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Photo by Mark Arike

The Sharp family joins Santa Claus for a photo at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre on Nov. 22. From left, Brooke, Krysta, Jack and Hannah Sharp.

Community helps Feed Co get back on its feet

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

With the support of the community and one generous businessman, The Great Haliburton Feed Company will be able to reopen at a temporary location on Dec. 5.

Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney recently announced they had accepted an offer from Jerry Walker, owner of Walkers Home Hardware, to set up shop at 33 Hops Drive off County Road 21 (also known as The Beer Store plaza).

The couple is "more than grateful" for Walker's support.

"He actually totally slashed the price ... and he offered us all kinds of equipment," said McAleaney in a phone interview.

"The only thing we're missing right now, that I can think of, is a till."

Even before they confirmed the deal with Walker, members of the public began dropping off animal crates and other supplies at the new location.

"People have stepped up," he said.

The space is just a stone's throw away from where they ran the business for its first nine years, which is now home to M&M Meat Shops.

On Nov. 13, fire ravaged their business of 19

years on Industrial Park Road, claiming the lives of nine cats, two rabbits and one rat. The cause is currently unknown.

The 2,700-square-foot building of Walker's has sat vacant ever since Northern Expressions moved to its new location on Highway 118.

He first got in touch with Adams and McAleaney the weekend after the fire.

"Just like any other business, they've definitely run into a hardship unexpectedly," said Walker, who is also vice president of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Walker said the couple has a good business with a solid base of clientele. He encouraged

the Chamber to show them support during their time of need.

"Our small community and businesses ... whenever you can help out that's what we do," he said.

Chamber manager Rosemarie Jung recently sent out an email asking the business community for office supplies the business would require.

Walker said he would rent the space out to Adams and McAleaney "for however long it would take for them to get back on their feet."

McAleaney confirmed they plan to return to their former location once a new building

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The Great Haliburton Feed Company will be temporarily housed at this location on Hops Drive beginning Dec. 5.

Feed Co owners will rebuild on Industrial Road

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has been built. He said the property's owner, Rod Thurston, is eager to get them back.

"It's going to happen, sooner rather than later," he said, estimating that it will take six or seven months before that can happen.

Although it will be a "bare bones" operation for now, McAleaney said they will continue to offer the same services,

products and hours of operation.

When asked if they had anything special planned for opening day, McAleaney said he was thinking of making it an open house with a barbecue. Plans are yet to be confirmed at this time.

The new space will be open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Traffic engineer to consider a courtesy crosswalk

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

A consultant will be hired to investigate the feasibility of installing a community crosswalk in the area of 124 Highland Street, across from the town docks in Haliburton.

In a unanimous decision, Dysart council voted in favour of obtaining a letter of opinion in 2015 at a cost of \$1,500-2,000. The consultant will also be asked to look into other options for pedestrians.

"What I'm suggesting is that we start off with a letter of opinion from a traffic engineer," director of public works Brian Nicholson told councillors at a Nov. 24 meeting. "I don't think we should be arbitrarily setting up courtesy crosswalks here, there and everywhere."

The municipality recently received a request from the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) to look into the feasibility of creating a crosswalk.

In his report, Nicholson noted that there already is a courtesy crosswalk in the centre of the village, which is an area that offers sidewalks, signage and street lights on either side of Highland Street.

He went on to explain that the requested area for a new

crosswalk "has limited infrastructure with a sidewalk situated only on the south side of the roadway, limited lighting and higher traffic speeds."

Nicholson also pointed out that traffic volume is much higher in the summer months than the off-season.

"[There were] very few people crossing when I was down there a few weeks ago," he said.

Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that most of the pedestrian traffic is coming from the parking lots near the businesses.

Councillor Andrea Roberts asked if a consultant would also examine other possibilities, such as a traffic light at the intersection of York Street.

"What I would like to look at is from the Cedar Avenue/Highland Street quadrant down to basically Baked & Battered, and look at that area as a whole," responded Nicholson.

