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Photo by Mark Arike

Children laugh and smile as dancers keep them entertained in Head Lake Park. For story and more photos see pages 26 & 27.

Building officials dealing with a heavy load

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Chief building officials (CBOs) and other staff at local municipalities have been busier than usual after taking on the responsibility of performing septic inspections.

"It's a lot of work," Mitch O'Grady, CBO and bylaw enforcement officer for Algonquin Highlands, told council at a July 17 meeting.

Despite increased workloads, O'Grady said he and his staff are keeping things under control.

"We're handling it and we're getting good feedback. Local contractors say that the one-stop shopping is certainly much better," he said.

Last October, the board of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) made a decision to discontinue the On-site Sewage Disposal System program, which fell under Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code.

As of July 1, all 11 municipalities serviced by the health unit's program took over on-site sewage septic inspections.

O'Grady said his department is keeping track of how much time it takes to do each inspection, along with the administrative work that goes into that.

"Some of the ones I've been out on now take three to four inspections, some of them in the neighbourhood of two to three hours. The administrative part is overwhelming, with the number of documents that we need to support with inspections."

Some concerns remain about outstanding inspection files and the transfer of funds from the health unit, said O'Grady.

"We're performing inspections right now where we haven't gotten paid for them. So it's like pro bono."

In May, Chris Beveridge, director of environmental health for the HKPR, said that funds would be transferred to the municipalities for those applications that were processed by the health unit.

Dysart et al CBO Dan Sayers said he has received several applications for new installations and performed inspections on installations that the health unit issued permits for.

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Towns still waiting for historical septic files

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"It's adding lots of work," said Sayers, who is performing inspections daily with the help of a building inspector.

Sayers said the health unit handed over all active files, however if a person is planning on building an addition they will need to visit the local health unit to search historical records.

"They haven't given us a date when we're getting those files, but we understand they have absolutely thousands of them to copy," he said. "They're being cooperative in the meantime; they're doing any files searches, if

people need a copy of a permit they can go in and get it."

For the month of July, Sayers has issued six new septic permits and another six are in the queue.

Dysart has not yet received monies from permit fees previously paid to the health unit.

"We're just carrying on as if nothing happened right now. Any contractors that had already taken out permits but hadn't installed it are phoning municipal inspections and we're doing the installation inspections."

In Minden Hills, the situation is similar to that of the other municipalities.

"I think it's going okay, it's just a work in progress," said CBO Colin McKnight, who is currently the only staff member performing inspections.

McKnight said it's a challenge to try and complete outstanding permits when there's missing paperwork that needs to be followed up on. He confirmed that the township has not yet received a transfer of funds from the health unit for paid permits.

"At this point I'm just trying to keep people moving and not hold up the progress because of something we don't have yet," he said.

On July 22, Beveridge told The Highlander

that each municipality should have all their active files by now.

"The only outstanding files to provide each municipality are historical/completed files that are being scanned," he wrote in an email. "These files will be provided electronically by the first week in November 2014."

Beveridge also confirmed that paid fees will be transferred to each municipality after the final paperwork has been "scrutinized for accuracy."

"Once this is complete a cheque will be issued to each municipality," he said.

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Nurse throws cap into Dysart council race

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A former Ward 1 councillor in Dysart, Nancy Wood-Roberts is looking to re-enter municipal politics.

"I do have some experience," said Wood-Roberts, who held the seat from 1998 to 2003.

The lifetime resident of Haliburton, who works as a nurse by day at the Haliburton hospital, recently freed up time in her schedule by switching to weekend shifts.

"I thought this was a good time to do it [run in the election]," she said.

In her first term, Wood-Roberts had

three young children at home and was working part and full-time. She decided not to run immediately after because of her commitments at home.

Wood-Roberts was exposed to the political scene at an early age, her father being Dysart's clerk/treasurer for many years.

As a member of council, she was involved in the planning for the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, the Haliburton School

of the Arts and the preliminary work for the installation of a sewage system at the Halbiem subdivision.

Wood-Roberts says she developed her people skills in the role.

"You have to hear what the people's concerns are – not their complaints. You're going to hear that, but you also need to know what their concerns are and how to help try to work with them."

If elected, Wood-Roberts wants to keep a

"steady line" on the tax base.

"This is a hard community to live in. A lot of people make not great money, but they have the same things to pay as people who make more money."

She feels the current council has worked to the best of their abilities and wishes each candidate well.

"It's not so much time for change, but it's time for people to move forward," she said, adding that sometimes different perspectives can be a good thing.

As of press time, Wood-Roberts has two candidates running against her, including current Deputy-reeve Bill Davis.

It's not so much time for change, but it's time for people to move forward.

Nancy
Wood-Roberts

Dysart Ward 1 candidate

County bucks staff advice on EMS base to save money

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Greystone Project Management has been awarded the design and build contract for the new Haliburton County EMS base in Minden – a project that is expected to cost over \$1.2 million.

County councillors accepted the company's proposal during a special meeting on July 16, but they also came up with some recommendations for the developer.

"Our goal was to have the building up in place by the end of this year, so that we can move in by Jan. 1," said county CAO Jim Wilson.

The county received four bids for the project.

Prior to the meeting, county staff met with representatives from Greystone to review their proposal and clarify some of the available options.

Staff recommended that a stormwater management plan be undertaken for the complete property and that additional costs be allocated to the remaining lands. Some of the other key recommendations included using Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) instead of wood stud construction and to avoid moving the building further south into the hill because the cost will not justify the benefit of

additional land on the property.

ICF would cost an additional \$38,000, but Wilson said it will result in "a more desirable building" because of the potential for energy savings.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey was disappointed with the recommendation to use ICF. It was his understanding that a two-by-eight wall with Thermo Seal would have a higher R-value than ICF.

"The other thing I want to say is here we are worrying about energy efficiency and we've got 500 square feet of garage doors with R factor of eight, I believe," said Fearrey. "So it's not going to be an energy efficient building no matter how we look at it, but we can make it as good as we can."

Patrick Dube, president of Greystone, explained that while the insulation value is the same in the two systems, tests show that ICF value is actually higher than R-27.

"When you put it together as a system, what you have is a very inert mass that is very difficult to change temperature," said Dube. "As the outside temperature changes, it has to have the effect through this wall mass to change the temperature on the inside of the building."

Dube said his customers who have used ICF have discovered that their heating bills are "shockingly low."



File photo

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she wanted to see a building that is not only aesthetically pleasing, but also effective.

"My biggest concern is [to] give the EMS people a building that's functional and ... [that] looks pretty okay," said Murdoch.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen asked Dube how long it would take to recover the \$38,000 in the form of savings in heating costs. He said anywhere from 10-15 years.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge encouraged her colleagues to consider the long-term benefits of using ICF.

"I think we really need to look in the long-term as long as we possibly can and not save a few dollars today, and have councils in the

future paying more for heat," said Partridge, adding that radiant flooring is essential for the building.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said it was difficult to make a decision since she saw value in both forms of construction.

In the end, council voted against staff's recommendation to use ICF.

They supported radiant, in-floor heating at a cost of nearly \$33,000, stone veneer around the bottom of the building, asphalt shingles on the roof, and LED lighting for the interior of the building for almost \$8,000.

The 4,660-square-foot, single-storey building will include an office area and EMS garage. It will be located off Highway 35, at the former site of Walker's Auto Repair.

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Editorial opinion

Lines in the water

I love to fish.

Growing up in Callander – a small town just outside of North Bay, nestled along Lake Nipissing – I was fortunate to live about five minutes from my grandparents' house. They lived right in the bay, so the waters around their dock were calm enough to jump in whenever we wanted.

It was there I learned how to swim, how to row a boat, and of course, how to fish. I would visit with my grandparents every Sunday after church, without fail. The rest of my family would follow later for dinner. It was our little tradition.

In the afternoons, I would ask my grandfather if we could fish. He and I would go into one of his five or six sheds – he had one for everything, from boating equipment to yard tools – grab our rods and pick our lures, then walk down to the dock and drop our lines in the water.

My family would show up later in the day and Dad would walk out to the same shed, grab his rod and lures, and join us. We would have made quite the sight – three generations of Desrosiers men (or two men and a boy), backs to the house, fishing quietly on a dock.

How I long for those days.

I learned more on that dock about life than I ever did about fishing. When we talked, which wasn't often, I mostly listened. It was interesting for me to hear how my father and grandfather interacted with one another and what they talked about.

Then came the days when I was a bit

older and Dad and I would plan day-long fishing trips. We would drive to the house, go to the shed and grab our gear, get the boat and head out of the bay.

We had a few favourite spots we'd visit. Along the way he'd let me drive the boat, which was always a highlight.

When the lines were in the water though, we still didn't talk much. Like fishing off the dock, it was more about being together than it was making idle chit-chat. The slow rolling waves lapping against the boat in a steady rhythm was relaxing, the trance only broken by the reel's long squeal as the line was cast, followed by a quiet 'blupe!' as the lure hit the water.

