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Photo by Mark Arike

Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman dazzled an audience with her vocal range on Aug. 14 as part of The Forest Festival. See story on page 29.

OPP billing model falls short for Haliburton

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

The new OPP billing model, which is expected to increase policing costs in Haliburton County by more than \$3 million, will be implemented by the province on Jan. 1, 2015.

And although the County of Haliburton

issued a statement saying it was "disappointed" with the new model, it doesn't appear there will be room for negotiation.

County Warden Dave Burton spoke to Ontario Community Safety Minister, Yasir Naqvi, during the recent Association of Municipalities Ontario's (AMO) annual conference held in London.

"They're not willing to even budge on the

seasonal component that we were trying to put in there, so it's pretty much a done deal," said Burton in a phone interview on Aug. 19. "He said he doesn't think it would be fair – and that's about it."

Under the new billing model, which was presented to the media on Aug. 14 by Naqvi, the same services provided to all four municipalities are expected to more than

double in cost from \$3.3 million to \$6.5 million.

With the model, 60 per cent of a municipality's bill for policing will be made up of base costs (patrols, operating expenses, crime prevention activities, etc.) while the remaining 40 percent will be calculated on calls for service (accidents, crimes in progress, etc.).

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Officers circle Head Lake after pulling the body of Haliburton resident Kalie Ma from the water on Aug. 15.

Missing woman's body pulled from Head Lake

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The body of a missing 33-year-old Haliburton woman was retrieved from Head Lake by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on Aug. 15.

OPP Const. Carrie Lanning of the City of Kawartha Lakes detachment confirmed that the deceased, identified as Kalie Ma, was located by helicopter in the water. Foul play is not suspected in her death.

Just before 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 14, Haliburton Highlands OPP were notified that Ma had wandered from her residence west of Haliburton. She was last seen at her home around 8 p.m. the night before.

Several OPP resources were brought in to help search for Ma, including detachment officers, the canine and Emergency Response Team, the OPP's helicopter and Snowmobile ATV Vessel Enforcement Units.

The OPP would like to thank the public for their assistance.

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Province won't help with rising police costs

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According to Naqvi, the estimated base cost will be \$203 per property and annual increases will be capped at \$40 per property, over the next five years. Residential, commercial and industrial properties are included in the formula.

"Today's announcement shows that through constructive dialogue and productive conversation, comes real action to increase fairness, equity and transparency around OPP billing," said Naqvi during the teleconference.

"This will provide stability and predictability for both taxpayers and municipalities," he said, calling the model fair and equitable for all municipalities.

With the current cost-recovery formula, base services account for 73 per cent of the bill while calls for service amount to 27 per cent. This model, which serves 324 municipalities across the province, hasn't been updated in nearly 17 years, said Naqvi.

In 2012, the auditor general identified issues with the current model and recommended that it be changed.

As part of the process, the AMO

developed an OPP billing steering committee which included representation from Haliburton County in the form of Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. The committee was comprised of representatives from several municipalities, some of which faced increases under a new model and others that anticipated a decrease.

In April, the committee determined that a 50 per cent household/50 per cent weighted assessment be used to calculate the base cost. With the AMO's revised model, policing costs in Haliburton County were expected to skyrocket to \$8.5 million,

or \$369 per household.

In an effort to lobby against the proposed model, the county organized a campaign known as OPP May Day in May. Local residents were asked to get on social media, phone and write government officials to explain how the model would negatively impact them.

While local municipal officials are somewhat pleased to see the inclusion of commercial and industrial properties – one of the changes they advocated for – the final outcome could have been better.

"I would say by and large we are all individually, collectively disappointed in the announcement," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "We had hoped that our lobby and OPP May Day would've produced more tangible results than has happened."

Although municipalities aren't expected to find out what their variable costs will be until the fall, Moffatt said it appears as though Algonquin Highlands will be hardest hit in the county.

"We still think it's unfair and that you should pay for the services you use," she said.

In his call, Naqvi said that just because some communities have a high number of seasonal residents and properties are left vacant during the winter months doesn't mean that police are less active in those areas.

"Policing services are provided year-round, 24 hours a day, both to people and property.

Just because in the winter months you have fewer people in those communities does not mean that OPP is not actively making sure that the properties ... are not being sufficiently protected as well," he explained.

Naqvi added that the OPP actually

increase their level of service during the summer months in areas with an influx of seasonal residents. He said more officers are on the ground and other resources, such as marine units, are utilized.

According to the county's press release, these two statements made by Naqvi contain inaccurate information.

"The minister's statement that there are policing enhancements in cottage country during the summer is incorrect. In fact, while call volumes increase due to a greater number of people in the county, there are no extra officers assigned to this area.

"Secondly, due to the inaccessible nature of many private cottage roads in the winter, seasonal properties cannot be patrolled year round," stated the release, which was signed by Burton.

Reid was disappointed with Naqvi's "misstatements," and called the new model "anything but fair and equitable."

"After all this time, no one has brought any statistical evidence to Haliburton County demonstrating that we are not paying our fair share of policing costs," she said.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey isn't at all surprised that the ministry adopted the per property formula, but said it will "never be right as long as households are the base."

"There are many cottagers here where there's five months of the year that you can hardly even get to them," said Fearrey. "To say they're the same is almost irrelevant."

Fearrey said he hopes to see some mitigation funding made available through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund to help ease the pain.

However, based on the information that Burton received, no financial assistance would be available to the county.

"The question was asked of him [Naqvi] if there's any funding to help us with this, and there's not," he said.

Of the municipalities served by the OPP, 207 will see their policing costs rise while 115 expect to see a decrease.

After all this time, no one has brought any statistical evidence to Haliburton County demonstrating that we are not paying our fair share of policing costs.

Barb Reid

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Editorial opinion

Free parking

Tuesday was so promising.

Highland Street in Haliburton Village was lined on both sides with parked cars, bumper to bumper, possibly indicating a very busy day for the village's retailers. It was Come to Town Tuesdays, after all – the BIA's initiative to attract shoppers by extending stores hours into the evening.

To its credit, the BIA is trying to train shoppers to come into town and spend their money there. But there's another group working against them – the Municipality of Dysart et al.

On Tuesday, many of those cars along Highland Street had parking tickets stuffed under their windshield wipers. While the shoppers were shopping, the bylaw officer was ticketing – a weird way to thank people for shopping locally.

One would think that if the BIA is trying to drum up business, the municipality might have teamed up and called it Come to Town and Park for Free Tuesdays. That would have been far more welcoming. Instead, they've punished people for behaving as requested.

Training a person is no different than training a dog. Punish them for doing something and they'll think twice before doing it again. The last thing you want to do when training is to punish a good behaviour – like, say, shopping locally.

It was a case of the left hand not knowing – or caring – what the right hand was doing, and as a result, ticketed shoppers will be unlikely to return next Tuesday to shop again.

What should have happened here – and maybe it did – is that the BIA should have approached council and requested parking fee exemptions on special promotion days, such as Come to Town Tuesdays.

There are two ways to think about free

parking days.

The first is to dwell on how much revenue the municipality would lose on a busy day if parking were free. The second is to consider how much income businesses would gain and how much more solid that makes future municipal tax revenue.

The priority should be for the businesses, to keep them healthy and sustainable and to help them where possible. What good is that day's parking revenue if the town's businesses close their doors, one by one? The municipality relies on its businesses for the sustainability of its economy. Without them, well, there's no town left to spend money on.

There are a lot of good ideas in Haliburton, like Come to Town Tuesdays, that fail or are hampered by either the inability or unwillingness of certain organizations to cooperate. Another Tuesday event – music in the park – might have had more success had the organizers asked for and received funds to rent a tent or rain shelter. Instead, the persistently inclement weather kept people away from a beautiful new venue.

Come to Town Tuesdays isn't dead in the water. If anything this debacle has highlighted an issue that can be easily fixed. If the municipality isn't pro-active, the BIA should make a formal request, on behalf of its members, to have free parking on its promotional days.

For its part, the municipality should gladly exempt shoppers from paying for parking on those days and show its full support for the town's businesses.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Our democratic deficit

The problem of low voter turnout has been noted for some time by politicians and those who watch them. If the October municipal election is like others before, maybe half of eligible voters will get off their duffs to cast a ballot. In a three-way race such as we have in Minden for reeve, that means someone could be elected by just 17 per cent of the population.

The reasons citizens fail to exercise their right to vote are well known: disgust with politics, politicians and the choices on offer; and general disengagement of the kind that happens when PS4s become more important to the average family than PTAs. The isolation technology engenders, combined with the insidious frivolity mass media seems intent on hammering into our brains through every possible channel, have made it too easy to ignore elections that many have come to believe don't make much of a difference anyway.