Fearrey inquired about installing a stop sign on Highland Street, near York Street and the cenotaph.

"That would stop the traffic there and then they wouldn't be going faster," he said.

Nicholson said that consideration would need to be given to pedestrians with disabilities if a crosswalk were to be installed.

Unlike a stop light, drivers are not required to stop for vehicles at a courtesy crosswalk.

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Food Centre gets \$171K from Trillium

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Wilberforce Food Bank will receive a new building thanks to a \$141,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. John Teljeur, project coordinator for the Wilberforce Food Centre, said the funding should cover the cost of the building. "[This funding] means we can build that building and it's ready to go," he said. "The total cost of building this building and getting it ready is covered in the fund. There will be no additional fundraising required to get this project started."

The food centre will be constructed as an addition to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. It will not only house the village's existing food bank, but act as a food hub and storage facility for the surrounding area. The centre will have a walk-in freezer and fridge, which will allow it to acquire, store and distribute more food than has been possible in the area before. It also means healthier foods, like dairy products and fresh produce, can be stored at the centre.

"The premise of the building is to create storage capacity," Teljeur said. "The idea is we'll be able to take more food, especially more fresh stuff with our walk-in fridge. When the opportunity to get food is available, where we may not be able to use all of it, we will consult with partners to make it available to them."

Those partners include community kitchen groups like SIRCH, the county's other food banks, or organizations like Shepherd's Table.

"If you work the Minden facility with Wilberforce, that now gives us two large storage areas in different sides of the county that draw [food] from different areas," he said. "We now have more food available."

Highlands East councillors have already begun the process of upgrading their electrical and HVAC systems in the community centre to accommodate the new building. Teljeur said the \$141,000 will cover the entire projected cost of the building.

While calls to key stakeholders will begin in December, Teljeur is looking at January to begin public consultations, town hall meetings and workshops to discuss the project and address any concerns. One issue already brought forward by the community in a previous town hall was the new facility encroaching on parking spaces.

Teljeur said if all goes well during the public consultation phase, the project should be ready to tender and begin in the spring, with estimated completion by the end of summer into the fall.

"I have to compliment the municipal council of the day, and the one we're working with now, for the way they stepped up to help us make this happen," he said. "It's huge and a testimony to their vision to help local residents in their region, and this is a project that can do that."

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Editorial opinion

A gift worth giving

It seems not long ago it was the middle of fall, the colours were bright, and we had zombies walking through our streets for Halloween.

But no sooner were the masks put away than Christmas decorations and toys went up on the shelves. When the snow followed shortly after, it was clear that winter, and Christmas, were coming.

One thing I've learned over the years – granted my parents have been telling me this forever – is that Christmas isn't about the presents. When you're young, gifts are what make the day so exciting. Trying to guess what Santa was going to leave under the tree was a favourite game of mine. I remember the wonder and excitement of seeing the gifts, and of course, the fun of tearing them open.

Sure, Christmas was a lot of fun. But now, it's about different things for me. It's about seeing my family and reminiscing about the good ole' days, spending time with friends, and just enjoying the company of those I care about and who care about me.

I don't have children to buy gifts for, with the exception of my two wonderful nieces who always get a little something from their aunt and uncle. So I spend the months of November and December wondering – often unsuccessfully – what to buy for the adults in my life like Mom and Dad, my sisters, and my in-laws. But this year we're thinking about supporting local charities and organizations on their behalf.

While many families in the Highlands are going to spend Christmas around a tree opening gifts, there are others – an equal number if not more – who will instead be struggling to make ends meet. They may not be able to properly heat

their homes, or buy winter clothes for their children. Feeding their family could be a challenge, too.

There are many groups in the county that support those families in need of a hand. The Heat Bank comes to mind – an organization that supplies fuel to heat homes during the cold months of the year. Last year's long, cold winter saw many families struggle to stay warm. Donating to the Heat Bank can help keep a family warm and healthy until the spring.

