already on scene elsewhere. This is especially true in the summer, when the lakes are filled with boaters, the roads are clogged with travellers, and when the smallest spark can start a massive blaze.

These are volunteer departments, with limited budgets and resources. It doesn't take much to spread them thin, and while there are mutual aid agreements between them, reinforcements take time to arrive.

The rules are in place to protect everyone. Following them doesn't guarantee that nothing bad will happen to you; a driver can travel down Highway 118 going the speed limit and still hit a deer, for example. But if that driver is aware of his or her surroundings and anticipates the danger, they should have a safe trip.

It all comes down to awareness and common sense. Many accidents and fires are avoidable, if people just follow the rules. Doing so helps them protect themselves, and gives emergency workers back the time and resources they need to protect our communities.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Riding shotgun

I drove for the first time in almost two decades this past Monday.

That might be surprising to many of you in the Highlands, where a lack of public transportation means that life is tremendously easier with access to a car. You might also be surprised, considering my job requires lots of driving, sometimes on a moment's notice, and that Harper's extensive therapy and hospital visits sometimes require unforeseen trips into or out of town.

It's certainly no surprise to my parents, who have been exceptionally generous with their time and gas.

Justin and I both got our licences as teenagers. We were amongst the first to enter the graduated licencing program in Ontario. We both took driving lessons – me with the brave Richard van Nood, who would take us up snowy hills, pump the gas, and then pull the emergency brake so we would learn to be confident enough to get out of spins.

But then we moved from our small towns to Toronto and quickly became very used to the TTC. It wasn't perfect, but it was reliable enough for us as students and then in our first jobs. It was easy. And by taking the TTC, or by walking, we had the chance to experience the world very differently than if we were always isolated in our cars. We let our licences lapse thinking we would never live in a town without access to public transportation again.

In Korea, we experienced one of the most efficient and cost-effective national public transportation systems in the world. My students actually laughed when they saw the TTC map compared to the intricate network in Seoul. We could cross the country in five hours for about \$35. Taxis cost an insignificant amount and were worth it for the fun we shared with taxi drivers, communicating through the songs we could find on the radio. Watching rush hour traffic at a standstill from our bus in the dedicated bus lane with a cold can of beer in hand, we vowed never to drive again.

Back in Canada though, we realized that

living in a rural town without a licence is expensive and frustrating. Due to our licence lapse, and the amount of time we have spent out of the country, we aren't able to fast track the graduated licencing process. People suggested we go on welfare rather than have jobs that need licences, but this seemed ridiculous to us in a rural town that needs more young professionals. So we have relied on my saints, I mean, parents, and taxis for every ride. We can't even go to the grocery store without fitting it into someone else's schedule in advance.

But we're not the only ones in the county without a licence. While becoming familiar faces to Calvin at Minden Taxi and the Rocket Granny at Hyland Taxi, we've learned so much about the roads throughout the county and who pays to drive on them. There are so many people who share a ride: single moms, students, the elderly, people who have lost their licence due to drinking and driving, and the crowd from the Rockcliffe who know where to meet their taxi so they don't lose it to someone else.

Through lovely volunteer drivers with community organizations and the caring Dianna at Driving Miss Daisy, we've learned about people with medical needs – like us – who pay hundreds of dollars to get to their appointments if they are without cars. We've heard about people who get rides to town to run errands at the bank and post office, and people who have had taxi drivers pick up and deliver everything from prescriptions to pants. We wouldn't have necessarily been aware of this population if we were always in the driver's seat.

Words can't describe the stress we've felt while being carless in Ontario, but if we can learn from it, we're grateful that, once again, we had the chance to experience the world very differently than if we were always isolated in our cars.



By Sue Tiffin

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Letters to the editor

So much for accountability

Dear editor,

The majority of Ontarians and, of course, union powerhouses feel scandals, deficits, secret deals and bloated bureaucratic energy agencies are acceptable according to election results.

Opposition parties will have little input to ensure Liberal government accountability and control over the wasteful spending and abuse of our tax dollars. Obviously there are many who do not agree with me, and for those individuals I say don't complain over skyrocketing hydro bills, more squandering of our tax dollars and rural Ontario as usual being ignored and forgotten.

Take heed if Wynne's Liberals mandate the Ontario Pension Plan. The increase in minimum wage effective June 1 will be eaten up by payroll deductions for her anticipated

plan contributions. For employers it means matching the employee's portion, a hit to employers' profit margins thereby increasing product costs to consumers. It's a no-win scenario.

So, what will happen to the gas plant scandals, Ontario's deficit, and runaway bureaucratic energy agencies with their overlapping mandated responsibilities?

What about skyrocketing hydro bills and the 42 per cent increase over four years?

My feelings are, if Ontario maintains the path it is currently on, I can foresee bankruptcy and hard times. Will this be the legacy for our upcoming young work force individuals? Not a pretty picture.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

Photo of the week



Photo by Walt Griffin

Moose have been spotted along the roads. Drive carefully.

Dysart a 'fantastic place to do business'

Dear editor,

I'm writing this letter as a business owner who has had many dealings in many different townships. After reading a negative letter regarding doing business in the Township of Dysart et al, I felt compelled to write about my experience here.

I have found Dysart is a fantastic place to do business. The staff at both the township and the county offices are very helpful and it is clear from their actions that the area is truly "open for business." Many municipalities advertise that they are "open for business" because they recognize that increased business means more tax dollars for local community and more jobs in the municipality. Dysart et al delivers and is open for business!

One of the best ways a municipality can encourage new business is to be responsive to inquiries. Dysart municipal staff return calls

quickly and provide honest and direct answers to questions. It shows they understand the needs of residents and the general public. In one case, I got off track when moving forward with some ideas I had, but the town planner, reeve and council helped get me back on track with suggestions for a plan that would work for both me and the township.

I feel Dysart is a great place to do business and I feel it all starts at the top. From the day I bought my business in Dysart et al, your reeve has been fantastic. Murray's support is second to none. He is accessible and cares about the people of Haliburton and their well-being like no other reeve or mayor I have met. He is always thinking outside the box to create and preserve jobs. If I needed to ask questions he would sit and talk to me like a person.

I do understand that staff and council have to live by Ontario guidelines. They just can't make up their own rules. I find the staff very

knowledgeable about the provincial guidelines and that they will give me a direct answer and explain all options to me.

The Township of Dysart et al should be very proud of their politicians. They always seem to be finding new ways to bring in tourists and tourist dollars, from the pond hockey in the winter to the festivals in the summer.

My business has grown because of Murray and staff. I have hired more people and have brought more tourists to the community. The tourists spend their money in Haliburton helping all local businesses.

I feel the taxpayers are very blessed to have a reeve and staff with so many years of experience. Most of all they are great with people and businesses and truly put Dysart people first.

John Lally
Lally Homes

Tories unworthy of Haliburton County

Dear Editor,

It was a provincial election of unworthy candidates, but we citizens of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock failed to pick the lesser of evils.

In the wake of the election, TVO's Steve Paikin succinctly described the Tories, writing: "The Ontario PC Party is now in desperate trouble. It is now a party that basically only represents older, whiter, more rural, less-educated men. That demographic is not Ontario's future."

We're better than that, Haliburton County. We're better than the Tories.

Tyson Farrell
Gelert

Rods, rums and rescues

As I sit and write this column, I await with eager anticipation the arrival of the barber. It is that time of year. No, not my annual shearing! The barber is picking me up for our weekend chasing lakers on the annual spring fish.

This time-honoured tradition is one that I have been invited into by some of Haliburton's most esteemed residents, as well as the barber, Ronnie, and chums. I am awed to be in their presence and to be able to learn first-hand such life skills as the perfect way to mix rum and coke, the art of drunken storytelling, and most importantly, the ability to get to the outhouse before 15 other guys on the morning after a night that has included the two aforementioned attributes.

However, this year is particularly special for me. This year I have the feeling that I will not be a mere observer and enjoyer of the funny drunken stories. This year I get the sense that I'll actually be mentioned, play a starring role in one such story, no less. Oh how proud I am. And here's why.

At last year's fish, the barber, Chuck and I were primed for a humdinger of a day's fishing as the boat chugged slowly down KENNISIS Lake. Every sense was on alert, every muscle flexed and ready to spring

at the slightest hint of a lake trout. And, as I scanned the horizon, I could see various other members of our flotilla also motoring at slow speed, their rods in cradles arched downwards, lines taut, bait trolling along many feet down in the dark waters.

Oh how ready I was to catch that first fish. And so, it was with some surprise that when the radio crackled into life I got a rude awakening.

"How 'bout ya Bruce?" came the call. "You gonna strike that rod that's bouncin', or let the fish go?"

The barber, Chuck and I swivelled our heads simultaneously to see one of our rods bucking and bending as a fish fought to escape. I leapt into action, heaved the rod from its holder and expertly played the fish to the net, but by that time the damage had been done. The radios crackled and angler buddies cackled at the thought of us three idiots having to be told we had a bite by a guy on another boat.

The shame of it. The humiliation. How would we live it down? But then again, now I come to think of it, the pride, oh the pride of being one of those characters in one of those stories. You know the ones, the stories told year after year at hunt and fishing

camp. Yes, I'll be in one of those stories.

Now, as you read this, a few days after I wrote it, I'll have already returned from the spring fish and I'll be full of new tales, hopefully some fishy ones to tell you. And so, I'm going to sign off half way through my column and go fishing. Bear with me I'll be back soon...

Hello again my loyal readers. I'm back and just about recovered from a rum-induced malady. Oh what a weekend. There were stories old, and even older. There were fish caught: not as many as in previous years but not too few either. And there was a rescue of the heroic variety no less! And of course, a story about it.