Returning home was always bittersweet. By then our backsides were a bit numb and we'd run out of pop in the cooler, but nothing on shore compared to the times spent fishing with Dad. And we never brought any fish home with us, which might have made the family a tad suspicious. But then, we weren't doing it for the trophy or to put food on the plate. It was about us being together.

We're down to two generations now, and I can't remember the last time Dad and I went fishing together. But I still keep our rods in my garage, along with our tackle box, ready for that next trip whenever it may be.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Don't duck the issues

Though the county appears calm this time of year, frantic action is happening below the surface. Potential candidates are circling their respective municipal offices, calculating and re-calculating the precise moment to launch their campaigns for the October election, while those who have already registered seek crowds of any size to busk their wares.

What will be interesting is how the candidates propose to deal with a variety of issues. Should we continue to have five governments serving 17,000 full-time residents, with five chief executives, five councils and five administrations? What about our 4,000 senior citizens? Where exactly are they going to live when they're ready to trade driveways for hassle-free accommodation, or are we content to let them, their taxes and spending power, leave the county for good?

With consensus building that our economy is now being held back by a shortage of skilled trades, how might we bridge that gap? When modern planning best practices say building on highways destroys small towns, why do Minden and Haliburton continue to allow sprawling development? How will our municipal budgets deal with an OPP increase if it goes through, and should we have mandatory septic inspections to protect the landscape that underlies our entire economy?

These are relevant questions for

candidates to answer, far more important than what they usually talk about: how great this place is; how hard they promise to work; and how long they've lived here.

The flattery and earnest pleading is all nice enough, but it's not what the job of an elected representative is about. It's about being able to absorb information, understand it in the context of the community, and make decisions in that community's best interests. Some of those decisions are complex. Many need to be made on the basis of best practices and information that can be found with a little effort.

It's risky for candidates to discuss these questions and give clear answers. Often there isn't a single correct approach; sometimes the mere mention of an idea sends tempers aflutter. But if we don't have the discussions and do the research, we might as well hire an official coin-flipper to make decisions.

Pundits often talk about candidates you'd like to have a beer with and people who lead from their gut. Here's a better suggestion: have a beer with people you'd like to have a beer with. And consider if you'd want a doctor who thinks with his gut slicing through yours.

I didn't think so.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Reader says dump workers pilfering

Dear editor,

Something I have noticed a lot at almost every dump in Haliburton, Minden and Algonquin Highlands, is the gathering of beer cans, liquor bottles and things that have a return deposit on them by staff.

It's a common thing to see them splitting up their booty at the end of day. My thoughts on this are why are they allowed to keep the money? At any other job that would be considered theft. Why is the money not put into a community project like the food bank, animal control, or a pool?

They wouldn't allow you to take anything out of the dump. No scavenging is permitted, but then it's not a big surprise to see attendants face down collecting these items. And I don't want to hear how they work for minimum wage. They are lucky they have jobs. Not everyone here does.

Carole Alexander
Algonquin Highlands

Photo of the week



Photo by Barb Danko

Residents on Piccadilly Bay on July 19 watched as this military helicopter toured the lake at low altitude during scheduled training exercises. Some residents feared for their safety, saying the helicopter was too close to the water and boaters on the lake. Their letters to the OPP and Canadian military have so far gone unanswered.

Thank you for another great Gooderham Canada Day

Dear editor,

Although attendance was down from 2013, the 2014 version of "Gooderham Celebrates Canada" was a great success. Most of the credit for that success goes to the core of volunteers and sponsors who made the event possible. Often they are taken for granted or overlooked entirely, which means that they are not properly recognized and thanked. I trust that it is not too late to do just that.

Heritage Canada has been an excellent financial sponsor for the last several years and 2014 was no exception. They provided a grant of \$1,700, which was put to good use.

The Gooderham Community Action Group, consisting of Barb Bader, Marilyn Wooder, Denise White-Winder, Mary Cox and Bonnie Ryall, did much of the organizing for the event and provided considerable financial support through the Gooderham Community Bottle Drive.

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Church also helped with fundraising.

Individuals like Ron Barr, Tim Winder, George Simmons, Royce Cox and Lori Whynot (Clara the Clown) were there to ensure that the events were well organized and took place, although Mother Nature did make timing and execution of most events a true challenge. The energy and commitment of the junior volunteers, including Taylor Davies, Mikaela Kauffeldt, Bianca Salaris, Abigail Kauffeldt and Natalie Hunter, was infectious and kept both the crowd and the older volunteers thoroughly inspired and entertained.

The Municipality of Highlands East

provided unbelievable support for this event. The Roads and Property Management departments made sure that the venue was ready and safe for public use. But it was the Highlands East Station 3 Firefighters that put on a fireworks display that was second to none in this area. Without people and organizations like these, most local events in this part of the county could never happen.

So, thank you all.

Cec Ryall
Gooderham

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When growling is considered polite

I got a growler at the weekend, all brown and bubbly it was.

Now, if an English acquaintance of mine had read this first sentence he may well have asked me how long it took to recover from such a horrific ailment and if it is safe to use the bathroom. But you Canadian folks know just what I'm talking about, don't you? Yes, I got a growler from the Boshkung Brewing Co. and a fine growler it was, too.

I purchased said growler as much out of curiosity as the need for beer because I didn't know what a growler was. Up until the weekend I had imagined all kinds of things, such as the aforementioned upset stomach – one of those really gurgling bilious ones that you get following a night on the ale – or a bleary eyed, grumpy fellow on the morning after the night before, even a large angry dog, trained to guard the beer fridge. I have to say that the real thing was much more pleasurable than any of these rather off-putting accompaniments to a tippie of the amber nectar.

Yes, my growler was really rather good, a wheat beer, pale in colour and refined in taste. It slipped down very smoothly, I'll tell you. And so did a couple of bottles of pale ale from Haliburton Highlands Brewing. It only seemed right to taste the offerings of both my local breweries in the interests of journalistic impartiality, you'll understand. The experience was shared with good friends on a fine weekend afternoon. We sat on the dock and carefully considered all aspects of these new local brews. We considered them again, and again... and again, and decided that we liked them, a lot. We then went on to try beers from larger corporations – the Buds and Molsons of this world – all in the name of scientific discovery, I assure you.

The change may have had something to do with us running out of the local beer, but we considered it a valid part of the taste testing to compare and contrast craft with mega-brewery. And, while we were able to finish off all of the available big name beers also (and then move on to rum

and coke) everyone had to agree that our Haliburton County beers had the edge.

And now that I think of it, now that the growly tummy and grumpy countenance has abated, the local brews did taste better because they do in fact have an edge, a taste and complexity that the homogenized 'Molsweiser' beers have lost in that search for a taste that will appease and not offend anyone, and so sell anywhere. If you want a can of cold fizz with a bit more alcoholic kick than your average lemonade but not much else, then the big brands are for you. But, if you are looking to slake your thirst with a beverage that will intrigue as it is imbibed, then pop down to one of our very own breweries and pick up a growler of Abbey Ale or Canoehead Scotch Ale. You might even get brave and opt for a King Kung Imperial Stout, but at 7.5% ABV it has a kick that might just get you growling!

Yes folks, the beer is here, right in the heart of our neighbourhood, and as far as this Outsider is concerned it is damn good. Whether you are wanting a refined

tippie to accompany your perfectly cooked steak or a big ol' jug to play silly buggers with on the dock, our local breweries have it all. As such, I think our local brewing industry is a fine addition to the county, a rich accompaniment to the established local food and arts scenes, and a most proper way of contributing to the local economy, if you get my drift.

And, with our newly established brewing industry comes a quirky historical anecdote. You see, the term 'growler' dates back to the 19th century, when beer was carried home from the local public house in a pail with a lid. The stumbling progress of many a drinker would cause the beer inside the pail to slosh and fizz, and the bubbles escaping from the lid would gurgle and growl, hence the name. How's that for a tipsy tidbit to start your weekend with?

BUUUURPPP!!! Sorry.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Does the wet weather and lack of sunshine get you down?



Belinda Brown

Richmond, B.C.

I brought the nice weather from B.C. and we are not going to get much rain for the rest of the summer.

Don Finlay

Newmarket

No, we are just starting our vacation today and today has been great!



Linda Butters

Hawk Lake

No. I just arrived at the cottage from the east coast and the weather here has been very nice compared to Arthur.



Terri Frew

Minden

No, but it would be nice if it was warmer. It takes a lot to get me down.

Eleanore Bunker

Bunker Hill

Yes. I like to be outside when it is nice and this weather makes all the weeds grow like crazy.



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What I saw on Canada Day

Dear editor,

I was at the Canada Day celebrations and observed some of the events reported in your paper concerning the Reeve Barbara Reid and Mr. Richard Bradley.

I was walking back and forth between the post office and the Legion tent (at the Prichard House). I was waiting for the Legion member Wendy Bolt to have her hair cut off for charity in front of the Legion tent.

During this time period I observed a large man, now known to me as Mr. Bradley. He was walking at times behind the reeve and at times beside her. He was always near her and at one point got into her personal space and took a photo.