Now this trend has moved a step further. If current events are any indication, nobody's even interested in running for office.

It's not like we don't have a few firebrands here in Haliburton County, not to mention champion volunteers, opinionated know-it-alls, successful business people and a lot of very qualified and experienced retirees. Yet

running for political office – serving the community and actually getting

paid for it – doesn't attract a tenth of the interest as does whichever fundraiser is happening in a given week. In fact, in three out of four municipalities, there is no challenger for the top position and many of the wards are also uncontested. In the recent Conservative Party nomination, there was exactly one applicant to be their riding candidate in 2015, someone who just happens to be the assistant to the man currently holding the position.

While it's understandable to look at some of our political machinations and run in the opposite direction, the lack of interest is incongruous with the image we like to hold of ourselves as community-spirited. True, public office is a thankless task where you have to compromise your ideals to move ahead, and in which at least half the people you run into hate you at least half the time. But public office is still a worthy and potentially honourable pursuit. If citizens won't toil in the fields of politics, those fields inevitably become unproductive.

A chicken-and-egg problem to be sure. But right now, there seem to be a lot of chickens.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

RE: OPP Billing Reform

Open letter to the Hon. Yasir Naqvi, Minister of Community Safety and Community Services

There's nothing fair about your "Fairness, Equity and Transparency" plan to raise property taxes. Speaking only about Highlands East, I'm taking into consideration the population, the poverty, the low crime rate, the average age in the community, the few year-round residents and the almost invisible police presence – all say that your method of "fairness" is greatly flawed.

As a permanent resident for the past six years, my property taxes have more than doubled, my pension has remained the same, and I'm getting no more service for my buck. Your method of "fairness" increases my taxes and gives me nothing in return. In your mind, that is fair.

As to your cost per call, you forgot that the mandate of the police is to serve and protect.

A portion of our tax dollars pay for the police to be the on the job 24/7, no matter if he or she is sitting in the office or on road patrol. Making an emergency call is part of the job.

As noted in my previous letter, just about every other business is downsizing and cutting cost by trimming the fat in order to stay afloat. Running the police department is no different. Start by trimming the fat, by keeping police vehicles a little longer, stop buying expensive ATVs, snowmobiles, boats, beefed-up fast cars and other expensive toys. Only then can you justify increases, and only to the communities where police services have increased.

This you can truly call a "Fairness, Equity and Transparency" plan.

Brad Bradshaw
Tory Hill

Reeve's letter raises more questions

Dear editor,

I read with interest your coverage of Minden Hills Reeve Barbara Reid's letter that the Minden Hills councillors now report was not authorized, an assertion that has been confirmed by Minden Hills CAO Lorrie Blanchard.

From this I have many questions, however these two seem the most important:

1. How many other, if any, unauthorized letters have been created by Minden Hills Reeve Barbara Reid or anyone else that council and the electorate are not aware of and what checks and balances are in place to prevent this from occurring?
2. How many other, if any, unauthorized letters have been created by Minden Hills Reeve Barbara Reid or anyone else that council are aware of that may have

been discussed in closed session that the electorate are not aware of?

This is the kind of issue that needs to be fully investigated by a third party like the Ontario Ombudsman or if this behaviour is illegal then by the Ontario Provincial Police or the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As I stated previously, this revelation raises many questions but we the electorate are entitled to know the answers to these two to allow us to establish a baseline from which to navigate our search for the truth.

Over to you Larry, Brigitte, Ken, Barb, Jean, Lisa and Cheryl.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Bradley
Moore Falls

Photo of the week



Heron on Head Lake.

Photo by Tammy Nash

Thanks to Legion golf supporters

Dear editor,

On Aug. 9, Branch 129 of the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion held their 10th annual Jack Gorin Memorial golf tournament at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course. Good weather and a full tournament made it an exciting day for the \$10,000 hole in one contest, supplied by Brad Park of Haliburton Foodland. Although there were some close calls, unfortunately no one was successful.

The overall tournament winners were the team of Dave Allen, Dave Ablet, Glen Smith

and John Wagenaar.

The Legion would like to thank the following sponsors: Molsons, Dawson Ins., V&S, Emmerson's, TimberMart, Independent Grocers, McKecks, Foodland, The Beer Store, County Auto, Home Hardware, Curry Mortors, and Rexall Drug Store.

Also thanks to the many individuals who supplied prizes that helped to make the day a great success.

Dave Allen
Branch 129

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A cuppa with real squeak

It was hard to put delicately, to gild my words in roses, to bring to general attention without fear of, how should I put it, literal guttural consternation. But something had to be said, especially as a good proportion of our party were already 'mmming and 'ahhing' over their steaming morning cup of Joe.

"Erm... there's a dead mouse floating in the coffee maker..." I ventured, not quite knowing how else to announce my discovery.

Twas as if I had quietly smuggled in and then stamped on a flatulent skunk, such were the reactions to my statement.

"SPPPTTTTTT! BLEURGH!" Coffee showered forth from almost everyone currently imbibing of their morning pick-me-up. One person convulsed, gripping both stomach and mouth as she hobbled to the bathroom, dry heaving all the way. Doors were flung open and people burst outside, escaping the macabre scene. Pyjama-clad guests hung heavily over the deck handrail grimacing and sucking in fresh air. For my part, I stood amidst the commotion not quite able to take my eyes off of the mouse, who floated upside down, eyes and mouth wide open, in the water reservoir of the state-of-the-

art Keurig coffee machine.

The poor little devil looked kind of upset, I thought. Obviously, a crafty drink from the coffee machine had turned very quickly into an unexpected bath and then a slow lingering death, all while the human inhabitants of the cottage slept soundly. What a way to go.

The morning had begun so wonderfully, too. I'd been up at first light and out in a canoe fly fishing while everyone else was still asleep. Greeted by a lake painted in hues of grey and pink, its mirrored surface disturbed only slightly by a family of feeding loons, I'd pushed off from the dock immersing myself into this tranquility. I only panicked mildly as a dock spider the size of a beagle poked her head out to say hello and then I was at one with nature.

I say that, the bit about being at one with nature, because I feel it better explains my reluctance to bring back a large feed of fish whenever I go fishing. "Did you catch anything?" My lovely wife will ask and I'll look at her slightly scornfully and say: "Simply being at one with nature is enough for me, my dear."

Unusually for me on this fine morning, I had

actually caught a trout and so my triumphant return to the dock, that same sun now glinting off of the iridescent scales of my prize, was something I was basking in when I noticed the mouse, doing his best underwater impression of that Edvard Munch painting, The Scream.

In an instant I knew that my success on the lake would be forgotten as soon as I mentioned the critter in the coffee. For a moment I toyed with keeping quiet about the little furry fiend who was to ruin my moment, but my good nature got the better of me. Now, mere seconds after announcing my discovery, and with the smell of wet fish still on my hands, any thoughts of freshly caught trout lightly pan fried in butter were obliterated. The chance of any kind of breakfast at all was totally extinguished, in the minds and flip flopping stomachs of most of our party.

I tried to make light of the situation as a cast iron stomachached friend fished out the mouse. I recounted a tale I'd heard of a rare and expensive coffee in which the beans are first eaten, and as such pass right through, a raccoon-like animal called a civet that lives in Indonesia. "They pick the beans right out of its poo and then sell the coffee for a fortune!

So, essence of lightly poached mouse could be considered a delicacy," I said.

The guy now dangling the dead, wet mouse by its tail laughed heartily, but then again we'd already ascertained that he had not yet had his morning coffee and as such was feeling less squeamish than those whose cups now lay scattered around the kitchen.

As people began to drift back into the cottage the coffee maker was being thoroughly stripped down and disinfected. My friend worst affected by her mouse-flavoured Joe had returned to the room and, though still a slight shade of green, she said she was OK. "It's not as if he was actually in the coffee," I mentioned tentatively, hoping to make her feel better. "He was only in the water tank, and the water got warmed before it mixed with your cappuccino."

"HOOEURGH!" was all she said as she ran for the bathroom, again.

I put my trout fillets in the freezer.



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What's been the highlight of your summer?*



Dave Bonis

Dorchester

We got up here from Dorchester for four days! I got my boat in the water and have been spending time with my sister and doing some fishing.

Brian Lawrenson

Toronto

I survived a stroke this summer and believe me life is really pretty good. I appreciate things a lot more.



Gary Elliott

Whitby

Just having a wonderful summer on Crystal Lake. Spending time with family and some friends at the cottage this summer. Life here is pretty good.