That's a wonderful gift to give a family, and one my family would be happy to be part of.

Consider SIRCH's Gifts from the Heart Catalogue, where donations can be made to specific programs that help to feed children and families, support young mothers, and provide aid to those who are vulnerable in our community.

And if you don't have the money to spare for a cash donation, there are a variety of community Christmas dinners coming up where volunteers are needed to help feed families and friends who come to partake.

Gifts are wonderful and yes, they're a part of the Christmas tradition. But it's time to rethink what constitutes a gift. They don't need to come with a price tag, nor do they require wrapping paper and a bow. Sometimes the best gift is a helping hand to a person in need. That's always a Christmas gift worth giving.

For more information or to donate visit heatbankhc.ca and sirch.on.ca.



By Matthew Desrosiers

On the positive side of nothing

You know that old adage about learning something new every day? Well my latest piece of enlightenment has to do with cell phone coverage, specifically in rural communities. No, not here in Haliburton County. I'm talking about Huntsville, as in the heart-of-Muskoka Huntsville. Believe it or not, Huntsville doesn't have wall-to-wall mobile phone coverage despite what most of us – at least I – might have thought.

I have a friend in Huntsville who has been going through internet access issues and my suggestion was for her to migrate from Rogers to Bell because I assumed they covered everyone in the Great White North. This assumption was both patently incorrect and incredibly enlightening. Turns out that in her particular region (slightly outside of town) Bell has no signal as far as Wi-Fi goes.

This baffled me. How could the "centre" of cottage country not have blanketed coverage? Would the villagers and the part-time residents not have rioted by now? Huntsville had just lost some serious points with my inner cosmopolitan meter.

This got me thinking about Haliburton County and its own abundance of cellular dead spots. In one way, it's clearly a commercial liability. How can you legitimately be open for business when your lines of communication are so limited? But looked at another way, our connectivity problem has the potential to be a real selling feature for the area.

While comprehensive mobile device coverage may seem to be the ultimate goal in keeping up with the Joneses, perhaps it's time to look at things in another light. I'm all for targeting clusters of citizens with towers here and there to at least give them the chance to interact with one another, but is there not also a redeeming quality in something, more so somewhere, not being thoroughly choked by the insatiable tentacles of technology? Is there not something kind of endearing about a dead spot?

I'm guessing Algonquin Park has a lot of dead spots. I really don't think it's vital to human existence that we have the instant ability to tweet a photo of that moose that just plundered the campsite. Something about that feels very wrong. It's a provincial park, not a café.

There are those who will say that it's just a personal choice.

In other words they want the luxury of technology, but want it to be their decision to turn it off as they please. There are those who will argue the safety factor of having a working cell phone in the most remote of places. You can't dispute that, although I wonder how people survived in this scenario prior to 1984. Maybe they relied on planning and orienteering equipment. Maybe they just accepted that they didn't have that option.

What I'm getting at is what we collectively see as being the ultimate goal in this marriage of technology and a rural community. How much do we want? How much do we need? Seeing as we are the kind of place people romantically escape to "to get away from it all," doesn't it naturally translate to actually having a place or two devoid of cell signals and Wi-Fi coverage? Isn't that in fact a great selling feature for what we proclaim to be?

As we move towards the supposed goal of blanketed mobile coverage in the county, I believe there's plenty of room for the magic of the dead zone. In fact, I firmly believe that this will be a big selling feature for tourist areas in the near future. As more and more cell providers blot out the few remaining dead spots, the areas that have nothing to offer (as far as getting a cell signal) actually have more to offer in the long run. A business person from the city, out on the lake for day of fishing, can literally not be reached. Thus their escape is truly that – an escape.

While we progressively move towards making Haliburton County a place open to business, we also can't lose track of the reasons people live and vacation here in the first place. The convenience of being wired in is indeed a commercial selling feature, but it shouldn't come at the cost of what we truly have to offer, the stuff that actually makes us unique. And that is nothing, as in an area that has nothing to offer but you, and the natural world. Nothing more. And frankly, that's who we are.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

Re: "When Big Business comes to town"

Dear editor,

Shopping local is a hot topic in many small communities during this time of the year. With the holidays upon us and shopping lists in hand, we are all looking for unique gifts to brighten up these long winter days.