Yes, as the wind whipped the waters of KENNISIS Lake into a froth and the white caps pounded the eastern shore, the barber and I zipped up our jackets and motored out of the harbour to battle the elements and hopefully the lakers, too. But, not five minutes had passed when we heard an emergency whistle and spied a boat in distress.

"Stricken craft off the starboard bow, cap'n," said I and the barber, stern-faced (this would mean losing fishing time) sprung into action, slowly turning our boat to go help. As we pulled alongside the expensive

speedboat, its owner hailed us in a foreign language.

"Hello chaps," he cried. "Thanks ever so much for coming to our aid."

He was English!

I caught the rope he tossed, tied it onto our craft and the barber motored ahead to start the long tow to shore. But the knot on the other boat slipped and we had to go around again and reattach the line.

"Sorry old chaps, I'm a bit of a duffer with the knots," said our English chum with a smile.

The barber glowered, his face as stony as the granite bluffs that border the lake.

When we got back into the harbour and had tied off the speedboat to the landing, the Englishman introduced himself and asked of our names.

"I'm the barber and this is the guy who's gonna write about you and your knot tying in the newspaper," growled my cap'n. And with that we spun our craft around and headed back out into the waves, him looking for lakers, me searching for some way to disassociate myself with that goddam Limey!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Are you happy with the election results?



Carolyn Madeley

Toronto

Yes. I prefer the Liberals to the Conservatives. I think that Wynne is articulate, shows wisdom, has energy and is very caring.



Karen Shouldice

Toronto

I am thrilled with the results because I anticipated another minority government. I am happy for Wynne and now she will really be able to do her job.



Mary-Ellen Curtis

Haliburton

Well yes I am happy that Laurie Scott got in. I had to vote party rather than person.

Barbara Simard

Kingston

Yes we are. I feel Wynne is a person with integrity and honesty. Unfortunately the Conservatives did not handle their campaign very well.



John Shouldice

Toronto

Yes I am very pleased. I have met Kathleen Wynne and she is an extremely hard worker. I did not agree with Hudak and his 100,000 jobs cut. The NDP should have gone with the budget and not had an election.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Highlands East running out of rock

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

An aggregate shortage in Highlands East has the municipality's roads superintendent Earl Covert looking for solutions.

"Aggregates are getting less and less," he reported to council on June 17. "Right now in this area alone for sand, it's getting scary."

Covert said a gravel pit on Hadlington road could provide the answer, but first they need to determine how much rock is there. The municipality currently leases the gravel pit from the Crown, however they need to explore its feasibility as a quarry.

"We should also do a core sample to make sure it is good rock," he said.

The municipality will look to the County of Haliburton for help with an estimate of how much rock they have at the site. Following that, if it's determined to be worthwhile, they will put out a request for proposal to complete the core sampling and surveying of the quarry.

Covert said the Hadlington quarry is "the way of the future."

Intern makes Minden her home

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Alison Merkley didn't realize how fortunate she was at first.

The north-of-Brockville native was pleased to be one of seven recent graduates accepted into the Ontario Municipal Internship Program this year. She didn't know that hundreds of others had applied as well.

"It's quite an honour," she said. "I'm still wrapping my head around it."

The program was developed by the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and is in its eighth year. Minden Hills deputy clerk Mike de Rond said municipalities apply to host an intern in part because they can share the responsibility of salary with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"This, along with the fact that the program attracts applications for the top young professionals in municipal government makes having an intern an easy decision for the township," he said.

Merkley started the job as municipal management intern on June 2 and will rotate through different departments with the municipality over the next year. The public affairs and policy management graduate has experience as an intern working with tourism



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Alison Merkley has just started her internship with the Township of Minden Hills and economic development in the past.

"This is the first internship I've had that lets me get a feel for what different departments do," she said. "I'm not confined to focusing on one area."

De Rond, who participated in the program from 2010-2011, said it's a win-win for the township and their intern.

"We provide her a way to get some experience in a field that she wants to work in, but is very tough to get experience in," he said. "I would say the township is fortunate to have Alison for the next year and she will add considerable value to the work being done."

For Merkley, living in cottage country has been a rewarding experience thus far, and she is trying to get outdoors during the weekend. She's looking forward to a year that includes an election.

"Not everyone can gain experience like this after graduating," she said. "Especially at election time, and especially with electronic voting."

She would encourage others to look into the internship program, after being encouraged to do so herself.

"I finally took a chance, and here I am."



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Highlander news

Food centre closer to getting funding

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

John Teljeur and Ken Mott are ready to submit their funding application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for help building a food centre in Wilberforce.

On June 17, the pair received the go-ahead from Highlands East council to submit their funding application by the July 2 deadline, however they will require further community consultation before the final plans are approved.

“We wanted to do something above the food banks,” Teljeur said. “The food centre is going to teach people about food, and give them options.”

The plan is to build an attachment on the Lloyd Watson Community Centre to be used as a food centre, where people who use the food banks can come and get food. However, the food will be on shelves and volunteers will be available to shop with patrons, providing nutritional information and suggestions for what to shop for. The healthier the foods people take, the more food they will be allowed to have.

There will also be a community kitchen component, which will teach people how to use their food and prepare it. Proper freezers and walk-in cold storage will give the centre

access to more food, and it will act as a hub for other food banks in the area to access food.

“Walk-in storage is critical to this particular project,” Teljeur said. “We hope to be able to access more fresh food that’s grown locally.”

The centre will cost just over \$100,000 to build, which is more than what the project will receive from the OTF. The plans also include a new common area that can be used as a public meeting room, but that would cost an additional \$60,000 and councillors agreed it was a bit of an overreach.

They may, however, seek to include public washrooms in the facility.

Teljeur said if the OTF funding fails, they will re-apply in November.

“This is a project we’re not giving up on,” he said. “This is so important that we keep fighting.”

He said there are other sources of funding, including the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

The municipality has not been asked to provide any funds towards the project.

Council directed Teljeur to submit his funding application by July 2, however he would need to host public information sessions to receive community input on the drawings. Teljeur said he was just waiting on revised drawings to come in before setting up those information sessions.

Minden in brief

Gelert Hall to be demolished

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

After years of ongoing issues with mould and bat guano, the Gelert community centre will be demolished.

Environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram suggested a request for tender for the demolition and removal of the building be put forth. He made the recommendation at the June 12 Minden Hills committee of the whole meeting.

Planning and consulting firm The Greer Galloway Group Inc. assessed the hall in April 2014. At a May 29 council meeting, they suggested the building was beyond

repair and recommended it be demolished. Ingram’s recommendation was based on their report.

“This has been an ongoing issue for some time, and regretfully, it’s not a report that I’m happy to bring forward to council,” said Ingram. “But I think it’s a realistic report and a realistic recommendation, especially now considering the state of our arena and other buildings.”

The Gelert community centre was assessed after mould was identified at the building in 2012. The report states the mould growth has continued unabated since the 2012 inspection, and extensive mould as well as a significant quantity of bat guano was detected.

Minden election signs coming earlier

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Municipal election signs will be seen around Minden 90 days prior to October’s election, rather than 45 days in advance as in years past.

Councillors voted at the June 12 committee of the whole meeting to amend a by-law and extend the period of time signs can be displayed.

Councillors Larry Clarke and Ken Redpath as well as Reeve Barb Reid agreed the signs should be up during the time seasonal residents would see them.

Deputy reeve Cheryl Murdoch expressed her concern about an overabundance of signs over a longer period of time.

“I’ve got a really big thing about sign pollution,” she said.

The signs must be removed within three days after the election.

Feds offer Minden Hills \$7K for accessibility upgrades

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden Hills will become more accessible with the help of a grant awarded by local MP Barry Devolin.

Devolin, through the Enabling Accessibility Fund, announced a \$7,396 grant to the County of Haliburton on June 16. The funds will be used to build an exterior ramp and relocate an

accessible parking space at the Minden registry office at 12 Newcastle Street.

“Everybody needs access to government services,” said Angela Balle, deputy clerk for Haliburton County.

Balle, who sits on the accessibility committee, said the Barrier Aware assessment team looked at the building in 2012 and found that it wasn’t as accessible for people in wheelchairs or with mobility issues as it could be. The

parking spot is on a hill with a steep slope, and there are two flights of stairs that are not easily accessible.

“Our government recognizes the abilities of all Canadians and is committed to removing barriers to participation for people with disabilities,” said Devolin. “We are proud to work [with] the successful applicants who are helping Canadians gain greater access to facilities, programs

and services in their communities.”

The funding is part of \$79,415 distributed between four separate projects in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock region. Other recipients are the Cambray Community United Church, the Kawartha Lakes Municipal Airport and Community Care of Kawartha Lakes.

Construction on the space will begin in July.



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Meetings and Events

June 21

Minden Kinsmen 27th Annual Truck Pull/Show & Shine & ATV Mud Bog, Minden Fairgrounds, registration begins at 8:00 am
www.mindenhills.ca for details

June 24

4:30 pm, Economic Development Committee meeting, Cultural Centre, Common Room

June 26

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

June 27-29

Haliburton ATV Deep Woods Safari, Minden Fairgrounds
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June 28

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July 8 – August 23

Sunken Villages by Louis Helbig
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Canada Day

ARTfest with local artists in the Common Room

Workshops

June 24

Introduction to Digital Animation & Digital Magazine Creation

Instructor Sticks & Stones Media
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

A simple, step-by-step opportunity to try a number of animation features to create a digital magazine. Participants must bring a digital camera.