When the hair cutting event was finished I left the Prichard House and walked back towards the post office. Again I observed Mr. Bradley behind the reeve.

I walked past Mr. Bradley and the reeve. The reeve at this time asked me if I had seen the OPP. As I turned towards the reeve I saw two OPP officers. I told the reeve that two officers were coming up behind her. With that Mr. Bradley lowered his head and ran off with a very awkward gait.

I did not see Mr. Bradley take any other photos beside the reeve during this time.

Joan Shaddock
Minden

Look out for wildlife on the roads

Dear editor,

Recently I've seen several letters asking motorists to be alert to animals crossing the roads. Collisions still happen, of course, lots at night or if the animal makes the inexplicable decision to double back after crossing safely.

On my way home from work, in daylight, I saw a crow picking at something in the middle of the road. A turkey was trying to get the crow away from it. Two small turkey poults had been killed and the parent was still there to protect them.

I moved the dead to the side of the road, hoping to save the parent from sharing their fate. I wondered how those

two poults couldn't have been slowed/stopped for in broad daylight. Maybe someone was being tailgated and slowing down would have resulted in an accident at 100 kilometres per hour? It was Friday around 6 p.m. and we know how traffic is at that hour. Maybe not?

What I saw was the hearth-wrenching result. Share the road applies to bicycles, but what about wildlife? One can't control the actions of a deer, turkey or rabbit, but one can control the speed at which one travels.

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Highlander news

Elvin Johnson Park receives Trillium Grant

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has approved a \$30,000 grant for the next phase of the revitalization project at Elvin Johnson Park. Algonquin Highlands councillors received the good news during a July 17 council meeting.

"That's for further park improvements in terms of picnic tables, accessories, playground equipment and support of the completion of the shoreline naturalization of that spot," said Mark Coleman, manager of trails, parks and recreation.

Coleman said that phase one of the playground project was completed during the recent Giver television series build. The township's original request to OTF was for \$41,000, but the application was revised after they received a \$10,000 contribution from the show's production company, Sinking Ship Entertainment.

Councillors expressed their delight with the recent filming, which included the support of 50-80 volunteers and a group of local kids.

"It really was a fabulous opening," said Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels.

The episode featuring the playground will air on TVO sometime next spring.

OPP in Brief

Kushog Lake crash under investigation

Haliburton Highlands OPP are investigating a marine collision on Kushog Lake. At approximately 1 a.m. on July 20, three occupants of a boat crashed into the shoreline south of Highway 35 at Ox Narrows. The driver of the boat was a 57-year-old male. He and his two passengers, one male and the other female, were transported to hospitals in Lindsay and Toronto with non-life threatening injuries. Police said the boat was seriously damaged. They also said fog and thick mist covered the lake at the time of the collision, but are

still investigating to determine if alcohol was also a factor.

Boater charged with impaired driving

A man from Blackstock, Ont., has been charged after an OPP marine patrol unit determined he had been consuming alcohol while operating a boat. On July 17 at 6:35 p.m., officers observed the boat towing a water skier that was being operated in a careless manner. The driver failed a screening test for alcohol and was arrested. Chelan Berry, 47, was charged with impaired driving, driving with 80 milligrams of alcohol, and careless operation of a vessel. His

driver's license was suspended for 90 days. Berry is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Sept. 3 to answer the charges.

Missing child found in Highlands East

A three-year-old child went missing in Gooderham on July 19 from a residence located on Tamarack Lake. The boy was last seen at 5 p.m. Police were dispatched to the residence to assist in the search. The child was later found within a kilometre of the residence, safe and without injury. Police thanked the public for their aid in the search.

Algonquin Highlands to launch photo contest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for high-quality images that will be used in the trails department's marketing materials.

"We're always in desperate need of photos for all our various promotional activities, whether it be brochures, websites, maps, trail guide booklets ... you

name it," said Mark Coleman, manager of parks, recreation and trails, in his report to council on July 17.

"It's more affordable than hiring a photographer for several hundreds of dollars a day to go out and take photos."

Photo categories include hiking, camping, winter activities and the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower.

"It will be fun," said Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The public will be able to vote by 'liking' photos that have been shortlisted by staff via the Parks, Recreation and Trails Facebook page. Voting will run from Feb. 21 to March 20.

The contest opens Aug. 1 and ends Feb. 20, 2015.

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July 28

6:30 pm, Youth Softball League Night,
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Aug 2

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Aug 4

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Aug 28

9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council,
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Please watch for signage being posted the week
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Thursdays 6:30pm to 8pm in July and August
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Pre-registration required. More details and application form at
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Photoshop Premier; August 7 Silkscreened Ts; August 14
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Highlander news

Six solar projects get support from AH council

Backing withheld from three others due to planning objections

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A Toronto-based solar development company has received support from Algonquin Highlands council to pursue six solar projects within the township.

Vlad Glebov and Ruslan Nadjafov of Green Life Power attended a July 17 council meeting to provide an overview of their proposal and request a resolution that would give them priority points through the Feed-In-Tariff (FIT) program.

"Most of the sites have a personal use, quarry use, or are zoned rural," said Glebov, the founder and CEO of the company.

Each of the company's nine proposed sites are located in the southern portion of the township, formerly known as the Township of Stanhope.

Green Life Power specializes in 500-kilowatt solar projects which are located on leased properties with five acres of land. According to Glebov, the footprint of each project is three acres and costs about \$1 million.

"Every kilowatt hour that we generate we're able to sell back to the grid," he said.

Each project can power 50-100 homes and is equivalent to protecting 327 acres of mature forest or offsetting the emissions from 85 passenger vehicles, said Glebov.

Glebov highlighted a number of local benefits including job creation, lease revenue

for landowners, community engagement, and a clean and renewable source of energy.

He explained that his company's mission is to help transition Ontario toward a more renewable way of getting electricity and integrate with the community through the projects.

Each site is half owned by a renewable energy co-op, which allows members to have a stake in the project. The co-op currently has 800 members involved in other projects.

"We haven't started a membership drive in Haliburton County, but we've already got folks who are interested," said Glebov, adding that he expects to see around 36 local members.

For each project, regulatory oversight is provided by the Ontario Power Authority, Ontario Ministry of Energy and Ontario Ministry of Environment.

"Throughout the process, we have to comply with a number of rules in addition to the application requirements."

Councillor Gord Henderson asked what would happen after the 20-year period. Glebov said that if there's still a use for solar power, the company might extend the lease and continue to sell power to the grid. The more likely option, however, would be to

decommission the site.

"We restore the site, take everything out and recycle as much of it as we can."

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she has "mixed feelings" when it comes to these types of applications.

"I like the idea of clean, renewable energy but I'm not sure that it's doing us a big favour at the moment given the cost of power and how that seems to be increasing pretty badly," said Danielsen.

I really hope that when they're looking at these solar panels, it actually inspires them.

Vlad Glebov
founder and CEO
Green Life Power

Reeve Carol Moffatt didn't question the value of solar power, but wanted to know more about how the consultation process was conducted with abutting landowners.

"There is one particular application that our planner is suggesting be denied because it has no

access. As well as that, I believe there would be very unhappy neighbours," said Moffatt.

When it came to two of the proposed sites, she also wanted to know if property owners across Halls Lake would be able to see the installations.

"Generally we just canvass the neighbourhood because we're looking for sites," answered Glebov. "We can fairly quickly tell if your area is hostile to this sort of development or not."

In most cases, trees surround the properties, said Glebov, but he couldn't guarantee that residents with a bird's-eye view wouldn't be able to see the installations.

"I really hope that when they're looking at these solar panels, it actually inspires them."

The township's planner, Gregory Corbett, recommended that council deny resolutions on three of the properties. This was due to two of the sites being in a settlement area in Carnarvon and the third lacking frontage on a municipal roadway.

"Your Official Plan does identify Carnarvon, specifically, as having the greatest potential for growth," said Corbett, when referring to sites one and six. "It's taking out a good chunk of what's been identified as your settlement area."

Council agreed with Corbett's recommendations and passed resolutions on six of the nine properties.

Despite not receiving resolutions for each property, Glebov told The Highlander he respects council's decision.

"They made the decision to pass resolutions for some and not for others, and we'll respect that and move forward," he said.

To date, the company has also received resolutions of support for four properties in Dysart and one property in Highlands East. They are currently awaiting a decision from Minden Hills.

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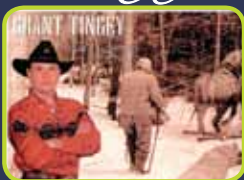
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Highlander arts

Praise for Artists' Day Festival but no commitment from AH

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Algonquin Highlands council is doing what they can to support Artists' Day Festival, a new event being organized by Oxtongue Lake for Arts and Culture (OLAC).

"The township should be very proud of this Artists' Day Festival event," said OLAC chair Chris Woods. "It is an example of community and the township working together to support the [municipal] cultural plan."

The Sept. 20 event will be held at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre and will feature a Group of Seven Outdoor Exhibit, an art show and sale with local vendors and other attractions.