As Charlie Teljeur pointed out, there are many campaigns urging consumers to "shop local" and keep their dollars close to home. We know that keeping our dollars local means supporting our friends and neighbours' businesses, who in turn support our communities in a variety of ways – sponsoring local sports teams, donating silent auction items, hosting fundraising events, and more.

And yet, there are too many examples of small local businesses that have had to close their doors over the past few years, due to economic pressures and other challenges.

I can't help but think that our day-to-day spending decisions have a greater impact than we realize. In reflecting on both Matthew and Charlie's columns from last week, I found myself asking: what is our collective vision for the future of our communities?

With a municipal election in the rear-view mirror and new councils being sworn-in across Haliburton County, we as a community have a responsibility to look forward and plan for our future together. If we really want to support our business community, we need to talk about

more than just shopping local. We need a comprehensive plan that will foster a vibrant local economy.

Over the next few years, starting in 2015 with Dysart et al, each of our municipalities will be conducting reviews of their Official Plans. When it comes to community planning, this is where it all starts. Each Official Plan maps out the priorities and vision for its communities, and creates the foundation for municipal decision-making.

In preparation for these reviews, we all need to ask ourselves a few questions about our future together: what should the priorities be for our municipalities? What services, products, industries and businesses do we want in our communities? What will enhance our status as a unique destination for tourists and entrepreneurs?

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce wants to see every business in Haliburton County be a thriving, successful venture year-round, bringing wealth and prosperity to both the business community and its people.

While the Chamber seeks to represent the best interests of the business community in any long-term planning, it takes the participation of a whole community to successfully plan for the future. I'll be there – will you?

Rosemarie Jung
Manager, Haliburton Highlands
Chamber of Commerce

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Photo of the week



Photo by Guenter Horst

Drivers on Haliburton County's roads are having to adjust to winter driving.

One up, two down

Where to start?

It's been a tumultuous week in the Jones household. We have one new family member and we nearly lost two others.

Let's start with the latter, shall we? When I returned home from work the other night, in the first real snow storm of the year, Tom was standing in the driveway waiting for me. He gazed at me and I swear a smile slowly spread across his lips before he trotted off down the garden.

"Bugger!" said I, as I dropped my lunch pail and picked up my pace to try and catch up.

Now, Tom trotting off down the garden might not seem strange or troublesome to you, especially if you live with a fellow called Tom. The trouble is that my Tom is a 220-lb pig. And, if Tom had escaped from his pen, that meant that Jerry was not far behind him.

As I ran down the garden into the dark in pursuit of my year's supply of bacon, I screamed to my lovely wife to kindly come help (well, words to that effect, anyway). She soon joined the chase, bringing flashlights

and stout sticks with which to 'persuade' Tom and Jerry to return to their pen.

The next hour saw the two of us forlornly following the two grinning porkers round and around our property, as they went hither and thither, completely ignoring all of our encouragement in the direction of their pen. The biting wind and sideways snow got wilder by the minute, the profanities grew louder and our fingers became correspondingly numb. I have to admit that at this moment I wondered, out loud and with numerous expletives included, just why we had decided upon Canada as our new home.

We persevered, though. We tried discipline of the stick wielding variety. We tried gentle persuasion, via the boot. We resorted to begging and even bribery, using a loaf of my favourite raisin bread to tempt our piggies back into their home, but nothing worked. The pigs ranged far and wide while we floundered after them in the driving snow. They stopped to root and chew on the spruce hedge. They wandered temptingly close to their pen and just when we thought they

might be about to go in, they made a sprint for it back down the garden.

Finally, when we'd given up all hope and collapsed in a sweaty, snowy heap, Tom and Jerry trotted back into their pen, entirely of their own accord. We'd saved our bacon, so to speak. Phew.