June 25

Introduction to Social Media Strategies

Instructor Victoria Ward
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

This brief course will introduce students to social media platforms such as Twitter, Pinterest, Facebook, LinkedIn & Google + and how each can be used to promote an event or shape campaigns. Writing concisely, making your event/idea go places and how to effectively use imagery will be discussed.

July 23

Culturally Think'in

6:30 pm

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NEW this year is "Sciensational Sssnakes" who provide hands-on education about reptiles and amphibians for the young and the young at heart. They will have an interpretive booth set up at the Cultural Centre, and will be hosting a one hour show in the afternoon from 1-2pm where participants are able to interact, touch and hold the animals! Don't miss this event!

ABBEY NORTH DRUMMERS

Abbey North Drummers is back again and will be offering 2 drum circle sessions, on the grassy lot beside Organic Times, from 11-12 and 1-2. Come and be inspired to learn to play the wide variety of musical instruments on hand, or you can bring your own. No experience necessary!



HALIBURTON DANCE ACADEMY



The Haliburton Dance Academy is returning to perform a few of their routines for the crowd. The performance will begin at 12:15 in front of Minden Auto Care. Come out and show them your support!

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What's Up

The more things change...



By George Farrell

I started to write this on a portentous June day, Friday the 13th, which also featured a full moon. It was also the first day for the new provincial government.

How well that date bodes for the fresh start of the re-elected Liberal government in Ontario remains to be seen. Locally the people decided to re-elect conservative Laurie Scott, which just goes to show what short memories some people have. I'll say no more on that topic, but it seems to me that in our county 'the more things change the more they remain the same.' That realization got me thinking about some of the social and cultural changes (and non-changes) in our county since my first experiences with the area in the early 70s.

Our two main centres, the villages of Minden and Haliburton, are still communities with one main street. While businesses have come and gone in both places, Minden's downtown core has changed dramatically over the years, not so much in looks as in the type of establishments to be found there.

I remember when downtown was a much more vibrant place. It contained several men's and women's clothing stores, the hardware store, the grocery store, a cobbler and a barber shop. And the Rockcliffe was renowned across the land as a happening place for young people, especially camp counsellors and summer cottagers.

Now of course many of the established businesses (including two grocery stores), and some new ones, have located to the nascent strip on Highway 35 in order to take advantage of the traffic heading north. Of course a depleted downtown has suffered over the years, with fewer people buying fewer goods.

On the plus side, within the last few years there has been a cleanup of the downtown core, accompanied by an influx of new businesses, and older ones with fresh façades. Entertainment-wise, the Dominion Hotel has become the hub for both local and imported musical talent, and just up the street the library, and the cultural centre, have helped in bringing visitors and shoppers back. The Riverwalk and the boardwalk are great additions and provide much needed walking areas adjacent to the downtown core.

Canada Day is still a big event in Minden, but back in the day I seem to remember that there were more big events happening. Long gone are the 'Ride for Sight,' 'Dog Sled Derby' and 'Timbersport.' They've never really been replaced, and in Haliburton the Highland Games has gone the way of the dodo, due in part to volunteer fatigue.

On a positive note, there have been great cultural leaps forward in the Highlands. We have a remarkable theatre and theatrical fare, and loads of good music; folk, blues, jazz, country, bluegrass, opera, you name it. And the new band shell in Haliburton gives our local performing artists another site in which to showcase their stuff. Art has become a huge part of our culture too, but let's be honest, most of our music and artwork is created by, and geared towards, an older crowd.

There used to be more places for young people to hang out. In Minden it was the Rockcliffe and in Haliburton they had the Northwood. Young people came to those venues from all corners of the county. But where do they go now? Although the Rockcliffe occasionally brings in bands there are few other venues where young people can go to hear music that is meaningful to them.

And getting to the Haliburton Highlands remains a huge problem for young people who live in larger centres and who don't have a car. The cost of a round-trip bus ticket from Toronto is expensive, and there are no hostels here for those who would like to come and backpack. That's one of the main reasons why we get so few young people from other countries coming to visit.

In these tough economic times when gas prices dissuade many people with cars from coming here, it's important to our economy, and for a wider recognition of our culture, to find ways of attracting younger people to the Highlands.

It's sincerely hoped that local politicians and decision makers realize this fact, because in spite of all the cultural advancements, in terms of attracting or retaining young people, nothing much has changed in the past 40 years. We might have even regressed.

One great improvement is in the area of food culture, and now people have a decent array of diverse dining establishments from which to choose. Having said that, it's interesting to note that a more international cuisine palette has not been matched by a corresponding rise in ethnic diversity within our 'white bread' populace. I know some people would like to keep it that way.

But I'd like to think that Friday the 13th, with its full moon, falling on the same day as the political victories was just a coincidence, and not a portent of four more years of 'same old, same old' philosophies that in the past have not stimulated enough positive changes in some vital areas of our social fabric.

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. *Written in My Own Heart's Blood* by Diana Gabaldon
2. *Bertie Plays the Blues: a 44 Scotland Street novel* by Alexander McCall Smith
3. *In the Woods* by Tana French

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Forgiveness: a gift from my grandparents* by Mark Sakamoto
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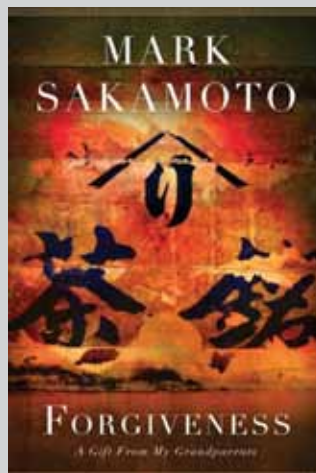
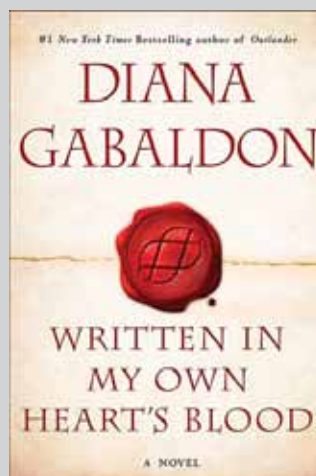
1. *Hexed* by Michelle Kryz (YA)
2. *Thea Stilton and the Chocolate Sabotage* by Thea Stilton (JF)

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Molly Johnson and Brodie Stevenson perform in Inner City Sirens Part II.

Old favourite returns to Dusk Dances

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Each summer, dancers, volunteers, tech crews and audiences descend upon Head Lake Park in Haliburton for an event that has become one of the major highlights in the local performing arts scene.

Between July 17 and 20, the magic of Dusk Dances will once again take place in this outdoor setting with four choreographed performances.

"It's a great evening out in the park," said Jim Blake, coordinator of the eighth annual event.

"It's a very interesting event. You're going to see things that you've never seen before."

In addition to the three touring pieces, the fourth performance will be comprised of a local ensemble and choreographed by Julie Barban of Heritage Ballet. According to a press release, "Evanfall" will "aptly portray a dusk setting: as the sun sets, the moon rises and the moths come out to play, the luna moth will catch the eye of the Man on the Moon."

Barban has done choreography work for four previous seasons of Dusk Dances.

Blake points out that a couple of the touring pieces will feature a few familiar faces. Throwdown Collective (Zhenya Cerneacov, Mairéad Filgate and Brodie Stevenson) will be back to deliver their third piece titled "1981 FM." The acrobatic trio will use a 1981 Chevrolet Chevette as their main prop, which will be at the centre of their performance.

"It's a lot of fun," said Blake, who had a chance to preview the performance at Withrow Park in Toronto last year.

A piece which first appeared in Haliburton in 2010 is back by popular demand. "Inner City Sirens, Part II" is a wet, dazzling display that features two reigning world champions in the sport of pairs synchronized swimming who pull off their moves in kiddie pools.

Since this marks the 20th year that dancer/choreographer Sylvie Bouchard created Dusk Dances, an online poll was held to determine which performance audiences would most

like to see return this year, explained Blake.

The synchro swimmers, played by Filgate and Stevenson, came out on top.

Inspired by medieval Japanese and European love poems, "Unquiet Winds" employs the principles of Japanese Butoh dance. It features Brendan Wyatt and Bouchard, who normally doesn't get to perform in the show because she's busy working behind the scenes.

Dan Watson will once again act as the master of ceremonies, and local band Phil McMahon and the Boggy Road Boys will perform prior to the dances.

Dusk Dances is made possible by a group of volunteers (about 60 strong), grants and generous donors. This year, the organizing committee has ventured into the world of crowdfunding. A page that has been created for the event on Indiegogo has so far raised more than half of the \$3,000 target.

"We have to raise a fair bit of money every year," said Blake.

The professional dancers are paid professional rates and the local choreographer also receives remuneration, he said.

Last year, an average of 480 people attended each performance per night (one night was cancelled due to wet conditions in the park). In Blake's words, Dusk Dances offers something for everyone – even those who aren't into dance.

"For a lot of folks, dance isn't something that they would go to necessarily. It's so great because the dance pieces are short. They're often very entertaining. If there's one you don't like it's ok, because it's 10 minutes and you get to move on to the next [one]."

Each evening starts at 7 p.m. with the opening band. Admission is pay-what-you-can, and audiences are encouraged to bring their own chairs and blankets.

A variety of free dance workshops will be made available to the public at 6:45 p.m. each evening.

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Photos by Sue Tiffin and submitted by Jim Blake

Above left: The newest addition to the sculpture forest, Lissome #5, by Andy Rothfischer. Above right: Barb Bolin, founding chair of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest committee, tells the story of a recent addition to the sculpture forest.

Works of art tell stories in the forest

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Every sculpture found within the Haliburton Sculpture Forest at the Haliburton School of the Arts has a story.