Although council endorsed the event back in October of last year, Woods said it has just now come to his attention that OLAC will require a special events permit and agreement to hold the event at the community centre.

"We need council's support to sanction this non-profit, community art-based event as a township event or at least waive a special events permit and separate insurance," he said.

With a combination of grants and support from the community, nearly \$8,000 has been spent on the project so far, said Woods.

Reeve Carol Moffatt acknowledged the value of the event and the good work of OLAC, but pointed out that this was a policy discussion.

"Everyone can say that it [an event] promotes tourism ... we have to be careful around saying yes to everybody," said Moffatt. "I think we've said before, when we've had these discussions, if we're going to say yes or no it has to be for the right reasons."

Public pontoon boat tours were also highlighted in the group's plans, but Moffatt wanted to know if insurance would be provided.

"There is no insurance, we do not carry insurance," said Woods, explaining that the driver of the boat would have coverage through his business.

Council decided to direct staff to look for a solution for OLAC so that the event could go ahead as planned. Options discussed included covering the event through the township's insurance or reimbursing the organization if they obtain coverage.

"The intent is to make this work," said Moffatt.

A decision is expected to be made at the next council meeting in August.

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. *Cut and Thrust* by Stuart Woods
2. *Shots Fired* by C.J. Box
3. *The Boleyn Reckoning* by Laura Andersen

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Broccoli, Love and Dark Chocolate* by Liz Pearson
2. *Unruly Places* by Alastair Bonnett
3. *How Paris Became Paris* by Joan DeJean

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Homeroom Diaries* by James Patterson (YA)
2. *Ed and Ted and Ted's Dog Fred* by Andy Griffiths (Picture Book)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Rio 2* (DVD)
2. *The Book of Life* by Deborah Harkness (Book on CD)

Library News

Join us on July 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the Dysart branch for a morning of storytelling and crafting with Aimee Reid, author of *Mama's Day with Little Gray*. Can't make it to this session? Aimee and Little Gray will be back at the Minden branch on August 20 at 10:30 a.m. presented by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Light snack provided.

Down our Road The Shopping Trip

Clara thought she could faint from the heat. Sitting in her car at the village's main intersection, she waited for the interminable red light to change. And as she waited, car windows down, the summer temperature was slowly frying her mind and body into a soggy cranky piece of mush.

Getting through the intersection was only the first hurdle. Next would be avoiding the non-stop jay walkers who didn't seem to realize that drivers cannot see through parked cars or in two directions simultaneously. Then there would be vehicles waiting to turn in or out of parking lots, impatiently lurching forward then slamming on the brakes to avoid other equally impatient vacationers.

Because that was who all these strangers in Clara's village were. Vacationers. People either travelling through or staying briefly. They crowded the sidewalks, strolling along as though they had all the time in the world. Which they did, at least while on holidays. They packed the roads and highways with their determination to get to wherever they were going in as short a time as possible.

Clara sighed. When did she become such a grouch, she asked herself. Look around at all these happy faces, these relaxed postures, these tanned and barely covered bodies. She needed to be less judgemental and instead remember when she was one of them.

Fifty years ago going into the little village near her family's cottage for the weekly shopping trip was something they had all looked forward to. Well, at least Clara and her brothers did. Their parents might have been less thrilled. Compared to sitting on the dock sipping a cold drink, a hot crowded sidewalk or store came up short for the grownups.

But for Clara, those Thursday drives were almost as exciting as visiting the Royal Ontario Museum. True there were no mummies or stuffed animals. However, like her solo trips to the ROM, the Thursday shopping trips allowed her to wander from place to place unencumbered by parents or brothers. While they headed for grocery and hardware stores, Clara hit the drug store and gift shops.

In the drug store she tested colognes and lipsticks. She

longed to buy the stylish bathing caps covered with petal-like rubber that would make her head look like a giant pink bloom. Admiring the coquettish tilt of the model's head, she wished she too could have dreamy eyes and a flawless complexion. Her brothers had no interest in these. The magazine racks however were another story and so sometimes they would thumb through the comics or Mad Magazine while Clara prowled the cosmetics counter.

Family birthdays in July and August made it paramount for Clara to go hunting for presents. The gift shops were numerous and varied. She could purchase little signs featuring rustic-looking fellows spouting folk wisdom or slightly off-colour comments suitable for the outhouse. Or for the more refined taste, there were china salt and pepper shakers in the shape of birds or toadstools, napkins holders and ashtrays of every description. Of course back then it seemed everyone smoked cigarettes and the bigger and more colourful the ashtray, the better. Outdoor thermometers, silly bar-b-que accessories and coasters with the village's name boldly emblazoned rounded out the selection.

If Clara tired of shopping, there was always the restaurant with its chrome stools lined up along a worn counter. The smell of grease hung heavy in the air and for Clara, the best lunch was French fries and a milk shake made with real milk and ice cream. Then if there was still time before she had to join the family in the grocery store parking lot, she could watch the local kids diving off the bridge into the river. Of course they were not supposed to do it but they did anyway. Clara always thought they were a little wild and envied their apparent freedom to flaunt authority.

Then the drive back to the cottage. Her parents would look a little frazzled, their hair stuck to damp foreheads, their faces pulled into set expressions as frozen foods grew softer in the summer heat. The return trip would be quiet, Clara's brothers' noses in their comics and her parents blowing cigarette smoke



By Sharon Lynch

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Highlander arts



Photos by Courtney Griffin

A Diptych, two paintings that go together to make up one scene, as painted by artist Gwynneth Heaton (pictured right).

Open house at Maison Moose's new location

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Gwynneth Heaton, a retired librarian from the University of Toronto and former director of the Science and Medicine Library for 26 years, opened up her home over the weekend to showcase her acrylic-on-canvas artwork.

Her paintings, which are priced by size, range from abstract, to non-objective, to interpretations of reality.

"I used to go to Europe a lot, and all the rooftops of the houses were sort of all over, and this is my interpretation of them," Heaton said, indicating brightly-coloured

rooftop views.

"All my paintings have a little person in there somewhere. That's my thing."

A small figure can be spotted in each of her canvases, sometimes giving an idea of the scale of the painting. One piece in particular leads the viewer to believe the trees must be Redwoods, Heaton explained, as the person is so small in comparison to the tree trunks.

Every painting has a history. Some were inspired by Alaska and the Arctic, others by Newfoundland, Norway, and Iceland.

"Some paintings are quick," said Heaton.

"Some take months. Some I take and hang up, and add things to it. They darken over time as

they dry, so I'll add a little something here or there."

Heaton has taken one or two classes per summer at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

"It's a lot of fun. You always learn stuff. Sometimes you take something you're working on and say 'this doesn't have the zip I'd like it to have, what do you think?' and the instructor will say 'put a little of this in' and there you go."

Although skilled in a variety of painting styles, Heaton was not always an artist.

"When I was 10 at school we had an art class and we were told to paint a tree, and 10 minutes later I was done, so the teacher

asked me to wash the brushes," she said. "The next week, the teacher asked if I wanted to just wash the brushes [instead of painting], so I knew then that I couldn't paint. It was so deflating. But my mother could paint, so eventually I tried again."

It wasn't until 2000 that Heaton picked up a brush again, but it has now developed into a true hobby. Relocating from Moose Lake, Heaton now lives on the shores of Horseshoe Lake in Minden. Her studio, called Maison Moose, will retain its name despite the move.

To see Heaton's work, visit her website at maisonmoose.ca or call 705-286-0294 to set up an appointment.

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Highlander arts



Photo by Mark Arike

Chantal Chamberland is set to release her latest album, *Soirée*, in Canada on July 28.

Jazz artists warms up for Asian tour

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Chantal Chamberland loves visiting friends at their cottage in the Highlands, and she's equally as thrilled to perform in such a creative and welcoming community.

The Canadian jazz artist, who hails from Montreal, brought her sounds to Minden's Grill On the Gull for the past two weeks in preparation of her fall tour in Southeast Asia.

"It's great, I love it [here]," said Chamberland, who has been coming to the area for three or four years. "The people are super-friendly. I love the fact that there's so much music in this small town."

Raised by her grandmother, Chamberland grew up listening to many of the female jazz greats such as Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne and Billie Holiday.

She went on to study classical guitar at a college in her hometown before moving to Ontario to learn English and study at McMaster University.

But things didn't exactly go according to plan for the vocalist and musician.

"One thing led to another, I never made it to university. I met a friend, we started doing music together – sort of a pop rock kind of thing. It was all original music," she recalled.

The duo, then known as Open Mind, toured with the likes of Sarah McLachlan and Canadian folk rock band Spirit of the West.

"We did some good stuff together," said Chamberland.

The pair went their separate ways when the other member, Cynthia Kerr, moved to Australia. Chamberland moved back to Montreal when it suddenly hit her.

"I just thought it's time for me to get into jazz because I grew up with it."