Then, there is the new addition to our family. His name is Jeff.

Jeff is a placid chap. He's moved in with us after coming to an impasse with his previous landlord, who was also his employer but hopefully we won't have any trouble with him. Currently he's crashing in the living room, which may not seem ideal but he always seems to be in a good mood when I come down for my breakfast early in the morning. We have a brief chat while I drink my first coffee of the day – Jeff preferring water – and then we take an invigorating stroll and I go off to work. Jeff comes home and usually goes back to sleep, in his crate.

Yes, crate. Jeff, you see, is a dog. A hound dog to be precise. Jeff returned with me from the hunt camp, after failing to perform in his role as deer finder and chaser. The poor

fellow did his best but he was not on a par with his peers and, even when he pursued a deer, he failed to bay like all hounds supposedly do, to alert us hunters of the deer's presence and direction of escape. Basically, Jeff didn't do his job. As such, his owner, a chap who'd bought Jeff to hunt with, was more than happy to part company with him.

And so our family has expanded, more than doubled in size since our emigration to Canada. We now number seven: myself, my lovely wife, Little Z, Jeff, Mackinaw the cat, and Tom and Jerry. There was Dave, too. Well, there were quite a few Daves to be exact, but Dave was 15 chickens, all who looked exactly the same, and whose stay with us was brief before they filled the freezer. Hence we don't count Dave.

That said, I feel that we're beginning to resemble the menagerie, the right mixture of pets and people required for life in the country. Just don't mention apple sauce to Tom and Jerry because I think they're getting a little jittery!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *How have you found the road conditions?*



Bonnie Hoenow
Halls Lake

Oh gosh. We just got back from Punta Cana. We followed a plow home and the roads were not too bad. This morning they are slippery. Slow down and drive accordingly.

Guenther Horst
Minden

I cannot complain. We have to remember we have snow and it takes time to clear the roads. I would say most of the time they do a good job.



Jessica Carrell
Minden

I think they are fun. I ice race so I love winter and snowy roads. We just need to remember to engage our brains before we start out in the bad weather.

Joanne Barnes
Carnarvon

We just came down from Carnarvon and for early in the day they were good. No problems so far, just drive more slowly.



Matthew Merritt
Minden

I came down from Dorset and the roads were just awful. Guess we had best get used to it and drive slower and very carefully.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Online tool opens doors for businesses

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

There's a new online tool available that is sure to benefit Haliburton's business community.

The Labour Market Gateway, a tool created by the Workforce Development Board (WDB) out of Peterborough, was created to address a need for more current and relevant information related to Haliburton's labour market.

"The community needs local, current and relevant labour market information," said WDB project officer Jason Dennison.

Retrieving that data has historically meant turning to StatsCan.

"What happens is some of the stats are dated in 2011 or something like that," he said. "If you want to know the pulse of the local labour market, it's difficult to use 2011 numbers to know what's going on."

The WDB came up with the idea to develop an electronic, updatable source of labour market information that users can access regularly, free of charge, he said.

The gateway includes a number of components. The first is providing a five-year projection on labour market demands.

"[We find out] what's happening locally by talking to employers and asking what they're going to be hiring next year," he said.

As the organization collects the data

from employers, they put together a report, available at the gateway, that lays out their projections for what kind of jobs may become available.

The tool also lays out how many jobs of a certain type are currently filled, to show what's happening in the market currently.

For example, the gateway report currently lists cooks as the most common job in Haliburton. According to the report, in 2014 there were 117 cook jobs in the county. They project a need for 134 cooks in 2019 (five years out), and add that it is expected 48 current cooks will retire in that time. That means it's expected that 64 cook positions will need to be filled over the next five years.

Dennison said that information is useful for job seekers to know what skills will be needed in the future, but also for employers to know the nature of the labour market. The information will also be useful for entrepreneurs and business owners who want to expand to the area.