Some have come from international artists like Zimbabwean Simon Chidharara, while others are from local students and professional artists. Some have pieces made from leftover scrap metal, or are carved from large boulders or granite. Some are designed to be sat on, or touched, or leaned on or photographed in a particular way.

All are open to interpretation by the guests to the forest who take a tour of the works of art.

"That's one of the interesting things about the Sculpture Forest," said Barb Bolin, founding chair of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest committee. "There are no plaques, so people can make the interpretation themselves."

"What I find most amazing is you can have all this stuff, and make it into art," she said about one piece. "I see junk, but the artist saw a moose."

Bolin was excited as she led a tour through the forest during an open house day on June 18. In 13 years, the Sculpture Forest has collected 30 pieces of work after opening in 2001 with three sculptures. Bolin encourages

guests to touch the art and guess what it might symbolize. And the guests keep coming.

Since opening, more than 10,000 visitors have stopped by the Sculpture Forest for the hour and a half long walk through the trails.

"There's no time from about a month ago until the snow falls that people aren't here," said Bolin.

Guests range from tourists who have found the place on their own, to those who have been sent on a sightseeing tour to the Sculpture Forest from local hotels, to locals who walk their dogs or spend their lunch breaks touring the grounds. Free tours take place on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. beginning in July, or guests can take self-guided tours. Business owners can even arrange for tours for groups from their hotels on any day.

"It's free, it's a flat area, it's right in the village, and it's beautiful any time of the year," said Bolin.

She said the grounds are perfect for hiking, and also for cross-country skiing.

The Sculpture Forest's summer program coordinator Becky Ridsdale visited the art installation as a high school student in order to be inspired during art classes.

"It offers a place to not be forced into liking art," she said. "You can come out to enjoy the art, and if you don't like what you see, it's still a nice walk in the forest."



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Photos by Mark Arike

Tarts and treasures combine for sweet success

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They say one man's trash is another man's treasure.

With another sold out event under their belt, the organizers of the Rails End Gallery's annual Trash 'N' Treasures sale held on June 14 can certainly attest to the truth in that statement.

"We had 50 vendors participate," said Laurie Jones, executive director of the gallery.

"Fifty is pretty well it – the park is full."

Those vendors, some of whom came in groups, offered a variety of good deals on household items, furniture, clothing, games and more. Even a motorcycle was available for purchase near the gallery.

One of the highlights for many came in the form of the third annual Tarts for Art butter tart contest, which was sponsored by the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area. Twelve entries were received and judged by local dignitaries

David Zilstra, Jerry Walker, Jim Frost and Luke Schell.

"It's crowd sourcing with tarts," said Jones. "All the funds raised go straight to community programming [at the Rails End Gallery]."

The public was invited to view the judging process in the gallery. After the top three entries were chosen, the judges paraded the tarts outside where they were sold to the public. A total of \$242 was raised.

"Our thing is we want everybody to have a good time. Our main thing is to promote awareness of the Rails End Gallery as the public gallery, and as a great community resource," she said.

Tart for Art winners

1. Connie Walker
2. Lindsey Snelgrove
3. Jeannine Espie

The winners were able to choose from one of three prizes donated by local businesses.

Top: Fifty vendors filled Head Lake Park for the annual Trash 'N' Treasures sale. Above left: A variety of knick-knacks were up for sale at this year's Trash 'N' Treasures event, hosted by the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre. Above right: Lise Ainsley sells nautical collectibles at her booth.



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Top: Antiques for sale in front of Why Not Collect It. Above left: Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board member Chris Whittemore, left, and executive director Larry O'Connor promote the work of the organization on Highland Street. Above right: Shoppers lined the streets in downtown Haliburton on June 14 during the BIA's first Sidewalk Sale and Out On the Street event.

Businesses cash in on sidewalk sale

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Shoppers lined the streets in downtown Haliburton on June 14 as the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) hosted the first Sidewalk Sale and Out On the Street event.

According to BIA administrator Gail Stelter, 33 businesses participated in the new initiative.

"I really was very impressed," said Stelter, who explained that the purpose of the sale was to bring people into town and help stores clear out items.

Earlier in the year, members of the BIA brought up the possibility of hosting a spring event.

"A couple of our members had actually said well why not do it at the Trash 'N' Treasures event?" recalled Stelter.

The BIA sponsored the butter tart contest

at that event, which was held in Head Lake Park, and provided the panel of judges as well as advertising.

Most of the participating businesses were located on Highland Street, while others were on Maple Avenue and York Street. A couple of organizations, such as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, were

permitted to sell raffle tickets at the sale.

"I didn't go out seeking that, but if they asked me I said absolutely," she said.

Participation in the event was free to business owners.

"It was an outstanding success," said Andy Glecoff, owner of the V&S Department Store.

Due to the promotion of the event, Glecoff said that a lot of traffic also came through his doors.

"The inside of the store had a great day," he said. "The promotion brought a lot more people to downtown Haliburton."

Glecoff called the foot traffic "fantastic"

for a June weekend.

"June is OK, but it's not one of our stronger months."

Becky Fahrur, assistant store manager at Algonquin Outfitters, also felt that the sidewalk sale provided a boost to local business.

"The foot traffic was huge," said Fahrur. "We sold a lot of stuff. Everyone was buying everything on sale."

The store offered discounts on items ranging from 15-50 per cent off.

"They weren't necessarily buying everything on the street because we had good sales in the store as well, but the sidewalk sale seemed to be pulling a lot of people into town," she said, adding that participating in the event again would be "a no-brainer."

Stelter would like to see the sale become an annual event.

"The goal is to make it an annual event and to continue to work with other community sponsors to promote their events. Everything that happens in the park or the village is important to the BIA to promote or cross-promote," she said.

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Gail Stelter

BIA administrator

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Above: About 50 supporters were at Safe Haven Cottages Resort on June 14 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Algonquin Highlands business. Right: Algonquin Highlands deputy-reeve Liz Daniels attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Safe Haven resort with the Lloyd family.

Safe Haven offers home away from home

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

June 14 was an emotional day for the Lloyd family in Algonquin Highlands.

It was the day David and Deborah, and their son Mitchell, cut the ribbon at the opening of their new cottage resort, Safe Haven. About 50 of the Lloyds' family, friends and neighbours were at the ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening. Deborah found it difficult to hold back tears during the ceremony.

"It has been such a trial, but it's been such a great trial," she said. "We've just wanted to open the doors and say welcome to everyone."

At the grand opening, deputy-reeve Liz Daniels told visitors the opening of the resort is important for everyone in the community.

"I've been sorry to see so many of the lodges and small resorts close," she said. "It's important to see the reestablishing of family values."

Deborah hopes the seven cottages on Beech Lake will help visitors reconnect and will help families reunite. That's part of the reason the cottages don't come equipped with Wi-Fi.

"We want to help draw the families back

together, and help draw the kids back into loving time spent with their parents again," she said.

The Lloyds, who hail from Mount St. Louis, felt love at first sight when they discovered the resort.

"We drove into the area and felt it was where we needed to be," said Deborah. "It just felt right."

They've been working on renovating the property since May 2013. Each of the seven cottages located on Beech Lake is designed to feel like a home, with modern décor and flat screen TVs. Deborah added finishing touches like a canister of kitchen cooking utensils on top of the stove.

"We put love into it, and we hope our guests can feel the love we put into it," she said.

County tourism director Amanda Ranson stopped by the ceremony to congratulate the Lloyds and their venture.

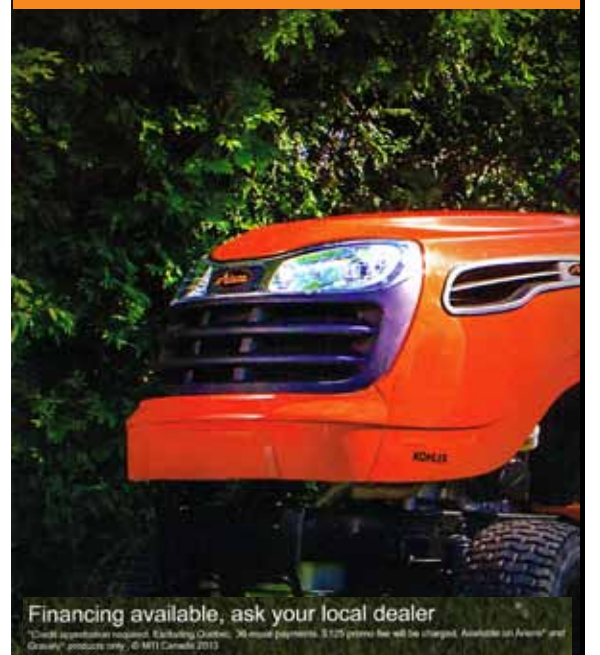
"We can bring as many events here as possible but we need places for people to stay," said Ranson.

Haliburton Chamber of Commerce president Rosemarie Jung agreed. "Accommodations are so critical to this area," she said. "People are looking for a great getaway experience and that's available here."



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SIRCH AGM celebrates 25 years

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The SIRCH annual general meeting celebrated its 25th year by honouring the people who made it all happen.

The June 16 meeting was held at Fleming College.

President Wendy Ladurantaye read a long list of accomplishments SIRCH has achieved in its history. They've trained over 1,000 volunteers, raised more than \$950,000, and employed over 100 people. She attributed those successes to volunteers, staff, donors, and partners.

"We've supported, influenced and inspired thousands – maybe tens of thousands – and maybe more," she said.

Founding SIRCH board chair Barb Fraser told the history of the launch and initial days of SIRCH. She expressed gratitude to the presidents and board members who have led the organization over the past 25 years.