Over the years, the 49-year-old has performed and recorded countless jazz standards as well as original material. Her first solo jazz album, "This Is Our Time," made its debut over 10 years ago. Chamberland is now on her sixth album, *Soirée*, which will be released at the end of this month.

"I'm not traditional jazz, I'm more contemporary jazz. I don't want to offend anybody that's traditional jazz."

Chamberland compares her style to artists like Diana Krall, Norah Jones, Molly Johnson and Holly Cole.

The new album is comprised of 15 French jazz songs, most of which have been written and recorded by other artists.

"It's mostly songs that have made a change in my life while I was growing up. It was hard to choose 15 songs from the last 30 years of my life."

Chamberland will embark on her Asia tour at the end of September. Her first date is Oct. 3 at the Shousan Theatre in Hong Kong.

Upon completion of the tour, Chamberland hopes to get back to writing and travel to Costa Rica in the winter. She then plans to start working on her seventh album.

Soirée will be online and available in stores across Canada July 28.

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Seniors get fit thanks to Community Care

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Community Care is helping seniors over 55 get in shape with their Balanced Fitness classes.

Offered Tuesdays and Thursdays in Minden at Hyland Crest, instructor Jane Schmidt leads the class through strengthening exercises geared towards each individual's ability.

"The biggest thing with group exercise, especially with this demographic, is that I always have to remind people to go at their own pace," Schmidt said. "We want to encourage self-monitoring in our exercise."

The goal of the Balanced Fitness class is to "assist people in maintaining strength," said Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach coordinator at Community Care.

"It's a drop-in class, free of charge," she said. "We've been running this class for several months and will continue until March 2015. We are hoping to continue after that time. We run the class in partnership with 'Closing the Gap', a physiotherapy agency that provides the instructor."

Minden has a good turnout for the Balanced Fitness classes, with approximately 12 participants on Tuesdays, and often over 20 on Thursdays. The class is also offered in Haliburton and Wilberforce, though a change in location has possibly limited participation, Brownsberger said.

The individuals in Thursday's Minden class

were engaged and positive about the program. One participant elaborated on her experiences.

"Balanced Fitness has changed my life immensely," she said. "It gives me assurance when walking on the stairs."

This sentiment was echoed by many of the others, one of whom chimed in, "I didn't used to have the strength to start the weed whacker, but now I do. I have a new job."

"A lot of people who didn't used to be interested in exercise are coming out," Schmidt said. "It might be that it's free, so there's nothing to lose."

One of the gentlemen noted that he suffered a heart attack two months ago, and began coming to the classes the following week.

"You'd never know now that I'd had a heart attack," he said. "For me it's self-discipline. If I didn't come here to exercise, and if I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it. We always have fun."

Balanced Fitness is offered at three locations on Tuesdays and Thursdays and open to all seniors. Classes take place in the Community Room at the Haliburton Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. at Mapleview Apartments in Wilberforce, and 2:15 p.m. at Hyland Crest in Minden. All classes are one hour long and are designed for participants to exercise at their own pace.

Falls Prevention is another available course designed for progressive exercise and education to minimize risks for seniors. A new session will begin in late summer or early fall, and pre-registration is required.



Photo by Courtney Giffin

Identical twins Diane Platt and Pam Pappas participate in the Balanced Fitness class offered in Minden.

The Falls Prevention class "is a 12-week commitment, and we need at least 10 people enrolled for it to run," Brownsberger explained. "It's two times per week, and we educate about preventing falls ... it's something like 40 per cent of falls happen at home."

Falls Prevention classes will be offered

Tuesdays and Thursdays in three locations: at the Haliburton Museum at 1 p.m., in the Minden Hospital's Fireplace Lounge at 11 a.m., and at the Wilberforce Legion at a time to be announced. For more information, and to pre-register, please call Closing the Gap Healthcare at 1-800-339-7792 ext. 4070, or email info@closingthegap.ca.



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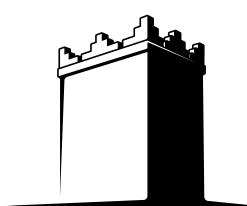
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Stewardship Youth Rangers listen to Sheila Ziman's introduction to biodiversity monitoring at Dahl Forest.

Stewardship Youth Rangers monitor biodiversity at Dahl

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

The Stewardship Youth Rangers, funded by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), spent July 21 at the Dahl Forest, just south of Gelert. The Rangers were working on a the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) project to conduct biodiversity monitoring.

Seven students, four from the Fenelon Falls area and three from the northern part of Algonquin Highlands, and two leaders spent the day test-driving a biodiversity checklist created by the HHLT.

"This will allow us to fine-tune our checklist," said Larry O'Connor, executive director of the HHLT. "Of course we do want to know the findings to create a database of species at risk in the Dahl Forest. This will establish a bit of a baseline. We're hoping to create a user-friendly checklist for visitors. It will enhance their visit to the Dahl Forest and make their experience that much richer."

The Dahl Forest, just shy of 500 acres in size, was donated to the HHLT through the Ecological Gifts program of Environment Canada. The biodiversity checklist helps ensure that the HHLT is meeting the criteria of the program, as recipients of the land must ensure the continued ecological integrity of the donated land.

"A river goes through the forest, with 250 acres on each side," O'Connor said. "It's a terrific ecological corridor, half of which is open to the public. We [at HHLT] protect habitat for species at risk for future generations. That's the nice thing about the Dahl Forest. It's a great place for grandparents to bring their grandchildren to learn about nature, and for young families to come and have a picnic."

While the biodiversity checklist project is good for collecting baseline data for the forest, it is also good for the Stewardship Youth Rangers.

"They'll get an idea of whether or not this is something they want to get into in the future," said O'Connor.

The Rangers will once again assist the HHLT on Aug. 5 as they head to Nora's Island on KENNISIS Lake. There, they will conduct maintenance work with local residents to upkeep the paths in the area.

The Stewardship Youth Rangers program is an eight-week work contract which provides 16-17 year olds the opportunity to work in and around their community on natural resource management projects. As indicated on the MNR webpage, Rangers work on projects including creating habitat for species at risk, monitoring the health of forests, maintaining Ontario parks, rehabilitating wetlands, and helping with environmental and cultural community events.

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Historic photos of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre, which was closed in 2004.

Frost Centre fades but memories remain

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's a 10-year anniversary that many people would rather forget.

Barrie Martin, a former employee of the once thriving Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre, remembers receiving the devastating news like it was yesterday.

"On July 15 of 2004 we were all called into one of the classrooms and they [the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)] announced that the Frost Centre was closing, and everybody had to be out of there in a week," said Martin in a recent phone interview.

"It was totally devastating – there were tears, it had a huge impact on people. Beyond the staff, the community just reacted."

Martin worked at the centre for 28 years as an education specialist. He fondly remembers it being a vibrant facility with learning opportunities for students, adult groups and MNR employees, among others.

"It was a wonderful place to work because you had so much going on all the time," he recalled.

The former Frost Centre employee had the opportunity to transfer to a position with the ministry in Peterborough, but that would have meant bumping someone else out of their job. Instead he chose early retirement.

Established in 1945, the facility got its start as the Ontario Forest Ranger School. In 1974, the government re-opened the school and named it after Ontario's 16th premier and the man who envisioned a

public education centre, Leslie Frost.

Situated on 912 acres just south of Dorset, the centre included more than 30 buildings and was comprised of 35 full-time staff at the time of its closure. An additional 58,000 acres of Crown land surrounds the Frost Centre area.

At the time, the MNR stated it was closing the centre because management of a training facility was not its core business. Cost savings were estimated at \$7 million over four years.

"Over the years, budgets kept whittling away at the resources that they had. Then at some point the responsibility went over to the Minden [MNR] district, so you lost that whole business of best practices," said Martin.

Local politicians and members of the community banded together in an attempt to fight the closure, which was a decision made under the McGuinty government. Supporters of the centre rallied at the MNR building in Minden and Queen's Park, thousands signed a petition against the closure and a delegation met with the then Minister of Natural Resources David Ramsay.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said she received a call from Martin, who asked if she would advocate for the centre. "I started rattling chains," said Moffatt.

"We just pulled out all the plugs and spoke wherever we could. ... It was amazing, the rallying that we were able to do."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott also attended the rallies and spoke out against the Liberal government's

decision.

"It was really shocking," said Scott. "It was devastating for Dorset as a village, economically."

The facility's longstanding history resonated with Scott, whose grandfather was a conservation officer in Haliburton County during the 1940s and 50s.

"Basically, they did it without warning. We had no time to try to develop alternatives," she said.

Before making their final decision, the provincial government reached out to the public with a request for proposals for the centre. A non-profit, charitable organization known as Friends of the Frost Centre (now Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning) came to the table with some corporate backing, but lost to former IBM executive Al Aubry.

"They gave the operation of the Frost Centre to him because he had more money in the bank at the time," said Martin, who was a member of the Friends. "We didn't have a whole bunch of time to bring together partners."

Martin said his group spent \$40,000 on a proposal for the centre going forward.