"If I'm looking to expand my business to Haliburton, sure I'm interested to know who's looking for work, but I'm equally interested in who's working now," he said. "We don't have a manual and never will on how to use the gateway. It's anybody's tool and how a user decides to use it up to them."

Rosemarie Jung, manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, said the

Labour Workforce Gateway is going to be an excellent tool for local businesses and entrepreneurs.

"I'm excited we were part of this," she said. "I'm excited that this is going to be available to us and now it's a matter of educating our business community."

The tool, which also covers Northumberland, Peterborough, and Kawartha Lakes, would not have had as much Haliburton data were it not for the Chamber's involvement.

"We paved the way with our membership," Jung said. "We let them know this is what's coming down the pipe. Please respond [to the surveys], maybe 15 minutes of your time, and here's why it's important."

Getting that Haliburton data in the tool was important, she said.

"It helped to show the health of the business community in terms of how many staff were on board this year, looking to hire new staff, what areas, that sort of thing. That's really important in terms of economic development. What are the gaps in the community? How vibrant is the business community? Looking at hiring intentions."

Chamber members will see an immediate benefit to the tool, said Jung. First, their job postings will be hosted on the Labour Market Gateway as part of its employment search function. Because it's viewed by people outside of the county, it will expand the reach

of local businesses to find skilled labour.

"The net result is we get a better ability to access skilled labour. Ideally, we want those employees working here. Once they're working here, they'll want to live here."

Being able to see what kind of labour is already here, and where the demands are, will help businesses decide how best to grow.

"It will give them a bit of an insight into what are some of the gaps and areas of need," said Jung. "When there aren't employment opportunities in one area, perhaps that's an opportunity for a business venture or a wraparound business venture. If you see 'x' positions are in this industry, there could be potential for complementary business in that industry."

Dennison said the first phase, the labour market demand side, has launched. This includes the five year forecast and jobs reports, as well as the job search. Next is development of what he calls the supply side – a skills inventory of what currently exists in the market.

For Jung, the tool is already leaps and bounds ahead of what the county had access to before.

"It really brings greater insight into what the community is all about in terms of business, the economy, and employment," she said.

For more information, or to access the tool, visit wdb.ca.



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Down our Road Now what?



By Sharon Lynch

Keith was feeling cheated. When he and June moved to the country – well actually a small village – he thought they would enjoy being closer to nature and all that entailed. The changing seasons were to be included in that enjoyment. But something odd happened on the way to winter this year. Winter came a few days before Halloween, complete with snow and cars sliding into ditches.

If he lived back in the city, Keith would have been somewhat immune to the wintry conditions that were sprung upon him. Subways and condos made the difference. However since moving north and rural, Keith had to be more self-reliant.

This was fine with him since once he knew what to expect, be it weather or tricky neighbours. But not this year. The October snowfall had been a shock. The trick-or-treaters muddled through the slush in pursuit of candy despite sodden costumes and slippery walkways. And then the snow went away and it felt like September for a day or two.

Then wham-o, winter came in the form of blizzard-like conditions. Heavy snowfalls required Keith to shovel out their property three mornings in a row. The radio was full of warnings to stay off the roads. All this in November.

As Keith scooped snow off his driveway yet again, he saw his neighbour had taken out the snow blower and was going to work on his own driveway. When both men had finished, they stood and chatted for a few minutes. “Supposed to turn real warm next week,” noted the neighbour. “Darn weather can’t seem to make up its mind.”

Sure enough, in just a few days all that snow had started to go down as the temperature rose. Keith watched his backyard pond, frozen at the start of the week, now softly melting and rising as runoff pushed it higher. Heavy fog blanketed the village as the thermometer outside his window soared to new heights. Whatever happened to ‘normal’ thought Keith as he tried to decide whether or not to let the woodstove fire go out.