Kierstie Cook and Sabina Matkrzak

Squamish and Kelowna

The family trip home to our mother-in-laws to see our family. We went diskng on Gull Lake and have been catching up with all our family.



Susan Reed

Minden

Just having summer instead of winter! Getting together with friends and the family and doing more of that for the next month.

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It's time for Dysart to support pool

Dear editor,

I support Lynda Shadbolt's very positive views in "Bring it on" in the Aug. 12 Echo. I too am grateful for the tremendously successful ventures that have evolved due to the creative vision, money, skills, and persistence of a few dedicated individuals. To her examples of the Northern Lights Pavilion, the libraries, and Fleming College, I'd like to add the Folk Society, Haliburton Forest, the Sculpture Forest, Abbey Gardens, and our Farmers' Markets.

The tremendous success the two markets are currently experiencing is the result of a small number of people passionate about making local food more accessible. At one of the many local food meetings from 2007 to 2009, one of the participants voiced the desire to "take a leap of faith." Instead of spending more time, money, and energy on further analysis and research, the group took some risks and opened the first market a couple of months later at Robertson's Marina in Haliburton. Over the years, changes have occurred and now thanks to Dysart council and a very committed Market Board, the market in Haliburton Village has a fabulous location which has helped foster their achievements.

It is time for the Dysart council to show the same support for the building of a pool/recreation centre complex. Thanks to Gay Bell and the dedicated pool committee, thorough research has been done. I've attended a presentation to council and read several pool committee reports with well documented evidence. They have discovered other small Ontario communities that have successfully built and maintained a comparable, economically sustainable structure. They have plans to

make it accessible to all ages and income levels.

Supporters of the pool have expressed varied reasons for a local pool/rec centre, the main ones being a place to maintain good health and have recreation for current residents. I also believe that this complex would be an added incentive to keep our present population and attract new families to our county. I'd like to share two experiences that strengthen my opinion that our community will benefit from having this facility.

During my 25 years teaching in Minden and Haliburton, I learned that a huge number of young people did not know how to swim. Not all families can afford to live on lakes or have the time, energy, and transportation to take their children to the few safe and open beaches we have or to the pool in Bracebridge for lessons. It seems that too many children and their parents are boating and snowmobiling on our lakes without the essential ability to save themselves from drowning.

For a few years I've been fortunate to swim at the Pinestone Resort, the only pool available in our county. Although I am currently healthy enough to participate in many forms of exercise, I've regularly shared the pool with physically challenged seniors for whom this was the only type of exercise they could do. The current fee for an individual monthly pool membership is \$75, \$30 more than the rate supported by hundreds of locals completing the recent pool survey.

I urge others to let our local politicians know we want them to make this vision a reality.

Sharon Harrison
 Ingoldsby

Editor's note: There is a public outdoor pool in Cardiff.

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Businesses lead way with innovative ramp project

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two local businesses have signed up to a pilot project designed to make the Haliburton Highlands more accessible for people with mobility issues.

On Aug. 19, members of the Aging Well Committee recognized the owners of Subway and TravelPlus, both located on Highland Street in Haliburton, for their participation in the StopGap community ramp program.

"Accessibility has really been a major concern for us. We're happy to be able to work in partnership with the community [and the businesses] that have agreed to take this on," Angela Andrews, chair of the Aging Well Committee, told those in attendance.

Both businesses are the first ones in the county to have the removable ramps placed in front of their doors, which eliminate the need to step up onto a ledge to get inside. The brightly-coloured, portable and lightweight ramps were built by local high school students in the Haliburton Environmental Specialist High Skills Major Program out of materials that were purchased from Emmerson Lumber. Seniors from the Aging Well Committee helped paint them an eye-catching yellow.

The project was made possible with funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Several years ago, members of the independent community-based group conducted a survey and found that accessibility was an issue for area seniors.

The fairly simple ramp project was founded by Luke Anderson, a Toronto man who is wheelchair-bound. According to Andrews, approximately 300 locations in Ontario have embraced the initiative.

"We're really just seeing how this works, and we're hoping that more people in the community can take this on," she said.

The ramps can be left out all day or used as needed.

Neel Shah, manager of the Haliburton Subway, said he plans on leaving the ramp outside at all times during business hours.

"All day is fine because it's good for us and easy for us," said Shah, who was joined by fellow manager Ruchita Shah. "When we open, we just put it out and when we close we just [bring it in]."

Bev Kraulis, a local resident and member of the joint accessibility committee, was one of the first people to try out Subway's ramp.

"It's really good," said Kraulis, who has muscle problems and uses a cane.

"Before I wouldn't have gone in because of the step," she said.

For Linda Coneybeare, manager of TravelPlus, participating in the project was a no-brainer. Her husband is in a wheelchair and both are well aware of how frustrating it can be to get around with a mobility problem.

"I'm the pushee and I know how difficult it is to do small things," said Coneybeare, adding that there are only two or three restaurants in the county that her husband can access.

"I hope that as new restaurants are built and



Photo by Mark Arike

Bev Kraulis tests the new StopGap ramp in front of Haliburton's Subway.

renovated, that it's kept in mind that there are places we'd like to go for dinner and we're not the only ones."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott attended the announcement to congratulate the participating businesses and the Aging Well Committee. She also tested the ramp by getting in a wheelchair that was made available to anyone willing to give it a try.

The goal of the province's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act is to

make Ontario fully accessible to people with disabilities by 2025.

Andrews said the ramps require some minor adjustments – such as adding a lip to the pavement for wheelchairs. Door bells will be installed at each location and signs will be placed in the windows.

There is no cost for businesses to participate in the program.

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Aug 21 & 28

6:30 pm, Ghost Walks, River Cone in Minden
www.mindenhills.ca/calendar for ticket info.

Aug 23

11:00 am – 3:00 pm, Founding Family Reunion
featuring the Prentice Family,
Minden Hills Museum. Public Welcome.

Aug 25

9:30 am, Committee of Adjustment meeting,
Minden Council Chambers

Aug 27

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Make it Minden - Camp Out
Downtown Girl Guide Program, Village Green.
Enjoy demonstrations and songs by the Minden
Girl Guides to kick off their fall program.
Public Welcome.

Aug 28

9:00 am, COTW/Regular meeting of Council,
Minden Council Chambers
(10:00 am Public Session)

6:00pm - 8:00pm, Make it Minden - Haliburton
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Sunken Villages by Louis Helbig
July 8 – August 23

Stunning photography from the air of flooded villages, 40 years
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Grand Salon

From the Agnes Jamieson Gallery collection, a salon-style
selection of André Lapine
July 22—August 23

Lapine's work, this time exclusively of horses sketched, painted
and examined.

Tomato/Tomato

August 26 – October 11

Artists: John Lennard & David Foy

Two artists, two different styles, one location – how do they
interpret the view? "You say tomato, I say tomato."
Opening reception: Friday August 29 at 4:30pm. Jazz/Blues
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from 5:30-6:30 pm

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This morning program is an excellent opportunity for children
to broaden their skills and knowledge about fine art and craft.
August 27 Joseph Turner Sunrise with Sea Monsters.

Create-Now for Teens- Ages 12+

Thursdays 6:30pm to 8pm in July and August
\$8/day/participant

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August 28 Adobe Photoshop Premier.

Econauts at Nature's Place- Ages 6-12

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\$10/day/participant. Pre-registration required.

Econauts at Nature's Place is an exciting program for children
which focuses on expanding their understanding of the natural
world we live in. <http://mindenhills.ca/assets/Econauts-Summer>.
Aug 26 The Underwater World of Mammals.

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Visit our new Heritage Discovery Zone located in the Driving
Shed next to the Bowron House. Children can learn about
pioneer life through interactive exhibits that are designed to teach
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See pages 31 and 32 for additional ads

Exhibitions at the Museum

Fires, Floods and Minden

The early 1940s was a difficult time for Minden. This
exhibition, located in the Sterling Bank building documents
three fires that destroyed the business on Minden's Main
Street in 1879, 1890 and 1942. There are also photos of
the 1943 flood and some information surrounding that
event as well.

Fahrenheit 1500 – The Nature of Forest Fires

The exhibit in Nature's Place looks at both the positive and
negative aspects of forest fires and the effect forest fires
have on our ecosystem.

Founding Family Reunion

August 23, 11:00 am-3:00 pm,
on the grounds of the museum

The Minden Hills Museum is hosting its annual Founding
Family Reunion. This event focuses on those early families
and settlers who were fundamental in the development of
our township. This year the museum will be honouring the
Prentice family.