Aubry launched the Frost Centre Institute in 2007 and marketed it as an environmental and arts education summer camp. He projected that it would be self-sufficient after five years, but money ran out and the centre closed once again in 2010.

Martin is concerned about the current state of the building which sits empty and unused. He suggested the possibility of the township taking it over and using it

for their headquarters, but he admitted that would likely be too big of an undertaking.

Moffatt confirmed that a project of that magnitude just wouldn't be feasible.

"It's too big, it's too torn apart and it's just in too bad shape," she said, adding that the cost of landscaping work alone would place a burden on taxpayers.

The building and property is now being managed by Infrastructure Ontario (IO) on behalf of the owner, the Ministry of Infrastructure. This past March, 881 of the 921 acres of land were transferred to the MNR, according to IO communications advisor Ian McConachie.

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McConachie said IO is currently undertaking a buildings condition report, which will provide them an updated status of the site and buildings.

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Highlander sports



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Top: Kids gather with Rick Whitteker (Water Hero mascot) to claim their prizes after finishing the pirate paddle adventure. Right: Two girls try out paddle boarding on Lake Kashagawigamog in Haliburton. Left: A young mermaid strikes a pose on a paddleboard.

Mermaids and pirates make a splash for Water Festival

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Children transformed into mermaids and pirates, played games and developed a better understanding of the importance of water at the first SUP and Swim Fundraiser held at Halimar Resort on July 19.

"I think we'll do this every year," said Holly Bishop, event organizer and co-owner of SUPnorth, a stand up paddleboarding business in Haliburton.

The family-friendly event, which raised \$300 for the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival (HMKCWF), included paddleboard and mermaid demonstrations, kids' activities and a pirate paddle adventure. Kids received prizes at the end of the main event and were able to take aim at a pinata full of goodies.

Irene Heaven, coordinator of the HMKCWF,

was thrilled to receive such support from a local business.

"I thought it was an awesome idea," said Heaven, referring to the event. "It gets our name out there too, which usually doesn't happen until September when [we host] the Water Festival."

Over 1,200 children across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will attend the 10th annual festival at the Kinark Outdoor Centre in Minden from Sept. 29-30. A number of experts will teach the students about water and its importance to the natural environment.

It costs approximately \$34,000 to put on the event each year, said Heaven.

Those interested in donating to the festival can do so by visiting hmwaterfestival.ca. Tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

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Make it Minden counting down to 2015 Pan Am Games

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Kayaking and stand up paddleboarding (SUP) proved quite the attraction for last week's family programming in Minden at the unofficial kick-off for the one-year countdown to the Pan Am Games.

"This is an amazing turnout for a Make it Minden event," said organizer Lynda Litwin. "We do something every week for families mid-week, and we never know what the turnout will be like."

Young and old alike geared up to try kayaking and paddleboarding on the Gull River. All equipment was provided by Algonquin Outfitters, located on Highway 35 just north of Water Street.

Many of the participants were cottagers from various lakes in the region, including Liam, Dave, and Tammy Wellstood who cottage on Gull Lake. Nine-year-old Liam is an avid kayaker with his father Dave, and was excited at the prospect of trying out a



Left: Evan Wall, 16, tests out a whitewater kayak. Right: The Wellstood family does some yoga in preparation for the water activities.

paddleboard. While Liam and Dave sampled the water activities and even did some yoga on the paddleboards, mother Tammy looked on from the banks of the river.

"She's the support for all our outdoor activities," said Dave.

Participants in the event had various levels of experience with the equipment, ranging from wary first-timers to whitewater kayaking experts. Jeff Cook from Algonquin Outfitters was quick to help all individuals get their safety gear on and get them into



Photos by Courtney Griffin

kayaks and onto paddleboards. He later demonstrated some whitewater kayaking skills including rolls and bow stalls.

At one point in the evening, a novice kayaker ended up too far downstream of the event and his kayak got stuck in an overhanging tree. Cook quickly went down the river and pulled the fellow onto the back of his whitewater kayak, leaving the other vessel in the branches. Event participants Connor Cowan and Russ Duhaime paddled downstream to disentangle the kayak and

tow it to shore.

Duhaime, property manager at the Minden Wild Water Preserve, encourages everyone to try out whitewater sports at their open evenings every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Participants in the open evening events must be members of Whitewater Ontario, which has an annual fee of \$30, as the memberships provide access to all equipment at the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

The Minden Wild Water Preserve will play host to the Canoe and Kayak Slalom in the 2015 Pan Am Games, based out of Toronto. The Pan Am Games have never held the slalom on a natural whitewater course like the one in Minden. Duhaime says that an event will be held in August as a precursor to the Games which will test the facilities.

While the Pan Am Games are a year away, the next Make it Minden event will be held on July 30 with the Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale. This one-day event runs from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on the main street of Minden.

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Junior highlanders



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Young anglers bring in their catches for Uncle Bob's Rock Bass Derby

The kids were hauling loads of fish from Highlands East lakes on the weekend during the annual Uncle Bob's Rock Bass Derby. Twenty-two children between the ages of three and 12 participated in the event, in memory of Bob Hayward. It was a total weight event with each child receiving a medal and prize. The top five winners were: Marley Murray (17.97 lbs), Katie DeMelo (15.58 lbs), Stephanie Rogers (15.09 lbs), Michael Rogers (14.19 lbs), and Alex and Parker Levia (12.95 lbs).

My driving dilemma ————— Through my eyes

I have never learned to drive. I have at times considered getting my license and been excited by the freedom it would give me.

I researched driver's education in school but never followed through with lessons for two reasons. First, I am not a traveller and don't participate in many social outings, and second, because I am terrified of the open road.

The road is a dangerous place for even the most experienced drivers, and I can't visualize getting out there in the middle of the fray with little to no experience. I can't imagine navigating the myriad of obstacles while trying to apply all the rules of the road. Just remembering all of the traffic regulations, road signs and emergency information is overwhelming without being

behind the wheel. Some other things I see drivers having to deal with are out-of-town drivers who are not familiar with our roads, drivers who don't exercise road courtesy, and others who don't know how to drive correctly.

Car accidents can happen anywhere. They are tragic yet commonplace. We hear about them on the news, read about them in the paper, and see it firsthand. All of these things stick in my mind and are a deterrent to tackling the task of learning to drive. I don't want to be responsible for causing harm to other drivers, my passengers or pets.

According to MADD, young people have the highest rates of traffic death and injury per capita among all age groups and the highest death rate per kilometer driven

among all drivers under 75 years of age. More 19-year-olds die or are seriously injured than any other age group.

Teenagers in particular need to focus on driving, ignore their cell phones, and not play loud music. The vehicle is to get from point A to point B. It's not a pleasure cruise.

Some people, not just teenagers, refuse to follow simple rules when it comes to drinking and driving. Call a taxi, have a designated driver, or just don't drink in the first place. Other causes of accidents are not paying attention and cell phone use while driving. This is why in Canada some provinces have upped the age requirement of when you can apply for a full privilege driver's license. I believe that this has been done to allow teenagers to become more mature and more in tune with the


responsibilities and consequences of driving.

In Ontario you can get you learner's permit (G1) at the age of 16 which you must hold for 12 months before you can advance to your probationary license (G2), however if you have completed a ministry approved driver education course you can get your (G2) after eight months.

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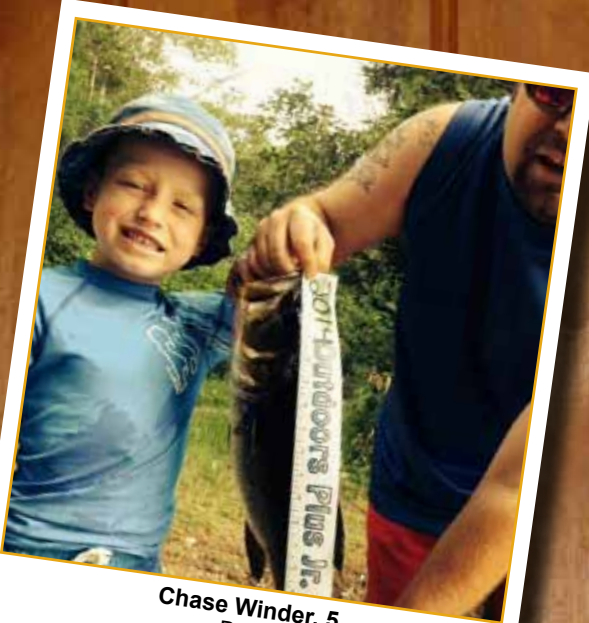
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Dusk Dances 2014



Dancers dazzle and delight at eighth annual event

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

One of the most well-attended performing arts events of the summer returned to Head Lake Park in Haliburton last week for its eighth season.

Over 1,400 people took in Dusk Dances Haliburton between July 17 and 20. Each evening included four dance pieces, one of which featured local youth and was choreographed by Julie Barban of Heritage Ballet. Before each show, live entertainment was provided by Phil McMahon and The Boggy Road Boys, and a variety of free dance workshops were made available to the public.