Standing there in his kitchen gazing at the soggy pond, he suddenly saw a movement in the cedars that lined its far shore. With a flurry that sent slush flying several deer came hurtling out from the bush, leaping high in that bouncing way deer do. In hot pursuit was a coyote. Then

behind the coyote came a fox followed by two raccoons, all running in the same direction as the deer.

Keith froze. He wasn’t sure he could trust his eyes. Since when did such animals keep company? Now he realized that instead of chasing one another, the animals were actually all running away from something. Keith peered through the glass at the direction from which they had come. The fog was thick and hung like a veil over the landscape. Nothing appeared unusual at first.

Then he heard it: a rumbling like a noisy truck passing over a wooden bridge. Low and ominous, the sound was growing louder. As it continued to increase in volume, Keith saw the water. Like a wall of dirty sludge, a massive wave was heading through the cedars, taking out the smaller trees as it advanced toward his house. The pond was inundated; its melting surface picked up and carried along on a tide of destruction. Bark, branches, rocks dirt and matted leaves sloshed and bumped their way forward.

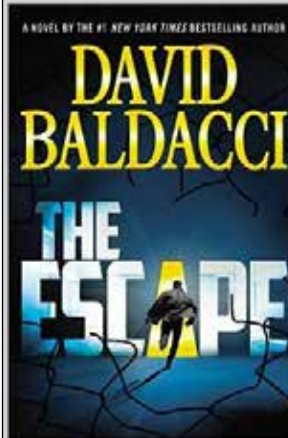
Keith didn’t know what to do. He called to June who had been reading in the other room but before he could finish his sentence, the wave hit the back of the house and broke through the patio door. Glass shattered and water quickly covered the kitchen floor. Keith looked down in shock as the frigid water swirled around his feet.

When the alarm went off, Keith sat straight up as though an electric current had just passed through his body. What a nightmare, he thought as his racing heart slowly returned to normal. It was early morning outside the bedroom window and Keith saw the water still dripping off the roof as it had been when he and June had gone to bed eight hours before. He shook his head free of the last image lodged there from his dream, then walked downstairs, hoping in vain to smell freshly brewed coffee. He wondered absently where June was.

“Keith, come quick,” came his wife’s voice from the basement. “We have a flood down here and its rising fast.”

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. The Escape by David Baldacci
2. Hope to Die by James Patterson
3. The Cinderella Murder by Mary Higgins Clark and Alafair Burke

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. Don't Give Up, Don't Give In: lessons from an extraordinary life by Louis Zamperini
2. Creatures of the Rock: a veterinarian's adventures in Newfoundland by Andrew Peacock
3. A Slip of the Keyboard by Terry Pratchett

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. The Opposite of Geek by Ria Voros (YA)
2. The Snowman and the Snowdog by Raymond Briggs (Picture Book)

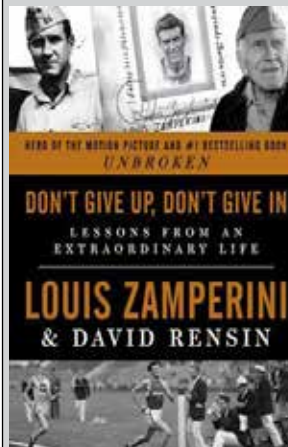
AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

1. And So It Goes (DVD)
2. A Good Marriage by Stephen King (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Friend's Christmas Book Basket Sale and Book Nook Winter Book Sale!

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Meetings and Events

Dec 1

7:00 pm, Inaugural meeting of Council,
 Minden Council Chambers.
 Public Welcome to attend

Dec 11

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

Weekly in December

Tuesdays - 7:00 pm, Euchre Night at the
 Lochlin Community Centre starting Oct. 7.

Wednesdays & Sundays

12:00 to 2:00 pm

FREE Public Skating,
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 Donations accepted.
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Wednesdays – 7:00 pm, Euchre Night at
 the Irondale Community Centre.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca/calendar/
 for details on these and other events.