National Film Board Thursdays

Thursdays from 2 to 3pm (ongoing)

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre offers documentaries by
the National Film Board. This new and free event will take
place in the Common Room every Thursday afternoon.
These NFB film afternoons are based around the themes
of Art, Heritage and the Environment. There will be
postings on the website and around the Cultural Centre
which will outline the specific theme and film for each
Thursday.

The theme for August 28 is the Arts and the films are:
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Highlander business



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Above: Asher Abrams (left) has his photo taken with NHL star Cody Hodgson. Below: CoHo apparel designer Clayton Hodgson.

Hodgson clothing supports Abbey Gardens

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton hockey hero Cody Hodgson spent the afternoon at Abbey Gardens on Aug. 16 to help his brother, Clayton, promote the CoHo clothing line.

Clayton started CoHo Apparel in January. He said the name for the company came from what Vancouver Canuck fans used to call his brother.

"We never called him that here," Clayton said. "Out there, they called him 'CoHo' and it stuck."

CoHo Apparel is made in Canada and uses bamboo. Clayton said when you touch the fabric you can tell it's high quality. While most of his sales are online at cohoapparel.com, he said the clothes are in a few locations in Markham.

He brought the clothing line to Abbey Gardens to raise awareness for the organization, he said.

"We wanted to raise awareness for Abbey Gardens. Every sale [we make], a percentage is going back to Abbey Gardens."

Barb Bolin sits on the Abbey Gardens board of directors.

"I had seen that Clayton Hodgson was doing CoHo clothing," she said. "In a conversation with Cody, he was talking about his diet and how important that was to what he does, and we were talking about what Abbey Gardens does. He eats so much fresh food. It's important to his health and fitness."

Bolin said it was a natural idea to have Clayton and Cody come up to Abbey Gardens for an event.

"Here's a fit, to have somebody who values



fresh food," she said. "We asked Clayton if he would come."

While Clayton was selling the CoHo Apparel clothing, his brother Cody was busy meeting fans and signing memorabilia, as well as taking pictures. Proceeds from picture sales went directly to Abbey Gardens.

"All proceeds will go to programming at

Abbey Gardens," Bolin said.

The money will support programs like the moms and tots group that came to Abbey Gardens earlier in the week to learn about growing and how to make healthy foods like pesto. Wee Care also stopped by to learn about growing and how to do your own things at home, she said.



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Highlander arts



Photo by Mark Arike

Victoria, B.C. soprano Sarah Vardy has honed her craft at the Highlands Opera Studio over the past three years. Vardy will star in Tosca, a classic opera masterpiece, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

Soprano soaks up Opera Studio experience

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

As an only child, Sarah Vardy would drive her mother bonkers as she constantly sang around the house. In order to maintain her sanity and hone her daughter's skills, Vardy's mother enrolled her in voice lessons – which ended up paying off in a big way years later.

"I loved it and I had talent for it," said Vardy, a soprano from Victoria, B.C. who is participating in the Highlands Opera Studio for her third consecutive year. "Every year my parents would ask me if I wanted to keep singing and I said yes. Then at about 16 I listened to a Maria Callas recording and said right then and there that I wanted to be an opera singer."

Callas, a late American soprano of Greek origin, is one of the most revered opera singers of the 20th century.

Vardy's father was from the east coast, so she developed an appreciation of all different types of music, including folk and jazz. However, opera was always at the top of her list.

"I remember as a kid just sitting and putting on classical records of opera singers, and just being in love with it," she said.

Vardy moved around a lot as a child because her father served in the military. Her travels

have taken her to places such as Alberta, Saskatchewan and Vancouver.

"I always say I'm a true Canadian because I've lived everywhere," she smiled.

Vardy auditioned across Canada and was accepted into several universities for vocal performance. She first attended Wilfred Laurier University and then went off to the University of British Columbia.

After finishing her studies in B.C., Vardy decided it was time to "get out and start performing."

"I started performing, locally, in Vancouver, Saskatchewan and other local companies. Then I got a chance to study in Germany, so I spent three months studying at a young artists program there."

While enrolled at Lyric Opera Studio Weimar, Vardy was introduced to a highly-respected tenor by the name of Carlos Montané. He recommended she take the lead role in Tosca, a three-act opera by the late Italian composer Giacomo Puccini.

"He was the one who sort of said, 'You need to start singing these sorts of roles,'" she recalled.

Sure enough, Vardy landed the role of Floria Tosca in the Highlands Opera Studio's production of the timeless opera classic.

Set in Rome in the 1800s, Tosca is a tragic tale of love, lust and power.

Richard Margison, artistic director of the Opera Studio, said Vardy has been chosen for the past three years because of her abilities and the characteristics she possesses.

"We invited Sarah three years in a row because she is the kind of singer we believe in supporting," said Margison. "Not only does she possess a beautiful voice, but she is a wonderful team player and collaborative artist."

Now in its eighth year, the Highlands Opera Studio provides talented young professionals with the necessary skills to embark on a career in opera. Each singer (this year there are 19 of them) is able to take advantage of a month's worth of training at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton.

The program is fully subsidized thanks to the generosity of private donors, corporate sponsors and fundraising.

For singers like Vardy who are working hard to develop their skills while earning a living, having free access to an intensive program is invaluable.

"It's really important for those of us trying to have careers, and actually make this a living. This is a really important program."

Being part of the program each year since 2012 has boosted Vardy's confidence, allowed her to expand her network of contacts, and of course, continue to build upon an already

strong vocal background.

Outside of the classroom, Vardy admits to having developed a love affair with Haliburton over the years.

"Haliburton is beautiful. It's just completely different than what I'm used to," she said, adding that each of the three families she's stayed with have been very generous and kind.

"I would just say it's a very [welcoming] and beautiful place to sing music and sing opera."

As great as the past three years have been, the 34-year-old doesn't think she will audition for next year's program.

"I feel like it's maybe time for other singers and other people to have the opportunities that I had. I don't want to get too greedy."

Margison is extremely proud of Vardy and all the other participants in this year's program.

"They are truly remarkable young artists not to be missed," he said. "Tosca will be a fantastic show."

Tosca takes the stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Aug. 22, 24, 26 and 28. All shows are at 8 p.m. with the exception of a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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The Rabbit War

They hadn't spoken to each other for ten years. It had started with Amy's pet rabbit getting loose at the cottage. Amy and Celia were sisters with cottages side-by-side and young children close in age. The two women spent the summers in cottage country, watching the kids play on the beach and sipping a drink or two in the evenings once the young tykes were stored away in bed.

July and August were pleasantly predictable and companionable. Husbands arrived Friday nights and returned to the city Sunday evenings so the women and children were on their own the rest of the time. Rainy days were spent together poking around in shops and the local library in the nearby village. It truly was one big mostly happy family five days a week.

Then one day Celia's oldest son left Amy's pet rabbit cage open and the critter took off toward the bush, a white blob against all that green. Ever on guard duty, Amy's dog Herman recognized a threat to his family and quickly made chase. He caught the rabbit, shook it vigorously by the neck until it stopped struggling, then proudly deposited the still form on Amy's back deck.

It took some time to retrace events. The open cage. The dog's pursuit. Blame was placed and both Amy and Celia bristled when a finger was pointed by one at the other. Voices rose as tempers heated. The careless and disrespectful boy was just as bad as the vicious and over-zealous dog. Doors were slammed in faces and then a cold silence descended on the picturesque cottage setting.

Amy convinced a reluctant husband to spend one weekend putting up a partial fence between the properties so she wouldn't have to look at her sister's coming and going. Also she wanted the children to stay on their own properties.

Over time each woman developed friendships with other neighbouring cottagers and were careful to avoid each other at social events around the lake. The children became accustomed to the tension and steered clear of their cousins as well. It wasn't exactly peaceful between the two camps, just cool and quiet.

Sometimes Celia caught a glimpse of Amy returning from town or walking with the kids down to the beach. She guessed perhaps Amy saw her in the same way from time to time. But as

the years passed it became easier to continue in the slightly bitter, simmering anger way rather than try to undo all the hurtful words and vengeful thoughts. Doing nothing is still a choice one makes.

The children became teenagers, a time when youth like to flock together like pigeons around a park bench. When one of them acquired a driver's licence it became more difficult to dictate where they could go and with whom though the parents tried. One day while standing in line at the grocery store, Celia saw her son chatting with one of Amy's boys in a relaxed and friendly way. She could tell by his body language that he felt none of the tension that existed between the two mothers. The sight stirred conflicting emotions. Confusion, surprise, regret. They appeared to know and like each other. When had that happened, wondered Celia, with the rabbit war waging all these years? Obviously she was less informed than she had thought.