"It takes a certain kind of person to sit on a board because often the real fun is in program delivery, not in fiduciary oversight," she said. "But it is an important role and has been crucial to ensure the local administration and



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Shirley Holmes (centre), recipient of the Glen Flood award, receives the award from Marilyn Rydberg (left) and Lynn Higgs Thompson.

governance of our services, to ensure we have that voice here in Haliburton County."

Fraser said she could have told the story of The Little Engine that Could, but quoted Dr. Albert Schweitzer and connected his ideas about altruism to the mission of SIRCH.

"I believe SIRCH has been able to discover and release what people carry in their hearts and then take that and nurture and ignite a deeper spirit of altruism in our community," she said. "The results are people happily and willingly volunteering their time and feeling good about that. A caring community which donates funds to support services is instilled

and there's a delivery of compassionate services for individuals, children and families in our community and programs that are impacting and shifting the lives of families of all ages."

Two awards were given at the AGM.

Shirley Holmes helped care for dedicated local volunteer Glen Flood when he was ill, and was the first recipient of an award named in his honour.

Holmes, a longtime hospice volunteer and ambassador for SIRCH, accepted the award and praised the care she has received during her recent illness.

"I've had a great deal of support lately," said Holmes. "Being a volunteer has meant even more to me since I've been sick, so I'd like to say thank you."

Dorothy Owens was the recipient of the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism. She was instrumental in ensuring hospice care came to Haliburton County after staying with her parents in their final days.

"I thought at the time, there must be a better way," she said. "We're so fortunate that SIRCH was able to take us on this journey."

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Left: Nine-year-old Owen Newell said the Relay for Life walk is important to honour "people in need" like his mom, Julie Hall, who has been in treatment for breast cancer. Right: Survivors and caregivers walked side by side at the Relay for Life Candlelight Celebration on June 13 in Minden.

Scaled-down Relay for Life nets \$7k

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

This year's Relay for Life may not have been the grand affair of years past, but it still managed to bring in over \$7,000 for cancer research and support programs.

The event took place in Minden on June 13.

In previous events, supporters have honoured survivors and remembered loved ones at a 12-hour walk usually held at the high school. This year, the event was only a few hours long. About 45 participants began marching to the sound of bagpipers. They lit luminaries and walked with candles from the Minden United Church to

the riverwalk or arena.

"We decided the full-scale event wouldn't happen," said fundraising coordinator Emily Vassiliadis. "We didn't have the volunteer power."

Mary Forbes walked as a caregiver next to husband and prostate cancer survivor Bill Forbes.

"I really hope it goes back to the all-night format," said Mary. "That was so inspirational. But at least we're doing what we can. We're still remembering and hoping."

Bill said the pair has participated in the event locally for the past four years with a team that has seen some members be touched with cancer.

"When they ask, are we going to walk again, what else can we say?," he said.

Bill, whose parents and a grandparent had cancer, said the walk is an important one because so many people know someone who is affected by the disease.

"It's the whole focus of the night," he said. "Fighting back, remembering and hoping that some little thing we do will make a difference."

Nine-year-old Owen Newell walked alongside his mom, Julie Hall. Hall was diagnosed with breast cancer late last year and has been treating it through chemo and radiation.

"I'm here to walk for cancer," said Newell. "It was a slow walk, but fun."

Hall was the walk's top individual earner with donations totaling \$1,485. Her team, Julie's Journey, raised \$1,635 and was the top team earner.

The event raised \$7,317 for cancer research, programs and services, advocacy efforts and volunteer drivers. The local volunteer drive program is still going strong, according to Vassiliadis. In 2013, 18 volunteer drivers drove 76 adults, 16 escorts and one child to their treatments. Vassiliadis said even a smaller Relay for Life event is a popular one because cancer affects so many people.

"I'm thrilled to see so many people come out tonight, and look forward to bigger and better next year," she said.

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Food for Kids volunteers gather for the annual appreciation luncheon.

Food for Kids volunteers honoured

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

About fifteen years ago, four women began volunteering for the Haliburton County Food for Kids program.

They visited Archie Stouffer Elementary School every Wednesday morning and served scrambled eggs to children who might not have had breakfast that morning. On June 18, Denise LeBlanc, Barb Ballantyne, Lenore Prentice and Shirley Howe were honoured at the annual Food for Kids volunteer luncheon held at Bonnie View Inn. The women are stepping down and leaving the positions open for new volunteers to take over.

"We decided that when one of us quit, we would all quit," said Howe.

With one of the group currently being in her 80s, the women thought it was best to take a break.

Sixty volunteers help serve a free, nutritious meal to students at seven schools in Haliburton County through the Food for Kids program. Some students have missed breakfast because of a busy morning, or are hungry after a long bus ride. The Food for Kids program is intended to help feed students who

might not be able to concentrate on their education without a proper meal.

Aaron Walker, Food for Kids community coordinator, credited the generous support of local businesses like RPM, Sears and Foodland for helping to keep the program going. He also gave thanks to volunteers and said the annual luncheon helps to celebrate and honour their hard work throughout the year.

Walker said it's important for the public to join the program as volunteers regardless of their age. Many of the volunteers are seniors, but kids, teenagers and families have spent an hour from 8 – 9 a.m. getting involved. The volunteer schedule is flexible to allow for easy participation.

"In all honesty, the biggest benefit to our volunteers is seeing the kids' smiles each day," said Walker.

Howe agrees.

"It was great fun, the kids were good," she said.

In their time as volunteers, the women had seen two sets of kindergarten to Grade 8 students file through the program.

"It just makes you feel good, giving kids something to eat," said Howe. "It's good for them for school. And it's very fulfilling. There's never been a day when it hasn't been good."

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Left: Author Ted Staunton reads one of his short stories to students. Above: Ted Staunton, left, staples books for Grade 4 students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School.

Children's author teaches kids about publishing

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over the past five weeks, students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH) learned about the world of publishing with Canadian author Ted Staunton.

On June 16, they put the final touches on their picture books with Staunton before releasing them to the public.

"The books look really good," Staunton told a group of Grade 4 students at the book launch.

Every Monday, Staunton taught students

in Grades 4-7 about the creative process involved in writing and editing. This included topics such as sharing story ideas, writing a draft manuscript, editing, page layout and design, illustration, and the elements of publishing.

"Everybody has a 'professional book,' and then we finish by having a day like today where everybody gets a chance to see everybody else's work," he said in an interview with The Highlander.

The students' goal was to write sequels to stories that Staunton shared with them at the beginning of the workshop.

"Sometimes we'll use my stories, but I have a whole rack of other books that I think get people's imaginations going because the idea is that most writers

begin by imitating the authors and the stories that they like to read," he said.

In 1983, Staunton authored Puddleman, which according to his website is one of Canada's most perennially popular picture books. His latest release, Who I'm Not, was a finalist for an Arthur Ellis Award in crime writing. He also teaches writing courses for kids and adults at George Brown College and the Haliburton School of the Arts.

Staunton said that each school he works with offers a different experience.

"This was a really interesting one. The kids did a good job. It was tough for them right at the beginning, doing it so close to the end of the school year," he said, referring to extracurricular activities and other distractions.

JDH teacher Maiya Merritt organized the workshop and was successful in her application for funding through the Trillium

Lakelands District School Board's (TLDSB) Program Enhancement Fund.

Merritt said that the workshop tied into the curriculum and gave students an opportunity to take their written work to the next level.

"A lot of the time when kids do writing in class for their language program, they don't get to that publishing stage and publishing is actually part of our curriculum. So I wanted them to get that exposure to the publishing part because that's really the exciting and fun part," she said.

Merritt would like to see ongoing funding from the Program Enhancement Fund so that the school can continue to provide these types of learning experiences.

The books will be on display at the school's library and the Dysart library branch.

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Students team up against bullying

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Whether it's in the classroom, at the playground or on the school bus, saying cruel or hurtful words to another person isn't acceptable in any situation.

On June 9, members of Point In Time's Youth Engagement Team provided a presentation on bullying to 150 Grade 3 students at Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES). The group of high school students, most of whom are in Grade 11, led group activities with the younger students that allowed them to discuss bullying and how much of a negative impact it can have on others. The team also reassured them that good words can make all the difference in another student's day.

Mary Sisson, youth engagement coordinator for Point In Time, said the Youth Engagement Team was formed last year to help the agency obtain funding and allow young people to have input in "the programs that are made for them."

"We teamed up with the school [HHSS] to have a youth engagement team," said Sisson. "Because it's a small town and the

school is kind of the hub, it made sense to do it with the school."

Point In Time provides a wide range of services to local residents, primarily in three areas: family support, mental health services and youth justice.

The team organized an anti-chirping campaign at the high school last year. For this year's campaign, Point In Time partnered with the Haliburton chapter of the Canadian Federation of University of Women (CFUW).

"We've teamed up with the CFUW and they've been really supportive around this project," said Sisson.

Judy Cole, a member of the CFUW executive, said that she and her fellow members decided to make bullying awareness their 10th anniversary project.

"I brought it up [at an executive meeting]," said Cole. "It's something I feel really strongly about."

Cole, along with CFUW members Gayle McAskill and Georgia Macey, have attended the team's monthly meetings and provided the group support.

"We meet and chat about what's going on in the community, what they want to get involved in, where they want to share their voice as youth," said Sisson.

The high school has allowed the students to meet during class time since it's most convenient for them.

Cole has seen, first-hand, how the students have grown as leaders and taken learning into their own hands.

"The kids took the initiative," she said.

The CFUW also provided financial assistance to the team so they could order bracelets for the Grade 3 students that say "share, care and play fair." The students also created posters containing information that was brought up with the classes and anti-bullying fridge magnets, both of which were going to be delivered to the classes later that week.