"We had great crowds and we were really pleased with the entire event," said Jim Blake,

event organizer and Dusk Dances committee member.

Spectators were encouraged to make a donation at the pay-what-you-can event, and many were generous. In total about \$5,400 was raised, said Blake.

This year, Dusk Dances Inc. is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The festival got its start in Toronto and was founded by dancer/choreographer Sylvie Bouchard.

"Dusk Dances began with a strong desire to build bridges between dance artists and the general public, lower the theatre walls, and bring access to the art form," stated Bouchard in the festival's program.

Bouchard starred alongside Brendan Wyatt in "Unquiet Winds," a piece that incorporated Japanese Butoh dance moves.

Photos by Mark Arike

Above: The evening's master of ceremonies, Dan Watson, blindfolds a young audience member who volunteered to participate in a game following one of the dance performances. Top: Julian Anderson, left, holds on to fellow dancer Rebecca Hamilton during the premiere of "Evenfall," a locally choreographed piece. Right: A crowd gathered in Head Lake Park to enjoy Dusk Dances.

Dusk Dances 2014



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Left: Natalya Gimon performs in the local production, "Evenfall". Top: The members of Throwdown Collective, from left Brodie Stevenson, Zhenya Cerneacov and Mairéad Filgate, lean up against their broken down Chevette in "1981FM," a dance piece inspired by the 1980s. Above: Brendan Wyatt, a core member of Dusk Dances, looks above in a stirring performance titled "Unquiet Winds."

Highlander events



Pennies count

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Who says pennies are worthless?

Highlands East kids and families bid on over 200 items at the annual penny raffle in Wilberforce on July 19. For the value of a penny, one family even walked away with a set of Toronto Maple Leafs tickets.

"It went pretty good," said Kathy Rogers, event organizer. "We were probably over the \$3,000 mark, almost exactly the same as last year for the Library Launchers. That was good."

Money raised at the event will be donated to the Wilberforce Curling Club to help purchase halo helmets for the junior curling program. Rogers said she doesn't have the exact total yet because expenses are still being tallied.

Prizes were donated by community members and local businesses, she said.

"[This is a] big time community event," Rogers said.

More than just a raffle, kids were able to spend time making a crazy hat at the Mad Hatter's table, and games were set up for them as well. Volunteers helped keep track of winning tickets and brought prizes from the tables to the winners during the draw.

The Wilberforce Scotiabank branch had a table where they sold tickets for a carved bear. The money raised from sales of those tickets will be matched by Scotiabank and used to refurbish the clock and scoreboard at the Wilberforce arena.

Tickets will be sold until Aug. 29 at the Wilberforce branch.

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Ryan Rupnow (left), Bridgette Byrne and Madalyn Byrne show off their crazy hats made during the Penny Raffle in Wilberforce.

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Left: Bill and Lorraine Campbell show off their 1941 Ford pickup truck. Right: Bob Winder with his 1987 El Camino.

Time Travellers show off their wheels

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Every second Thursday, antique automobiles line the paths at Kawartha Dairy as members of the Haliburton Time Travellers club show off their vehicles.

Each of the vehicles at last Thursday's event had been restored, by either former or current owners.

Bill and Lorraine Campbell of Kinmount sat beside their high-lustre red 1941 Ford pickup truck eating some Kawartha Dairy ice cream.

"We usually bring the '36 International pickup [to these events] as it only gets up to 45 miles an hour on the highway," said Bill.

The Campbells have five antique vehicles in total, including a 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck, a 1938 Dodge pickup, and a 1941 Ford coupe.

When asked if they drive the antiques all the time or if they have a modern-day vehicle, Lorraine laughed and said she has a more reliable car at home.

"I've got a 2012 Buick because I might want to get somewhere," she said.

The Campbells frequently attend other such car meets, at Lindsay's A&W on Wednesdays, and in Bridgenorth on Mondays.

"There have been a lot of rainy Mondays," said Lorraine. "You don't take [the antique vehicles] out when you're going to get wet due to the wood in the back of them."

Windshield wipers on old vehicles are not what they are today, because they "don't work very well as they're vacuum-run from the engine. As soon as you step on the gas, the wipers stop."

While some people have owned antique

vehicles for years, some, such as Haliburton's Bob Winder, have only just entered the domain. Winder is the proud owner of a black 1987 El Camino which he obtained about two years ago.

"It's from the last year El Camino's were made," Winder said.

The Haliburton Time Travellers will be back at Kawartha Dairy on July 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to show off and discuss their classic vehicles with both the public and other Travellers. The event is free to attend and is open to the public.



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Celebrating heritage

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

From antique cars to learning how to make candles or use a traditional loom, Stanhope Heritage Day had something for everyone.

On July 19, the Stanhope Museum was flooded with visitors eager to learn about the area's heritage.

"I thought it went great," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "We got a late start so we were a little unsure about how it would go. There were a few less demonstrators this year than we had last year, but the end result seemed to be really good."

Danielsen said the weather was perfect and the demonstrators were all keen to interact with the public.

"The antique cars showed up and they're always fun," she said. "I got nothing but fabulous reviews as folks left."

This is the event's 11th year, said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"It's important not only for Algonquin Highlands but also for the county because it highlights many traditional trades and crafts of our forebears," she said.

Moffatt said there around 1,000 participants in the event, and that demonstrators came from across the Highlands and beyond.

"It's a pretty big event for a small



Photos **Matthew Desrosiers**

Top: Patrick Joseph Bain and Teanna Bain had their faces painted at Stanhope Heritage Day. Above: Bob Mann of Highlands Printing shows Cordelia Jamieson (left), 11, and Annabelle Jamieson, 9, how to use an old press.

organization like the Stanhope Museum," she said. "It's fun, it's educational and we hear over and over that both the public and the demonstrators just love the event."

Danielsen said she hopes to see the event continue to grow.

"It makes me so fulfilled to see so many people celebrating the history of that area [Stanhope]," she said. "To see an event like that in our ward and to see so many people be able to meet and mix, it just is a good-feeling day."

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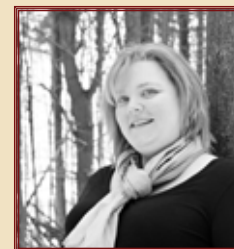
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Left: Barry and Lorraine Spence of Acoustical Strings play for a damp crowd Sunday morning. Right: Rotarians Dave Bonham and Johanna Penfold man the Rotary booth.

Bluegrass Festival a foot-stomping success

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Toes were tapping despite the rain at the Minden Bluegrass Festival from July 18-20. Nine bands, scouted and selected from the Central Canada Bluegrass Awards roster, provided entertainment over the three-day festival for 500-600 spectators.

The festival was put on by four local groups, including the Minden Rotary Club, Minden Kin Club, Minden Legion, and the Minden Agricultural Society.

“It takes about a year to plan,” said Dennis Casey, lead organizer for Minden Rotary. “Planning starts in August, then we meet regularly from February on.”

In total, 167 trailers were parked at the fairgrounds for the event, including 152 private trailers and 15 band-related trailers.

The cost per person for a weekend pass and campsite was \$75, and the event raised a \$8,000-\$9,000 despite costs of about \$23,000 for the nine bands and sound equipment.

“That money is above and beyond the costs,” said Casey. “Whatever each group makes, they keep.”

For instance, the Kinsmen will be entitled to the funds collected for the campsites.

“The thing is that the local groups make the money,” Casey said. “The money stays here.”

The four clubs provided 50 to 60 volunteers to make the event a success.

For its portion of the proceeds, Minden Rotary Club is building a fund which will financially secure the festival for the next year by creating a financial safety net, he said.

Casey believes the event has been good for the local economy and that there was an upswing in local business over the weekend.

“Apparently the Legion’s fish fry was very

successful, because instead of cooking Friday night, [campers] went there for dinner.”

Campers frequented the town for restaurant meals, and headed to Canadian Tire for supplies when required.

Spectators came from far and wide for the Minden Bluegrass Festival, many from London, Owen Sound, Oshawa and Durham, and Quinte. One particular individual from New Liskeard, Garry Calaezzi, braved the rain on Sunday morning as he sat in a poncho on a lawn chair to watch the performances.

The Spence family, also known as Acoustical Strings, consisted of Barry on the guitar, father Roger on the dobro, and sister Lorraine on the bass. They played their set on Sunday morning during the rain. Barry gave a grateful shout-out, noting the dedication of the poncho-clad spectators.

“It’s not uncommon,” Casey said. “There’s always some who will sit in the rain all day. I

don’t know how they do it.”

Visiting spectator John Squire of Stainer, Ont., had never been to Minden prior to the Bluegrass Festival.


“I’ve never been here before, but it’s a nice little town,” he said. “You can see where the main downtown is, and how it’s grown from there. Something we noticed about this festival is the 22-30 year olds. That’s really encouraging because those young people are our future. Usually Bluegrass is all for old people.”

Rotary members added their praises to Squire’s comments.

“It’s been a great weekend,” said Dave Bonham. “Great music, and a wonderful Gospel music set this morning.”