Later when she returned home to her cottage, she glanced over the fence toward Amy's property. Her sister was sitting under a pine tree reading in the soft sighing shade. She looked older,

thinner, greyer. Had it really been ten years since they last spoke?

Suddenly Celia realized she didn't want to continue this estrangement and probably had not wanted to for quite a while. The thought had been tucked away in a corner of her mind, not quite ready to come out into the light of full recognition. Until now. So she took a deep breath and walked around the end of the fence heading for the pine tree where Amy sat. As she got closer she called out a warning to her sister. "Don't have a heart attack but here I come."

Amy looked up. Surprise and relief fought each other on her face. Then a smile pulled at the corners of her mouth. "You must have read my mind," she said. "How about a glass of wine and a chat? I think we're way overdue."

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By Sharon Lynch

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3. *Love Letters* by Debbie Macomber

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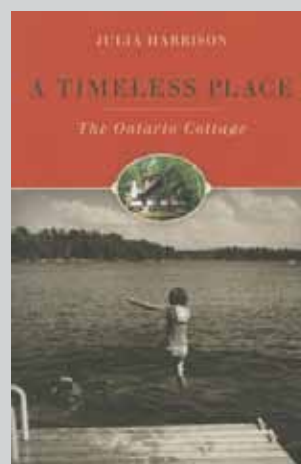
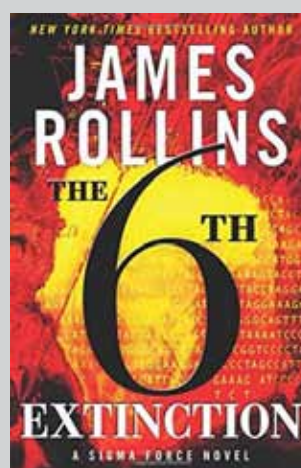
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Emily Parish (second from right), her grandmother Mary Raby (left) and mother Lisa Parish (right) are enjoying having Clara Lagarrigue spend the remainder of the summer in Haliburton County with them.

Haliburton Highlands says bienvenue

By Courtney Griffin
Staff Writer

Emily Parish, 14, of Haliburton County spent the month of July in France, thanks to the International Student Exchange (ISE) program and is now host to French exchange student Clara Lagarrigue, also 14.

The girls signed up through their respective schools to spend one month of their summer abroad, learning the language and culture of each other's country. Parish spoke French in France, and Lagarrigue is speaking English here.

Although the girls had spoken via Skype prior to their exchanges, they had never met until Parish landed in France.

"It's a bit of a leap of faith to go over somewhere you've never been with people you don't know, but these girls really lucked out," said Parish's mom, Lisa.

"I flew to Paris with the other Ontario kids, then had a flight to Lyon, then drove one hour to Savoie [a region in France]," said Parish. "Clara's parents picked me up there and we went to the Mediterranean, then the big city [Toulouse], and then to the Mediterranean again for a week."

While in France, Parish had the opportunity to go hiking in the Alps, swim in a mountain lake, see Paris, and experience the French lifestyle.

"What was really neat was seeing what day-to-day life was like in another culture," she said.

Parish was rather shy at the outset of her journey, but opened up as she became more comfortable with Lagarrigue, her family, and the language. Parish's grandmother, Mary Raby, said she sees a lot of changes within Emily from before her trip, that she's a little more outgoing and a little more independent – all good things.

While Lagarrigue lives with her family in the town of Chambéry in the region of Savoie in southern France, the family has four apartments and a house which is shared amongst her immediate family and their relatives. Lagarrigue was surprised at how large the homes are in Haliburton County, as the houses in France are much smaller due to higher real estate costs, and the buildings in Paris are shorter as they cannot be taller than the Eiffel Tower.

Lagarrigue also said it was unusual to her that the Parish family is so geographically close, mostly residing in Haliburton County, as her family is spread out in the cities of Toulouse and Paris, while some of her dad's family still reside in Spain.

"I really like to be here with Emily and her family, they're very nice," said Lagarrigue. "Here, I love everything. It's all very huge. [Canning] Lake is not like mine. It's very different, calm, and relaxing. The cities here,

Haliburton and Minden, they're small and friendly. People are much nicer here."

During her stay in Ontario, Lagarrigue has experienced A Walk in the Clouds at Haliburton Forest, the CN Tower and Niagara Falls, campfires, s'mores, and mosquitoes.

"One of my first purchases was a bug jacket," she said. "My favourite game now is to kill mosquitoes."

Both Parish and Lagarrigue have travelled before this international exchange, though neither had experienced a new culture at such an intimate level before. Lagarrigue and her hosts joke that she will stay in Canada instead of going home to France once her exchange is over, and Parish may consider doing a year-long exchange in a couple of years.

The International Student Exchange has proven to be an exceptional learning opportunity for both 14-year olds, which has fuelled their desires for future travel and cultural experiences.



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Several supporters of Bell Aliant’s Backpacks for Kids program gathered at the Haliburton Legion on Aug. 18 to deliver backpacks and school supplies to Point In Time. Left to right: Liz Boxall, Bell Aliant; Carla Watson, president of the Haliburton Legion; Robert Sargent, president of the Stanhope Firefighters Association; Renzo Rosati, Stanhope Firefighters Association; Marg Cox, executive director of Point In Time; Jim Winn, Bell Aliant; and Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things.

Legion pitches in for backpacks program

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

For the eighth year in a row, Bell Aliant has teamed up with local partners to deliver backpacks and back-to-school supplies to children across Haliburton County.

Bell Aliant employees Jim Winn and Liz Boxall handed over 136 backpacks and supplies to Marg Cox, executive director of Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, at the Haliburton Legion on Aug. 18. This year, the Haliburton branch of the Royal Canada Legion donated over \$1,000 to the

program, which has enabled Point In Time to increase the number of backpacks being distributed by 65 per cent over last year. “It makes so much of a difference for kids,” said Cox of the Backpacks for Kids in Haliburton County program. Other key donors included Bell Aliant employees (Haliburton and Bracebridge), firefighters from all four municipalities (Highlands East, Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart), Sir Sandford Fleming College employees, Point In Time board members and other individuals. Backpacks for Kids is a Bell Aliant employee charity project that began in eastern

Canada in 2003. Since then, communities in Atlantic Canada, Ontario and Quebec have benefitted through the initiative, which has provided 12,000 backpacks and supplies to families in need this year alone. According to Winn, the program got its start in Haliburton County with 18 backpacks in 2007. Each year, that number has continued to steadily increase. “Back to school is the second most expensive time of the year for families, and as a result, can be difficult,” said Winn in a press release. “The first day of school is so important and every child needs to feel good about it. Having a new backpack is a

wonderful boost and we know that for some of our children this will be their only new back-to-school item.” Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things in Haliburton, provides the school supplies at a discount and donates her time to fill each bag. A local youth, Camden Eason, also helps her out. The bags contain crayons, pencils, paper, notebooks and more. Point In Time will ensure the backpacks are delivered to children in need for the upcoming school year. The charitable, not-for-profit organization provides a wide range of services for children, youth and families in the area.



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Barb Bolin takes a couple on a guided tour through the sculpture forest.

Bolin nominated for Premier's Award

By Courtney Griffin
Staff writer

Each year, colleges have the opportunity to nominate someone for each category within the Premier's Award which honours excellence in college graduates. This year, Barb Bolin has been nominated by Fleming College for her work in creative arts.

"I was unbelievably honoured," she said. "When I looked at the other nominees, it's just unbelievable. It's an amazing group of people. I'm really looking forward to the event in November [for nominees to be honoured and winners announced] because as many of these people as possible will be there."

Bolin is the founder of the sculpture forest and advocated for the Haliburton

School of the Arts (HSTA). When she first started with the HSTA, a campus of Fleming College, it held only part-time schooling in the summer. The HSTA now boasts full-time education and a multi-talented and diverse faculty.

"The sculpture forest was an idea that grew out of a committee that we had formed, and we wanted to put sculptures at all the entrances to the county," she said. "That wasn't coming to be, so we decided to put them all in one place. I went to England to see a model there. I think now it has exceeded all our expectations."

There are now over 30 sculptures in the free-admission sculpture forest, where both children and families can experience the art. Although there is no continual funding for the sculpture forest and they end up looking for money each year, everything

has worked out well, and Bolin said it's truly a wonderful place.

"I think Haliburton County is a perfect place for the arts. There are enough people here in all forms of the arts that the community can only grow," said Bolin. "I don't think we in Haliburton County know how much we're known for the arts. People from all over know of, and are envious of, the college campus [in Haliburton]. We're a small town, but we have a wonderful arts community."