"We're bringing these back as a thank you, and to refresh their memory on what they learned," said Sisson.

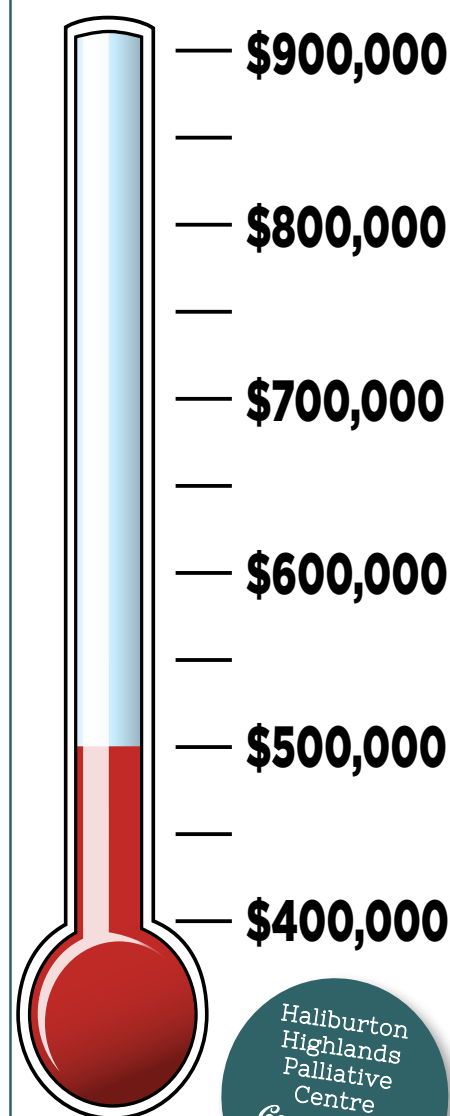
One of Sisson's goals for the future is to create a youth engagement team with young people (ages 13 and up) from across Haliburton County. For example, this could include students from the Alternate Education and Training Centre.

"The hope for the future is that it would involve any youth in the community. It could right now, if those youth could get to the high school."



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Through my eyes



By Austin
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We, on the other hand, seem to enjoy hurting others. Every day we see examples of people causing harm to one another, either physically or emotionally, because of some simple difference. It enrages and depresses me that people can be so cruel to one another, and so quick to go to resort to violence rather than talking things out. I believe that all adolescents have experienced this in some form or another if my experiences at school are any indication.

Kids in our generation are desensitized due to all the sensational violence in popular culture and in the media. People in previous generations weren't nearly as exposed to violence as we are. Now, we have teens filming

violent acts while laughing at their victims, internet harassment, and all sorts of other heinous activities. Is my generation doomed? Is it because both parents in the family work and television has become the role model? Has a generation raised online been damaged beyond repair? And if it's not too late, then how do we fix the problem?

In Nazi Germany, Adolf Hitler influenced an entire culture to convince them that the genocide of an entire race was perfectly fine. He did it by spreading propaganda through newspapers, movies, music and speeches. With access to today's technology, imagine how much worse it could have been. Not all information technology is bad. The internet is great for looking up cooking recipes and listening to music – legally, of course. But when it becomes a tool of hatred and violence, we have to draw the line.

It horrifies me when I read news about events such as two preteens stabbing a school friend 19 times to please a fictional horror creature. Who was guiding these girls? They told the police they were planning this since December of the previous year, and this happened

in June. Where were their parents and how could they "have no clue" that their kids were watching such a thing?


I am confused and at the same time infuriated that these types of things happen daily, even in our own community, and people seem to be willing to turn a blind eye. There are a lot of issues such as bullying, drugs, drinking and sexual promiscuity that seem to be accepted as a normal way of life. Well, I don't accept it. I think people should be allowed to believe and do the things they want to do, until those things start hurting others. Then it should be stopped.

The internet isn't going away and television is only getting more violent and sexual. This is the new reality. The only way to make things better is to stop being afraid of the discussion, talk to our kids, and give them the information and the tools they need to understand and deal with the ugly world they've been born into.



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MOVING SALE – everything must go! House, vehicles, furniture, tools! Sale throughout June until gone. The old Austrian village restaurant, 1057 Colonial Rd, Minden. First right off South Lake from Hwy 35. Call Joe, 705-286-4473 or 647-381-4473. (JN26)

GARAGE/YARD SALES

MULTIPLE FAMILY GARAGE SALE, June 21st, 2014. 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. Blair Sawmill, 15317, Hwy 118 (6km east of Haliburton). Tools, equipment, compressor, truck accessories. Extensive folk art collection, antiques & collectables. Sportswear, equipment, fibreglass GREW Boat, 60hp. Come rain or shine, in the Mill building! (JN19)

GARAGE/YARD SALES

HUGE - Five Family Garage Sale

Saturday, June 21

9 AM - 1 PM

Rain or Shine

Tools, appliances, furniture, kitchen stuff & more

Location:

The Country Bakery
9192 Hwy 118

HELP WANTED

SMOKIN' JAKE'S BBQ Shack is looking for an energetic, conscientious part-time prep cook to work in a fast-paced, fun environment. Call 705-457-7656 or email lshane@hotmail.com, www.smokinjakesbbqshack.com (JN19)

COUNTRY MAGIC IS NOW HIRING a retail sales clerk position, please drop off resume at store, 122 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden. 705-286-1567.

CONTENTS SALE

June 28 & 29

Starts at 8 a.m.

1347 Reynolds Road (Horseshoe Lake)

boats, motor,

4 wheeler, tools,

hardware, antiques

new harley t-shirts,

furniture, bedding,

100% essential oils

& more

NOTICE

This is to notify **Phil Greer** that the contents he has stored in a rental unit at **John E. Francis Fuels** 11495 Hwy 35, Minden ON will be disposed of at his expense if we are not contacted by July 4, 2014.

Please contact John E. Francis Fuels at 705-286-2738

IN MEMORY

Barbara Jean Nicholls

June 21, 1998

In loving memory of Barbara Nicholls, a loving mother and best friend.

Missed by Debbie, Sheldon, Tim, Chris & Eric

OBITUARIES

Della Marie Outram, 61

Former Tory Hill resident Della Marie Outram, 61, passed suddenly on June 11th, 2014, at her home in Tory Hill, ON.

Mrs. Outram was born February 18, 1953, in Belleville to Chester Alexander Sheppard and Clara (Lloyd) Sheppard.

She married William James Donald 'Don' Outram on November 4th, 1978 in Belleville.

She shared her time and numerous talents with her community throughout her life.

Della's generosity and creativity were an inspiration to all that knew her best. She loved horses and painting and her talents were truly endless.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Racheal (Outram) and Frank Stevens of St. Catharines; son Aaron Outram of Peterborough; son Shane Outram of Belleville; granddaughters, Lucy and Abby Stevens; sister of Christine (Sheppard) Parrinder and her husband Wayne of Belleville, brother Steven Sheppard of Ivanhoe, and sister Donalda (Sheppard) Adams and her husband Jeff Kingston; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Mrs. Outram was preceded in death by her infant-brother, Craig Sheppard; her father and mother Chester and Clara, and her beloved aunt 'Ruthie' Lloyd.

A graveside-service was held Monday at the Essonville Cemetery and serving as pallbearers will be Don Outram, Shane Outram, Frank Stevens, Jack Outram, Wayne Parrinder, Mike Croft.

Barragar Funeral Home of Bancroft was in charge of arrangements.

IN MEMORY

Rhonda C. McGee

July 14th, 1981

~
June 20th, 2004



As Angels keep their watch up there,
Please God, let Rhonda know
we love and miss her so.



*With all
our love,
Mom, Dad
& Nana*



Highlander classifieds

HELP WANTED

EXPERIENCED LINE COOK wanted and patio waitress (Friday & Saturday only), come in to the Family Restaurant to apply in person or call 647-478-4339 and ask for Andy. (TFN)

Classifieds \$8
(25 words)
Deadline:
Monday at 5 p.m.
705-457-2900

HELP WANTED



NOW HIRING

**Stone Mason
Carpenter
Job Site Crew**

Send resume to...
info@blackrocklandscapes.ca

tel: 705-457-4574

By Appointment Only!

HELP WANTED



**FINISHER/PAINTER
WANTED**

If you have an eye for detail and don't mind hard work...

Please apply to
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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. (TFN)

EVENTS

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

EVENTS

BANCROFT FLEA MARKET

●●OPEN●●
FRI 10am - 7pm ♦ SAT 9am - 6pm
SUNDAY 10 - 7
HOLIDAY MONDAYS 10am
Hwy 28 South
(beside Tim Hortons)
Food, Bakery, Rocks, Tack, Meats, Tools, Collectibles & more
Space available to rent
613-318-9021

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

EVENTS

**Have an event
that you want to
promote?**
Call 705-457-2900

**WILD EDIBLES
FORAGE AND LUNCH**

forage for purslane, waterlily, cattail, sumac, sarsaparilla...

June 28 or July 13, 10-2 p.m.
Cost: \$38 including gourmet lunch

Contact 705-286-3966 or
www.yoursoutdoors.com

THANK YOU



Haliburton County

Dear Mike Toye (Toye Tree Removal)

On behalf of Community Living Haliburton County, we would like to thank you for your generous gift to our organization. Your commitment to assisting with what we do in our community is sincerely appreciated.

The goal of CLHC is to continue to make a difference in the lives of the individuals we support. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to see improvements in our organization.

Thanks again for your generous support of our efforts to create opportunities for people with disabilities through supportive skills building and community integration.

-The Staff at Community Living Haliburton County.