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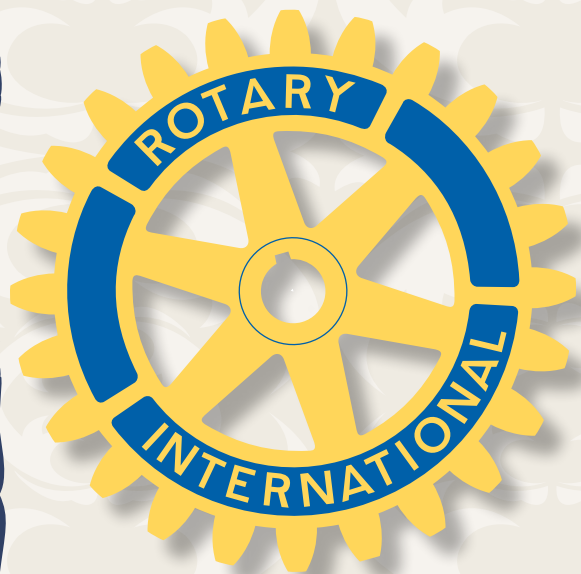
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What's on



Tour to showcase 20 artists during August long weekend

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's the summer tour that highlights the work of 20 artists and can be completed in just one day.

Local potter and jeweller Barbara Joy Peel is one of the founding members of the Tour de Forest, which is celebrating its eighth year in the Highlands. The tour runs from Aug. 2-3.

"There are a lot of good artists in the area that at this point in their career don't qualify to go on the [Haliburton County] Studio Tour," said Joy Peel.

"A lot of the artists that we have as guests

are great artists, but most of them do other things or they just don't have the amount of stock. This gives them an opportunity to see what it's like to be on a tour."

Joy Peel, along with fellow artists Jane Selbie and Tom Green, came up with the concept for the artisans tour nine years ago.

This year's tour will feature eight stops with one to four guests at each studio. Artistic mediums will include, but are not limited to acrylic, mixed media, glass, fabric and pottery.

"The drawing card is the main studio, because we're already known," she said.

Artists are chosen through a juried process, which occurs after a call for entry is put out in



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Founding Tour de Forest member Barbara Joy Peel decorates a clay fruit basket in her Haliburton studio. Above: A collection of pottery on display during the tour.

the fall. Current tour members also reach out to other artists and invite them to apply.

Joy Peel said that of the 10 artists who applied, a couple of them were turned down.

As a veteran artist, Joy Peel says she enjoys being able to help other artists grow and experience such a tour.

"It's encouraging others," she said. "My daughter [Susan MacDonald] was a guest

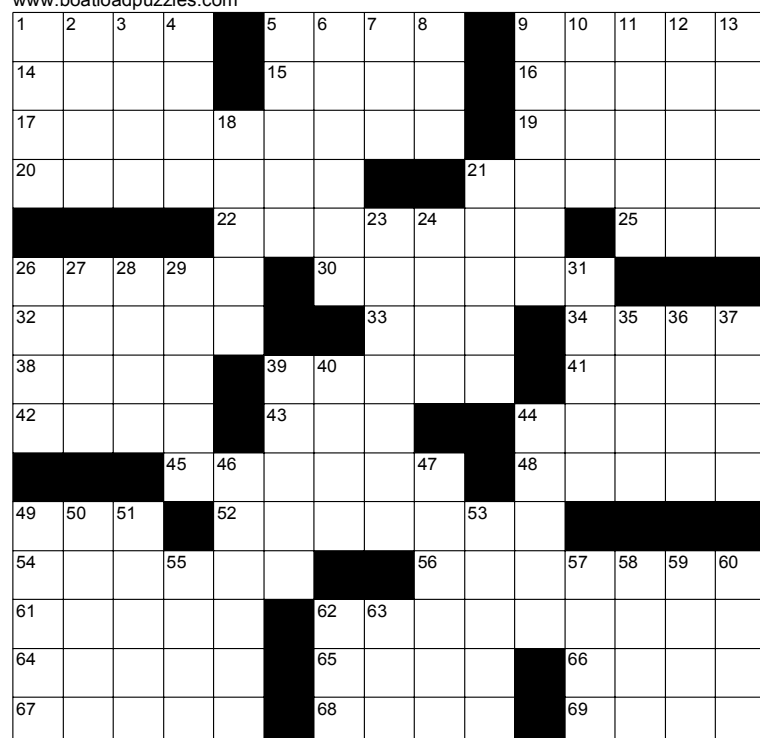
here for two years, and now she has her own studio and is on the fall tour."

Participating artists are currently handing out "appreciation cards," which entitle shoppers to 10 per cent off any purchase made during the tour dates.

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14. Angel's headwear
15. Greek god
16. Weighing device
17. Count
19. Glossy fabric
20. Arch enemy
21. Undergo genetic alteration
22. Stricter
25. Fisherman's tool
26. Scent
30. Bookworm
32. Pass on
33. Spy org.
34. Frosted
38. Fixed charges
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41. Explorer Marco ____
42. Mailbox opening
43. Mummy name
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45. Of the backbone
48. Beneath
49. Hush!
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54. Taunts
56. Zodiac sign
61. Start
62. Insides
64. Eight musicians
65. Youth
66. Labor
67. Cautious
68. Dispatched
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4. A few
5. Worth
6. Blackboard cleaner
7. Spoil
8. Compass point (abbr.)
9. Promise
10. Scram!
11. The Devil
12. Select group
13. Dogma
18. Writing assignment
21. Hero's award
23. Dance performance
24. Metal fastener
26. Pound sounds
27. Stagger
28. Butter alternative
29. Sail supports
31. Mature
35. Thin rope
36. More
37. Performer
39. Pigpens
40. Salad fish
44. Private teacher
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49. Counter seat
50. Therefore
51. Swiftiness
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55. Soothsayer
57. Glamorous ____ Hayworth
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59. Spring flower
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62. ____ a boy!
63. Originally called

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
I Hate Hamlet Highlands Summer Festival Live Theatre More info: highlandsummerfestival.on.ca	Haliburton Sculpture Forest free guided tours, 10-11:30 a.m. – meet at the kiosk at Fleming College parking lot Bandshell Music in the Park From July 8 - August 12 Haliburton Head Lake Park 7 p.m.	Haliburton Ghost Walk Meet at Heritage House Cafe \$10 (adult), \$5 (child) 6:30 p.m. I Hate Hamlet Highlands Summer Festival Live Theatre More info: highlandsummerfestival.on.ca	Haliburton Legion Ladies' meeting, 1 p.m. Find your next issue of The Highlander at over 100 locations!
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
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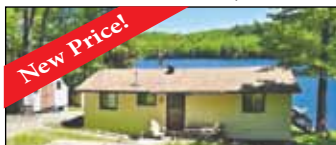
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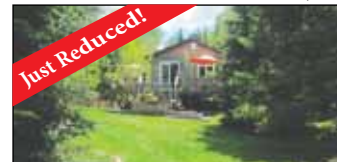


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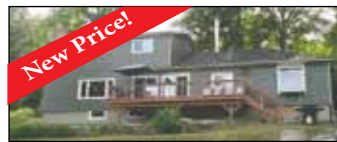


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BACKING ON TO CROWN LAND \$239,900



- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,500 sq. ft. of living space
- Easy walk to lakes, trails and marina
- Full finished lower level, sunroom
- Attached double, detached single garages
- Year round access, organic gardens

SIMPLY PERFECTION \$148,900



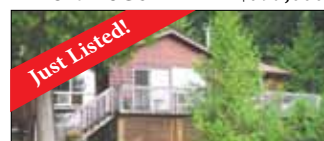
- 2 bedroom, 1.5 baths, 1,580 square feet
- Meticulously maintained with studio
- Front deck and rear screened area
- Level lot, year round access
- Close to boat launch and trails

780 FEET ON WHITE LAKE \$895,000



- 26 acres with frontage on 2 lakes!
- 4 bedroom year round with basement
- 6 car garage with guest house above
- 25' X 20' 2-slip boathouse
- Off the grid - top of the line technology

FORTESCUE LAKE \$375,000



- 3 bedrooms plus guest cabin
- At the waters edge, 140 feet of shoreline
- Gorgeous lakefront, great swimming
- Well maintained, new windows
- Fabulous dock, all day sun



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IN TOWN HOME \$172,000



- 3 bedroom, 1,000 square feet of living space
- Large yard with creek along side
- Sunroom, workshop
- Close to town and all amenities
- Move in and enjoy

TWO FAMILY HOME \$599,500



- 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 4,000 square feet
- 120 feet of frontage with clean sand shoreline
- Full lower level walkout
- Year round access with ample parking
- 26' X 24' detached & 28' X 24' attached garages

FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$439,900



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

NEWER COTTAGE \$424,900



- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,750 square foot home/cottage
- 122 feet of frontage, 1.22 acres
- Quiet, peaceful setting to swim and enjoy
- Vaulted ceiling, open concept, lakeside views
- Finished and furnished - Move right in



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