Over the last 40 years, the arts have greatly expanded in the Haliburton region, enough so that Bolin says people can't remember the county without the arts being an integral part.

"We take [the arts] so much for granted, which means it's embedded in the fabric of the community."

Bolin and the other nominees will be

attending a gala on November 24 at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, where the winner for each category will be announced.



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Through my eyes Death of a star



By Austin McGillion

As most of you probably know by now, we have lost a great comedian, father and actor, Robin Williams. I am greatly affected by his death, because in taking his own life it was a permanent solution to a temporary problem and suicide is never an answer.

Suicide impacts everyone. There is always help and hope if you just reach out. Every year Bell has a "talk about it" campaign, which urges people who suffer from depression to talk to anyone who will listen. I think the hardest part is reaching out because, like me (in the beginning), it was very difficult to be able to share my feelings. But it became much easier the more I opened up. Unfortunately when you are deeply depressed you don't want to talk, you just want to regress into your own little cocoon, but shutting people out is the worst thing you can do.

I think we try to hide behind a happy face and humour is a disguise to get through the requirements of daily living, but inside that's not how we are really feeling. This, however, does not help and eventually we give in to the self-loathing and feelings of worthlessness. The causes of these feelings are different for everyone; some are carried from childhood experiences, and some develop from social shortcomings or feelings of inadequacy. Whatever the reason, talk to someone – you are not alone. Everyone at some time or another has felt the same feelings, but they have the ability to analyze and overcome these feelings on their own, they talk to someone and don't

bottle their feelings up inside.

Life always hands us hardships and we have to learn how to deal with these issues without taking it personally and letting these difficulties get us down. Men in particular have a difficult time in discussing their problems because they are raised to be the "rock." As a young boy, I recall my step-father always telling me to be strong, that only wimps cry, and to suck it up. So I did. I started to hold things inside and so began my struggle with depression.

I think it is important that everyone be aware of the signs of depression or the signs of suicidal thoughts because our friends and family can alert someone to help where we would not ask for help ourselves. The important thing is everyone should be able to have and display their emotions regardless of the situation. Do we need to be strong for others? Yes, but not at the expense of our own mental health.

I guess what I am trying to say is that I want anyone who might be feeling depressed to get help. Don't wait until it's gone so far you think the only way out is suicide. I could never entertain those thoughts now because I don't want to leave my loved ones, and I want the opportunity to be successful and happy. I know that I have to make those opportunities, but I will accept the help I need to make it all possible. Life is always worth living.

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Marjory Peel reads the many congratulations she received on her 103rd birthday.

Marjory Peel joins friends to celebrate 103rd birthday

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On Aug. 18, Haliburton resident Marjory Peel celebrated her 103rd birthday by spending some quality time with her friends at the Haliburton Legion.

“Let’s hope that the sunshine sticks around,” said Peel jokingly, when asked if she had any birthday wishes.

Peel spent the afternoon playing bridge, which is hosted weekly by Community Care, and enjoying cake and coffee with her fellow players.

When asked how she made it this far, Peel revealed some of the secrets to her longevity.

“Hard work, sports and doing everything in the garden,” she said emphatically.

Three years ago, Peel had to cut back on physical activity after suffering a fall which was followed by a stroke. Originally from Bertie Township in Welland County, she currently lives in Haliburton with her son, John, and his wife, Barbara.

“I watch sports – and I kind of get discouraged with the Blue Jays. Other than that, I sit by the window and watch the cars go by,” said Peel, referring to how she spends her free time.

Peel, who is still mobile with the support of a cane, said she doesn’t know anyone who is 100 or older.

“I haven’t had that pleasure,” she said.



Photo by Mark Arike

and submitted by Dale Walker

Cottager and charity score with Team Canada jersey

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton County’s Food for Kids program and a Highlands cottager have reason to celebrate thanks to the generosity of a local hockey star’s father.

Last month, Vince Duchene, father of Colorado Avalanche centre and Olympic gold medalist Matt Duchene, donated a signed Team Canada hockey jersey to a live auction held at this year’s charity golf classic in support of the Making Moments Matter palliative care campaign.

That jersey went for a whopping \$8,500 to a seasonal resident.

Just recently, Vince advised Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton

Highlands Health Services Foundation, that he would make another signed Team Canada jersey available if all the funds would be directed to the Food for Kids program.

Mark Kellet, the cottager who was outbid for the first jersey, gladly agreed to pay his high bid of \$8,000 and have the funds go to the student nutrition program.

“It’s pretty cool to be able to do it,” said Vince, who presented a cheque to Food for Kids coordinator Aaron Walker at Point In Time in Haliburton on Aug. 18.

Vince explained that this was one of four jerseys he ordered from Hockey Canada. Each was signed in Sochi, Russia by Matt.

According to Walker, \$8,000 is enough to fund an entire school – with the exception of Archie Stouffer Elementary in Minden – for



a full year.

“The money will go directly to food dollars for kids,” said Walker, who thanked everyone involved in the golf tournament for their generosity.

Established in 1999, the Food for Kids program provides breakfasts and snacks to over 1,250 children at all five of the county’s schools. It costs approximately \$75,000 to run the program annually, more than half of which is funded by community donations.

Top: Vince Duchene, centre, hands Aaron Walker, coordinator of the Food for Kids program, a cheque for \$8,000 along with a photo of his son, Matt, playing hockey in Russia with Team Canada. Also pictured are Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, far left, Gary Brohman, Food for Kids steering committee member; and Marg Cox, executive director of Point In Time. Left: Mark Kellet displays his Matt Duchene jersey that went for \$8,000.

The program is administered by Point In Time, a charitable, not-for-profit organization.

“This goes a long way in sustaining us,” said the organization’s executive director Marg Cox, explaining that donations to the program were low last year due to a long winter and high heating bills.

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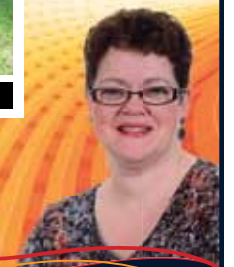
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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

A Stanhope triathlete on the home stretch of his opening 750m swim.

Firefighters benefit from triathlon challenge

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Race conditions might not have been perfect, but that didn't stop triathletes of all ages from running, biking and swimming in the annual Stanhope Triathlon.

The race took place on Aug. 16, with 99 participants challenging the course, said race director and Stanhope Firefighters Association president Robert Sargent.

"We didn't have any complaints," he said. "Everybody had a good time."

Racers competed in one of four categories, including children 12 and under, get your feet wet half sprint, sprint triathlon, and the duathlon.

The sprint triathlon started with a 750-metre swim, followed by a 20-kilometre bike race and five-kilometre run.

The race started 18 years ago with the Stanhope Firefighters Association helping

run the event. Six or seven years ago, the association took it over completely. All proceeds from the event go to the association.

"We will be talking to other halls [in Algonquin Highlands] and see if they want to spread it around a little bit, so each one of them will take it every third year," Sargent said. "That way, whatever year they run it, they get proceeds from it."

Sargent said he hasn't talked to the other halls in Dorset and Oxtongue Lake yet, but

that it's getting harder and harder to run the event alone in Stanhope.

While the total dollars raised hasn't been calculated yet, attendance is down from 180 participants in last year's race, which raised more than \$3,000 for the association. Sargent said regardless, the donations received and registration fees will help the fire department. "Thank you to everybody who did come out, to the athletes and volunteers alike."

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Left: After coming out the water, the Stanhope triathletes hit the bikes for a 20-kilometre ride. Top right: A group of young female racers on the starting line, ready to jump in the water for the opening leg of their race. Bottom right: Racers of all ages competed in the annual Stanhope Triathlon.



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Highlander sports



Photos by Courtney Griffin

Top: Participants in the Kids' Fun Run take off for their 1km route at the Pinestone Resort for the 17th annual Kash Dash. Below left: Participants begin the 10km race at the 17th annual Kash Dash last on Aug. 17. Below right: Best smile winner Lucy Staples completes her 1km run with a grin.



Kash Dash raises funds for Africa

By Courtney Griffin
Staff Writer

Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR) will receive a generous donation of approximately \$4,000 thanks to the 17th annual Kash Dash on Aug. 17.

Local Dr. Steve Ferracuti, who has been with CPAR since 1997, briefly explained that CPAR is a charity dedicated to enhancing and providing health care projects in eastern Africa. Ferracuti travelled to Ethiopia last year to help with Emergency Medicine Programs.