EVENTS

**FIREARMS, MILITARY & VINTAGE FISHING
LIVE AND ONLINE AUCTION
SATURDAY JUNE 21ST, 9:00 A.M.,**

AT SWITZER'S AUCTION CENTRE, 25414
HIGHWAY 62 SOUTH, BANCROFT, ON.
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PETS

ADOPT ME



Our Butterball...

Gerry is still here waiting
for a good home.

He is so very friendly and loving
he is everyone's best friend.
Please stop by to see him.

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

OPPORTUNITIES



HALIBURTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
A Community Futures Development Corporation

Board of Directors Opportunity

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is a Federally funded non-profit community organization dedicated to creating employment and community opportunities. Funding is provided by the Government of Canada through FedDev Ontario.

We are looking for local residents with knowledge of the business community and not for profit organizations in the Haliburton Highlands, to add to our professional team of volunteers and staff. Specifically we are seeking individuals who:

- Are interested in local, regional, and provincial community development
- Can commit to a minimum 3 year term.
- Have the desire and ability to attend required monthly Board or Committee meetings
- Have an understanding of financial statements
- Have an understanding of information technology and communications.

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director please send your cover letter and resume by July 11, 2014 to:

Haliburton County Development Corporation
P.O. Box 210, 235 Highland Street, 2nd Floor
Haliburton, Ontario K0M1S0
Attention: Patti Tallman, Assistant Director
Tel: 705.457.3555 Fax: 705.457.3398
E-mail to: ptallman@haliburtoncdc.ca

For further information please access our website at: www.haliburtoncdc.ca or
contact the HCDC at 705-457-3555.



NOTICE



Working Together for the Health of the Highlands

Please help with the

HHHS Strategic Plan -

We want to hear from you...

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is developing a new Strategic Plan for 2014-17. This plan will help guide us as we move forward over the next three years.

To help inform the development of this plan, we are welcoming the insights and input of residents, cottagers, patients and clients, volunteers, staff members and our community partners.

We are asking that you share your views on the direction of health care in our region and the priorities of HHHS through this survey.

The survey can be accessed by following the links located on the main page of HHHS' website at **www.hhhs.on.ca**

The survey deadline is June 11, 2014.

Highlander classifieds



County of Haliburton

Reporting to the Director of Public Works, the County is recruiting for an Administrative Assistant to perform a variety of challenging and confidential administrative duties.

Resumes and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca by 4:30 p.m. on June 27, 2014.

A copy of the detailed job description is available online at www.haliburtoncounty.ca. The interview evaluation process will include testing of administrative/computer skills required for this position.

We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity Employer. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



County of Haliburton IT Technician

We are recruiting for an additional IT Technician. You will have excellent problem solving and critical thinking skills to diagnose simple to complex IT problems. As a results oriented individual, you will possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills while providing an outstanding service to our clients.

Requirements for this position include a thorough understanding of network and communication principles, achieved through a diploma in Information Technology and a related discipline of 1 -2 years of technical knowledge and skills gained through proven work experience. Hourly rate is \$26.09 with a comprehensive benefits package.

Resumes and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca by June 27, 2014, 4:30pm.

A copy of the detailed job description is available online at www.haliburtoncounty.ca. The interview evaluation process will include testing of IT skills required for this position.

We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity Employer. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



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

HEARING DATE: June 30, 2014
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

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

File No. MV A11/2014, Part Lot 31, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden – Keewaydin Road

Purpose: The Applicant requires relief to replace their existing non-complying dwelling with a new dwelling. The following variances are required:

1. From Sections 4.7.4 (ii) and 5.2 to construct a new dwelling within 15 metres (49.2 feet) of the high water mark. The existing non-complying dwelling is approximately 3.1 metres (10 feet) from the high water mark, and the proposed building will be 10.1 metres (33 feet) from the high water mark.
2. From Section 4.7.4 (iii) to increase the height of the non-complying dwelling by 2.7 metres (8.9 feet) more than the permitted 1.2 metre (3.9 foot) increase. The total height of the proposed building will be 7.6 metres (25 feet), which does not exceed the maximum permitted height for a principal building in the Shoreline Residential zone.
3. From Section 4.7.4 (v) to increase the coverage of the non-complying building by 57% more than the 25% permitted increase (the proposed building will be 243.4 m² [2620 sq.ft], which is 82% larger than the existing building). The proposed building will not exceed the maximum permitted lot coverage in the Shoreline Residential zone.

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

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

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

Dated this 19th day of June, 2014

Deanna Smith, A.C.S.T (A)
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Committee of Adjustment



Employment Opportunity

The Township of Minden Hills is seeking One (1) Full Time Planner for the Building/Bylaw/Planning Department

The Township of Minden Hills, the gateway to Haliburton County, a vibrant and bustling community is looking for a full time, permanent, Planner.

Reporting to the Chief Building Official, the Planner is responsible for the review and analysis of land development proposals, including the research and preparation of reports for consideration by Council and the Committee of Adjustment; interpretation and analysis of Planning documents and policies; responding to requests for Planning information; and providing general operational support to the functioning of the Building By-laws and Planning Department.

Qualifications: You have demonstrated organizational, analytical, investigative, and problem-solving, capabilities along with report writing, communication, and public speaking skills. You have a thorough knowledge of the Ontario Planning Act regulations and procedures and demonstrated experience in municipal planning procedures and land development application procedures.

A Bachelor's Degree in Land Use Planning or an Honours Degree in a Planning related program plus a minimum of two (2) years' relevant professional planning experience in a public sector or private consulting environment.

Salary will commensurate with experience and skills.

Prior to the final selection for this position, the applicant shall be required to provide, at their own expense, a criminal police check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate Police Force.

A full position description is available by contacting the Administrative Assistant at sprentice@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext 313.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon Friday, July 11, 2014 to:

Planner
Clerk's Department
Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne St, PO Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Attention: Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor.

Letters of application together with a detailed resume of education may also be submitted with "Planner Employment Opportunity" in the subject line to sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Highlander classifieds



Municipality of Highlands East Household Hazardous Waste Events

Location: Tory Hill Landfill Site (Ward 4)
Located at 19178 Hwy. 118 (between Wilberforce & Tory Hill)

Date: Saturday, June 28th, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please present your valid Waste Disposal Card to the attendant

Location: Faraday Public Works Yard-Household Hazardous Waste Site
Located at 29860 Hwy. 28 South (across from the intersection of Monck Road & Hwy. 28)

Dates: July 5th, August 9th & September 20th, 2014

Times: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Contact the Environmental Department at 613-339-2442 if you have any questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste in the Municipality of Highlands East.



NOTICE OF NAMING AND RENAMING OF ALL PUBLIC/PRIVATE ROADS

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, c.25, as amended, the Dysart et al Municipal Council, at their regular meeting to be held on June 23, 2014, will be considering a by-law to name/rename all public and private roads, as required, to accommodate the addition of the following roads:

Captiva Lane, Downrigger Court, Gainforth Road, Lancer Lane and Tedious Lake Drive.

Also note that Leave It To Beaver Lane has been renamed to Mayflower Lane.

Cheryl Coulson, A.M.C.T.
Clerk



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, June 26th, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-14-01
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 12, on a Plan of Survey 19R-4946, registered October 10, 1990.

The above noted plan of survey is available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 12th day of June, 2014.

Adam King, M.R.M
Planning Administrator

Igniting Rural Communities



April 24 – 27, 2014 over 130 delegates from across Canada, the USA and Scotland came to Haliburton County to participate in SPARC – The Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities.

The SPARC Steering Committee gratefully thanks, and acknowledges our generous sponsors, funders, hosting partners, hosting and supporting individuals and organizations, and volunteers who helped make the Symposium an outstanding success:

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Dublin Gate Irish Pub
Rhubarb Restaurant
Dominion Hotel Pub
The Minden United Church Ladies Auxiliary
Heritage Café
Gravity Coffee House & Café
Molly's Bistro Bakery
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Julie Barban, Heritage Ballet Studio
Bethany Houghton
Highlands Opera Studio
Ragged Company
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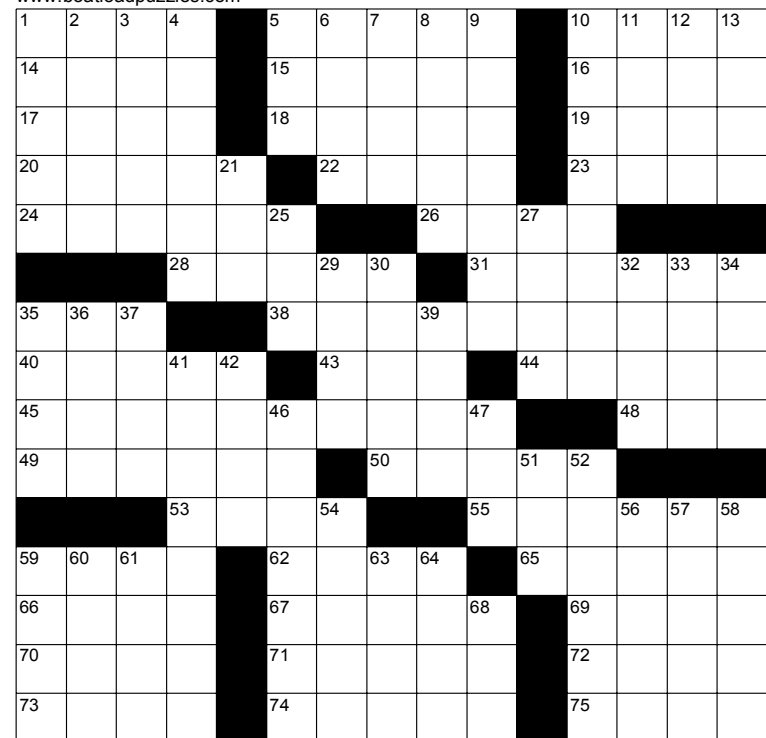
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Highlander events