Ferracuti says CPAR is currently focusing on projects related to agriculture, increasing farm yield, and improving farmer knowledge, as well as some childcare and maternity projects.

In addition to the adults' 10km run, kids 12 and under completed a 1km fun run. The kids were full of energy for the race, some wearing costumes which they were sure would make them faster.

"There were a lot of good runners, and a lot of good finishes," said Ferracuti as the kids' results were recorded.

The kids' race route took them around one

side of the Pinestone's lake and back to the starting point, where their timing chips were collected and prizes were distributed.

"We had a very enthusiastic group of runners and a fantastic group of volunteers," said Ferracuti. "The Pinestone did an outstanding job as our host site."

While participant numbers were down from previous years, Ferracuti says that participants had fun and the event was still very successful. To learn more about CPAR, visit cpar.ca.

Men's results:

First place: Jesse Gibbs, Peterborough.
Second place: Bernie Hogan, Bancroft.
Third place: Peter Watson, Montreal.
Fourth place: Michael Armstrong, Haliburton
Fifth place: Craig Smith, Haliburton

Women's results:

First place: Cecilia O'Neill, Lindsay
Second place: Katherine Watson, Toronto
Third place: Lorri Yurkowski, Montreal

Children's results:

First place: Isaac Little
Second place: Campbell Smith
Best smile, boy: Winston Ramsdale
Best smile, girl: Lucy Staples
Best finish, boy: Tristan Humphries
Best finish, girl: Megan Staples
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Left: The Ultimate Air Dogs stole the show during the first annual Cottage Country Dog Festival in Head Lake Park. Top right: Laura Betts and her border collie Cruze put on an agility demonstration. Middle right: Mark Larocque gets Rocking Reggie geared up for his jump. Bottom right: Rocking Reggie takes a huge leap into the pool.

Every dog has its day

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's first annual Cottage Country Dog Festival was a tail-wagging good time despite the rainy weather.

Organizer Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dog Sled Tours said approximately 500-600 people came through the festival to watch the Air Dogs competition and agility demonstration.

The Air Dogs competition brought in teams from across Ontario to compete in a longest jump contest into a pool of water. The winner, Rocking Reggie, jumped 28.7 feet.

"The weather hampered us without a doubt, but we had fun despite that," said McCready. "I was a bit surprised [at the turnout] especially with the weather."

Along with the Air Dogs, agility teams put on a demonstration for the gathered crowds, and those who brought their pets were encouraged to try both events. McCready said she was amazed at how many dogs came out with their owners, all of different breeds.

While the event did not raise as much money as organizers hoped, McCready said they will approach Dysart for assistance to bring the event back next year.

They plan to increase the number of events at the festival next year, possibly adding a full agility competition and frisbee events. They would also like to have professional dog demonstrations, like the OPP police dogs.

"We had a lot of people who came up and were watching the event ask us to please do it again," McCready said. "There seems to be a lot of excitement for a dog event."

McCready thanked her sponsors, the Rotary Club, and the Rails End Gallery who provided tents to keep the competitors dry.

"A huge thank you to everyone who did come out despite the dismal weather," she said. "We hope we're back next year, bigger and better."

If the event comes back next year, McCready said it would likely be the weekend of Aug. 15-16.

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Kim Sibbles, Mark and Elana Bachman, Connie Mueller, Brian Sibbles, and Mike Mueller with Bachman and Mueller's Jeeps at the 12th annual Northern Lights Charity Trailfest.

Four wheels forward for hospital fundraiser

By Courtney Griffin
Staff Writer

The Ontario Federation of four-wheel drive (OF4WD) recreationists celebrated their 12th anniversary over the weekend as they took to the trails in their Jeeps. Over 315 individuals participated in this year's Northern Lights Charity Trailfest, which raises funds for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

South Wind Motel and Campgrounds on Highway 121 acted as the base camp for the event for the third year in a row. While the

amount of space at South Wind was what drew OF4WD there in the first place, the event sold out again this year. A total of 170 vehicles were registered for the weekend of trail tours, and 35 kids signed up for the children's events which included a "Tread Lightly" scavenger hunt.

"Tread Lightly" is a North American ideology and non-profit organization which strives to reduce the environmental impact of recreational activities.

"The idea is to take away only photos and garbage, and to use the trails respectfully," said OF4WD executive director Brian Sibbles. "The Jeep organization actually does

a lot of restoration of trails, and fixes them up. The OF4WD is an umbrella organization, so we're not really based out of anywhere, but we work with trail user groups and the [Ministry of Natural Resources] to make sure users are respectful."

The weekend-long event featured guided trail runs with experienced trail guides, fully catered meals thanks to a member's company, a cover band, and a raffle full of donated items from Just Jeeps. The cost of the event was \$160 per driver for the full weekend, which included two dinners and two breakfasts.

"The caterer, Rubicon Grill, buys the

food locally, just like every other guest," said Sibbles. "We really support the other businesses in the area too."

OF4WD Jeeps were seen across the county over the weekend at Foodland, Wintergreen Pancake House, the gas bars on Highway 35, and Kawartha Dairy, to name a few local businesses supported by the event.

Sibbles said the feedback this year is great, with guests saying it's getting better year after year, and locals are even starting to come out to the event.

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Audiences brave the elements for live music

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Based on the numbers of concert goers who attended this year's Forest Festival, poor weather didn't discourage locals and visitors from getting their fill of high-quality entertainment in the Highlands.

"I was really happy with the whole series of shows," said Lesley English, general manager of this year's festival. "We had really excellent responses to all of them."

Held between Aug. 12-17, the eighth annual festival featured a full line-up of Canadian talent with performances at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre and Historic Logging Museum – both venues owned by the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

The two sold-out shows featured Greg Keelor and Jim Cuddy, both founding members of Blue Rodeo, and folk/rock icon Bruce Cockburn.

"We had well over 700 in the audience for each of those," said English.

More than 2,000 people attended all nine of the concerts, which included Canadian Brass, Measha Brueggergosman, Angel Forrest, The Shuffle Demons, Manteca, Magoo, and Barbara Budd.

Due to rainy weather, both the Canadian Brass and Measha Brueggergosman concerts had to be moved inside from the outdoor Bone Lake Amphitheatre to the Logging Museum.

However, because of the large audiences for the two sold-out concerts, both went on as planned at the amphitheatre.

English referred to the Keelor and Cuddy show as "the hurricane concert."

"It was miserable; it was cold, it was wet. The wind was coming off the lake at about 40 kilometres per hour, and everybody showed up," she said. "We didn't have a single person leave that show, as miserable as it was."

Other than the two shows that had to be moved, all else went ahead as planned. English said this year's festival saw larger audiences because of the expansion of the amphitheatre.

"I think our maximum numbers for last year, for the sold-out shows, were 550 and of course this year they were 700," she said.

English took over the role of festival manager for 2014 from Sean Pennylegion, who held the position for several years. Hard



work and the efforts of 50 or so volunteers were vital to the success of the event, she said.

"We have the most amazing crew of volunteers that came out night after night."

She also gave thanks to the Haliburton Forest's staff, who went "above and beyond" for the festival.

Although the event just recently finished, English has been discussing future acts with the festival's artistic director, Stuart Laughton, and the owner of the Haliburton Forest, Peter Schleifenbaum.

"I'm looking forward to continuing to expand this, and continuing to improve the quality of the offerings," she said.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Measha Brueggergosman and her four-piece band perform at the Forest Festival. Above: Measha Brueggergosman and her band receive a round of applause, one of many garnered throughout the night.

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Kids kicked off the 150th Haliburton County Fair during the children's camp.

Rain takes toll on 150th Haliburton County Fair

By Courtney Griffin
Staff Writer

The weather did not cooperate over the weekend for the 150th Haliburton County Fair.

While this year's event featured several new categories in honour of its sesquicentennial, including a truck pull, ruffsport performance dog team, demolition derby, and a 70-foot long zip line, many of the attractions had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

"Unfortunately, all activities [were] outdoors and rain on both days of the fair necessitated the cancellation of some of these activities – safety both for attendees and the animals are paramount," said Anne Cox on behalf of the board of directors. "Attendance was down considerably from normal years due to the rain."

Every year, it is the support of local businesses and friends of the fair that

make the event possible, and all money raised at this year's fair will be put towards next year's event. Although this year's Haliburton County Fair was impacted by the rain, planning for the 151st is in the works and everyone is hoping for better weather, she said.

Not all events were outdoors and waterlogged, however. Peggy Vidoczy, a volunteer with the Haliburton County Fair's children's camp, said the kids took up half the exhibition hall.

"They're a very vibrant portion of the fair," she said.