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ACROSS

1. Swindle
5. Plane spotter
10. Ship
14. " ____ Alone"
15. Deport
16. Too
17. District
18. Satan
19. Within earshot
20. Heavenly dish
22. Wise man
23. Idiot
24. Firstborn
26. Astronauts' gp.
28. Horned animal, for short
31. ____ Day O'Connor
35. Pro's opposite
38. 100th anniversary
40. Coliseum
43. Dead ____ Scrolls
44. Tango, e.g.
45. Weekend shopper's stop (2 wds.)
48. Dry, as wine
49. Las Vegas groom, often
50. Andes animal
53. Poems of praise
55. Narrate
59. Bad
62. Scorch
65. Ventilated
66. Three squared
67. Carved pole
69. Singer ____ Crosby
70. Art ____ ('20s movement)
71. Eat away
72. " ____ dead people!" (2 wds.)
73. Long-necked bird
74. Bus station
75. Gels

DOWN

1. Dishonor
2. Atoll material
3. Modify
4. Nastier
5. Beet's color
6. Chopping tools
7. Opera star
8. Adjust
9. Set free
10. Large handkerchief
11. Butter substitute
12. Right away (abbr.)
13. Shredded
21. Fire leftover
25. Twitch
27. Desert material
29. Loch ____
30. Basketball's Shaquille ____
32. Uproars
33. Speed contest
34. A Baldwin brother
35. Zoo enclosure
36. Spoken
37. Fiddling emperor
39. High
41. ____ Bonaparte
42. Old
46. Built
47. Corn unit
51. Give ____ break! (2 wds.)
52. Excuses
54. Beach
56. Stand up
57. Principle
58. Margins
59. Ceases
60. Regard
61. Andean mountain native
63. On
64. Decorator's advice
68. Came together

JUNE 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Chamber of Commerce AGM – Minden Legion, 7:30 a.m. Shout Sister Choir – Haliburton United Church, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door.		Minden Kin Club truck pull – Minden fairgrounds, 9 a.m. Cycling Festival – Head Lake Park, 10:30-5:30 p.m. Wilberforce Library official opening – 1101 Holmes Rd, 2-4 p.m.	Head Lake bandshell grand opening , 2-4:30 p.m. Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast , 9:30-1 p.m.
19	20	21	22
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Haliburton Rocks! – Green Mantle Farms, 705-754-3436	Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden hospital, 10 a.m. Open studio for Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners – Zion United Church, 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday.		Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting , 1 p.m. Seniors standing balance exercise class – Haliburton hospital, 2 p.m. Tour of the Dorset Museum – 1040 Main St, Dorset, 10:30 a.m. to noon.
23	24	25	26
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Send your not-for-profit event to ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca for a free listing in our event calnedar!	Strawberry supper – Ingoldsby Church, 4-7 p.m. \$15 adults, \$7 children 6-7, free for children 5 and under. HHWEN General Meeting – Agia Maria Inn & Resort, 9:30 a.m.		
27	28	29	30
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION JUNE 19-25, 2014			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. 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) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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Highlander events



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Left: A huge selection of dishware is available for sale. Above: SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson took a break with performer Albert John Saxby at the Grand (re)Opening of the Thrift Warehouse.

Thrift warehouse relaunches with SIRCH

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The Thrift Warehouse is huge and growing. On June 14, the used goods store launched in 2011 by Ted Scholtes celebrated a new partnership with SIRCH Community Services by hosting a Grand (re)Opening on Mallard Road.

"It's a great partnership," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson. "It allows us to employ people and diverts items from space we don't have in landfills."

The partnership with SIRCH began in April,

giving Scholtes the time he needs to continue expanding the store to accommodate a home building centre and to work on the 2015 launch of a second store in the county. SIRCH now manages the store and provides labour and volunteers to help keep it running.

SIRCH manager Cammy George estimated between 45 and 75 people visit the store on a regular day. Everyone from college students to locals affected by house fires, cottagers, and those on a fixed income, are patrons at the warehouse. Aisles of goods include furniture, books, video games, jewellery, baby items, paintings and glassware. Proceeds from sales

are shared between Scholtes, who sold his house to build the 8,000-square-foot building, and SIRCH programs like Need a Hand.

George said the warehouse is always looking for donations to keep stock refreshed, but she stressed that goods must be suitable for resale.

"If you wouldn't use it in your house, don't bring it here," she said.

Jane Rinne of Highland Grove bought an asparagus pot.

"It looked brand new but it had a better price than if it was brand new," she said. "There's just about everything you could want."



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**18th Annual General Meeting of
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at
Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest
(Auditorium)

Thursday, June 26, 2014

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Business of the Corporation

(Reports of Board and CEO, Chief of Staff, Auditors, Foundation and Auxiliaries, and Nominating Committee/Election of Directors; Appointment of Auditors; and other business)

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Highlander events

Mini horse show a first for Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Cathy Fisher recognized a need for a miniature horse show in Minden. So, the Haliburton County Horseman Association (HCHA) member organized a point show at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 15.

"I was tired of traveling all over Ontario for the miniature horse shows," she said. "I thought there was a call for it."

When she called, people responded.

Over 50 entries in 44 classes were at the event, the first of its kind sponsored by the HCHA at the Minden Fairgrounds. People came from across Ontario, including St. Mary's and Meaford,

to take part in the show. The event is one of only four in Ontario recognized by the Miniature Horse Club of Ontario in which points earned count toward a year-end accumulation that results in prizes.

Jamie Rayburn was excited to have won several awards at the Minden event. The 16-year-old Alliston resident was showing

horses from Applebrook Minis for Tom and Lone Swaffield.

"She's our adopted daughter," laughed Lone. "Jamie has done very, very well."

Lone said her miniature horses are very popular in the Alliston area, where they are used for therapy for special needs kids and 4-H projects. The Swaffields' horse farm is open, which means anyone can stop in to get accustomed to the horses

and learn more about them. Lone praised the Minden show's inaugural event for being well organized and comfortable.

"It's wonderful here," she said. "We love the setting. There's lots of room for the horses to run around in and there were bugs in the morning that we

worried about but they settled down. We'd definitely come back."

As to whether or not there would be another show next year, Fisher was enthusiastic.

"I'd do it again in a minute," said Fisher. "I want it bigger and better next year."

It's wonderful here, we love the setting. There's lots of room for the horses to run around.

Lone Swaffield



Photo by Sue Tiffin

16-year-old Jamie Rayburn of Alliston won several awards at the first miniature horse show held at the Minden Fairgrounds on June 15.

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The Township of Minden Hills and the
Township of Algonquin Highlands — 2014



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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Siblings find some children's books at a sale hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. From left, Benjamin, Sarah and Ryan Mee.

Books aplenty at annual sale

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

This year's Giant Book and Book Basket Sale, hosted by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library (FHCPL), has raised \$421 for the Haliburton County Public Library.

During the event, which was held on June 14 at the Dysart library branch, visitors were able to peruse and purchase donated books, CDs and DVDs. Many of the books were put into baskets that were given a certain theme.

Linda Heeps, president of the FHCPL, said the event is made possible through a partnership that the organization has

with the Rails End Gallery, who hosted their annual Trash 'N' Treasures sale the same day. A portable library was set up and made available to the public at that event.

Books that didn't sell will be relocated to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for their annual book sale to be held on July 26.

Since being founded in 2001, the FHCPL has raised thousands of dollars for enhancements at local libraries. Some of their most recent donations include \$2,500 to the new Wilberforce library branch and \$2,000 to the library computer fund.

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What's on

27th Annual Truck Pull and Show & Shine

Saturday June 21, 2014 – Minden Fairgrounds

Registration begins at 8:00 am (including Mud Bog)
Show & Shine registration ends at 11:30 am



EVENT SCHEDULE

9:00 am – ATV Mud Bog

12 Noon – Truck Pull

(Highway Tractors, Tri-axles, 4x4 & 4x2)

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What's on



File photo

ATV riders will try to make it through the mud bog this weekend at the Truck Pull and Show and Shine.

Horsepower meets mud at Minden Fairgrounds

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

The Minden Kin Club wants to see you at the fairgrounds this weekend to experience the annual thrill that is their 27th annual Truck Pull and Show and Shine.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on June 21, ATV riders will brave the mud bog, kicking up dirt and mud as they charge their way through the treacherous course. Following the mud bog at noon will be the truck pull, which includes

highway tractors, tri-axes, 4x4s and 4x2s.

Club president Tom Prentice Sr. said the event is exciting to watch.

"In the mud bog, every now and again somebody gets stuck and has to get off in the mud," he said. "[It's exciting] when somebody makes a full pull and you get the competition going between a couple of guys."

You don't need to be a truck enthusiast to enjoy the show.

"Everybody enjoys it," said Prentice. "There are people there from all walks of life. From the cottage, you see older folks there bringing

the grandkids in to see the big trucks. Other people are in to see members of the family in the mud bog."

In between the high-octane action, visitors can enjoy food and refreshments as they walk through the vintage vehicle show.

The truck pull and mud bog is one of the Minden Kin Club's major fundraisers. Last year the event brought in between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

"Two years ago we donated \$10,000 to the hospital," said Prentice. "Last year, we donated \$10,000 to flood relief."

Members of the community also apply to the club for assistance with various things. The club has paid for a set of false teeth, furnace oil and wood to help keep people warm.

Prentice said it's all about supporting the community.

"That's what it's all about."

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