Teenagers who participated in the camp when they were younger returned to volunteer this year, she said. Vidoczy called the children's camp a great community effort to kick off the fair. This year's camp ran on Aug. 11 and 12. This year marked the camp's best attendance, with 77 children registered over two days.



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Photos by Courtney Griffin

Top: Mark Christiano performed Elton John hits on Aug. 16. Above: Wendy Irvine performs with Two Rooms Live.

Elton John tribute band rocks Pinestone Resort

By Courtney Griffin
Staff Writer

Two Rooms Live, a tribute band to the powerful Elton John and Bernie Taupin musical coupling, thrilled the crowded Pinestone Resort audience Sat. Aug 16 with a three-hour long concert.

The 10-person band featured singers Wendy Irvine and Mark Christiano, and sang some of Elton John's most famous pieces, including Rocket Man, Bad Side of the Moon, Sixty Years On, and Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy.

Craig Titus, artistic director and producer for Two Rooms Live and visitor to Haliburton County for over 20 years, thought Haliburton would be the perfect place for the band to

perform.

"The show we brought to Haliburton [on] Saturday is part of a much larger theater production that is currently in development in Toronto," he said. "The full show should be out in late November ... The full theater production includes a much larger array of sound and lighting, dance, aerials and a huge amount of video content which all help to tell the full story of these legendary songwriters."

Titus also said it was great to be surrounded by familiar faces, and that they would happily bring the full show to Haliburton if they can find an appropriate venue.

To learn more about Two Rooms Live, check out their website at tworoomslive.com.

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Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Hells Bells, an AC/DC tribute band, broke in Gooderham's new bandstand with a bang on Aug. 16. The group played all the AC/DC hits throughout the evening.

Rocking the bandstand

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Gooderham's new bandstand got its first taste of rock and roll on the weekend, hosting AC/DC tribute band Hells Bells.

The concert marked the grand opening of the bandstand after two years of trying to get it built, said Donna Graham, member of the bandstand committee. She said just over 300 people came out for the show on Aug. 16.

"They [Hells Bells] were good," she said. "I got a lot of compliments from them. They'd like to come back again next year. They were quite happy with the bandstand."

The bandstand's design helped keep the band's gear dry despite the rain that fell earlier in the day, however the skies cleared up in time for the 9 p.m. show.

Two years ago the committee started up to try and build the bandstand, which has been located next to Gooderham's community centre.

"We did a lot of fundraising, and then the

Haliburton County Development Corporation gave us a \$10,000 grant which really helped us."

The committee raised an additional \$8,500. Money raised at the concert will go to paying off outstanding debts.

"We are really happy with the bandstand," she said. "We've been working on some plans for it."

The bandstand is open for other community members or groups to use, she said. For those who intend to use it for profit-making events, 20 per cent of profits must go back to the Municipality of Highlands East for a bandstand maintenance fund.

"That's how this all started," Graham said. "Our other one [bandstand] was falling apart and we really did need one. People from wherever can come and use this bandstand."

Now that it has been completed, Graham said her committee will be looking for new acts to come and play at the bandstand. The bandstand committee includes Graham, Dave Rogers, Clayton Marsh, and Gail and Rick Roffey.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Registration for the School Year 2014-15



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A plein air pastel artist takes part in the 2012 Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival.

Artists take inspiration from nature's canvas

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Painting outdoors is an art to itself, and one that Gary Blundell hopes to showcase through the Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival happening in September.

The festival runs from Sept. 4-7.

"[Plein air] is painting outdoors, which is a completely different kettle of fish than painting in a studio because everything's changing all the time while you're sitting there," Blundell said.

Plein air painting made its debut during the impressionist movement in France, he said.

"People decided they would rather be outside. The whole point of it was you were connecting with the landscape more closely as you're actually depicting it. You're right there, smelling the smells, feeling the air, dealing with the different light changes all the time."

He said it's about creating a piece of art while dealing with all your senses, as opposed to working in the controlled studio environment.

"It's a different way of doing things," Blundell said. "It's been very popular. Canada's still most popular art movement of all time, the Group of Seven, that's exactly what they did."

Blundell said Highlands East provides the perfect backdrop and scenery for plein air painting, both doing the art and observing.

"[We have] a lot of lakes, natural areas, and vistas," he said. "There's a lot of nice places to do drawing. Rivers and rapids, little waterfalls, things like that. Also, there's cultural heritage here as well, things like beautiful little white churches that were built 100 years ago."

Thirteen locations have been identified for plein air painting during the festival. They

include a dam, farms, lakes and other cultural sites. Blundell inherited the project this year. He set up a committee with Highlands East residents to choose the painting sites.

For those who want to observe the artists at work, there's no guarantee of seeing them at each location, he said. However, each spot is worth a visit just to be out in nature.

At the end of the festival, participating artists will set up their work for display and sale at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce on Sept. 7. Each artist can put in three pieces they created during the festival, and three more they've done previously in plein air.

"All the work has to have been done outdoors," Blundell said. "[The sale] gives people an opportunity to see artwork that has been made in their community. Fifty per cent of everything will have been made here in Highlands East."

He said the sale should appeal to the locals.

"That's appealing for people because you recognize the places people have painted as places you've visited yourself and may have a relationship with."

A jury has been set up to judge the art. The winning artist will be the cover artist for next year's event and will receive a cash prize from the Ontario Plein Air Society. Laurie Jones, curator of the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton, will also be on hand choosing artists to include in an exhibition of plein air artists next spring.

"Not only do you get a sale out of this, but the possibility to be selected for an exhibition and cover artist next year," Blundell said.

Registration is still open for artists who want to participate in the festival. For more information on the event, including a full list of sites and registration information, visit highlandseastpleinair.wordpress.com.

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23. Tavern drinks
24. Court game
26. Ignited again
28. Single thing
30. African country
34. Theatrical
38. Viola's kin
39. Jug handle
40. Nature's bandages
43. Browning's "always"
44. Sends forth
47. Indulgence
50. More thinly distributed
53. Make money
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56. Conditional release
60. Military supplies
63. Above
65. More rational
66. Cry
67. Tailed celestial body
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70. Bowling alley
71. Curl
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73. Defame
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75. Sleigh

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5. Seedcase
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25. Poses
27. Business abbr.
29. Spasm
31. Small valley
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34. Inferior grades
35. Highway entrance
36. Opera solo
37. Baseball's ____ Ripken
41. Quilting party
42. Cinch
45. State police officer
46. Wind dir.
48. Retirement accts.
49. Angers
51. Makes into law
52. Witty reply
55. Juliet's love
57. Shaquille ____
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- Newly renovated, new septic and shingles
- Level lot with wade in sand shoreline
- South exposure, year round road, good fishing
- Just minutes to the Village of Haliburton

OTTER LAKE \$459,900.



- Year round waterfront home or cottage
- Open concept 3+2 bedrooms, attractive fireplace, full walk-out basement
- Peace and tranquility on a no motor lake
- Nicely treed 8.84 acre lot with 379 feet of frontage

GREAT FAMILY HOME \$139,900.



- 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick bungalow
- Single detached garage
- Ample parking
- Well treed lot
- Close to Minden and Halls Lake

STORMY LAKE \$350,000



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



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COZY COTTAGE \$219,900.



- 2+ bedroom basic quaint cottage
- 120 feet of clean shoreline
- Separate guest cottage, stone walkway
- Full length sundeck and screened porch
- Fully finished lower level walkout
- Detached double garage

YEARROUND HOME \$149,900.



- 3+1 bedroom, 2,000 square foot home
- Oak kitchen, formal living/dining area
- Full basement with built in garage
- Year round access close to amenities
- Being sold as is

RIVERSIDE LIVING WITH BIG BOATING \$399,900.



- Super year round home/cottage
- Outstanding location, level lot
- Boathouse, marine railway
- Detached double garage with loft
- Two fireplaces, big back yard

CALLING ALL HUNTERS \$79,900.



- 87 acres
- Surrounded on 3 sides by Crown Land
- Level area to build on
- Loads of hardwood - never been logged
- A hunters paradise



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MOOSE LAKE \$529,900.



- 2+1 bedroom, 4 season, 2,595 square feet
- 102 feet of clean, hard shoreline
- Full length sundeck and screened porch
- Fully finished lower level walkout
- Detached double garage

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

WHY BUY A CONDO? \$237,000.



- 3 bedroom, 1,024 square foot home
- Close to Haliburton and all amenities
- New deck, flagstone patio
- Energy efficient, screened porch
- Numerous upgrades/renovations

INTOWN HOME \$169,000.



- 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



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