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**The 2014 Members' Show
 Nov 18 - Dec 20**

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Dec 20 at 3:00 pm - Closing reception and the celebration of the 2014 People's
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Photography Juried Exhibition Jan 2015

To be held at the AJG for the month of January. Photos will be juried by curator
 Laurie Carmount. A great opportunity for photographers to showcase their prowess
 and creativity with a camera. An exhibition catalogue will be produced. Entries
 accepted from Dec 1-5. Visit <http://mindenhills.ca/art-gallery/exhibitions/> or 176
 Bobcaygeon Rd for entry forms.

Book Launch

Dec 4, 2014, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Come and join Jack Brezina, Jerelyn Craden and George Farrell as they read
 excerpts from Farrell's cottage country mystery novel 'Lonely Lake.' George will be
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Dec 4 - Reel Injun (2009) 88 min. Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond takes an
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30 Years/30 Artifacts Exhibition Opening

Dec 12 at 4:00 pm

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Holiday Fun Day

Sat Dec 6 from 11:00 – 3:00 pm

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Time and Place TBA

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See page 22 for an additional ad

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Highlander life



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

HHSS principal Dan Marsden gives his 100th blood donation.

Giving the gift of life

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Among blood donors, hitting 100 donations is quite a milestone.

But you wouldn't have known that watching Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden donating for the hundredth time on Nov. 24.

There was no fanfare, although there was a cake baked for the occasion. Marsden was quiet and tried not to draw attention. He followed his routine, like he always does, and quietly made his donation. To him, it's about doing what he can to help others. He said

everyone else in the room was doing their parts, too.

Marsden first donated in high school. He credits his father for encouraging him to donate.

At his first job out of high school, Marsden's employer provided a shuttle to donor clinics so employees could give blood. It's something he's always taken seriously.

"My dad donated 100 times, so it was a goal of mine to get 100," he said.

Now that he's reached the milestone, don't expect him to stop. Marsden said he will continue to encourage others to donate blood right alongside him.



Photo by Mark Arike

Dale Walker, left, accepts a donation from Judy Flieger and Jim Ross.

Poppy campaign funds Hyland Crest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will be able to purchase a new meat slicer for Hyland Crest thanks to the generosity of the Royal Canadian Legion branch in Minden.

On Nov. 24, branch president Judy Flieger and poppy campaign chair Jim Ross presented a \$2,000 cheque to Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

"We're very thankful," said Walker. "The

one [slicer] we have is quite old and isn't working properly."

The funds were raised through poppy sales in Minden between Oct. 31 and Nov. 11.

According to Ross, the branch can decide how to allocate the funds.

"It's a local thing in the community – and we do have veterans in Hyland Crest," he said, when asked why the branch chose to support the hospital.

Ross said that about 60 of the branch's 300 members are veterans.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Tim Hortons helps VDO provide care

Tim Hortons franchisee Nancy Bishop has donated \$3,169 to the Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County. The money was raised through the annual Smile Cookie Campaign. Bishop said next year's donation from the campaign will once again be gifted to the VDO. To date, the clinic has provided care to 481 patients. They have completed 3,132 appointments totalling over \$1,135,000 in care.

Pictured above: Debbie Rouble and Nancy Bishop of Tim Hortons presents the VDO Board of Directors with a \$3,169 cheque from the Smile Cookie Campaign. From left are Debbie Rouble, Betty Mills, Nancy Bishop, Sandra Slavenwhite-Box, Janis Parker, Mark Arike, Kathy Purc, and Lisa Kerr.

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Curlers battle for lake pride

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They played for bragging rights, and in the end it was the team representing Drag and Spruce Lakes that came out on top.

The Nov. 22 Battle of the Lakes bonspiel, hosted by the Haliburton Curling Club, saw 80 curlers take to the rink for a chance to be crowned top lake in Haliburton.

"The winning team will share a big picture," said bonspiel chairman Kent Milford. "The captain is responsible for getting a picture of the winning lake."

That picture will hang on the wall at the curling club for a year. Each individual team member will also receive a smaller framed copy of the photo.

"A good time was most definitely had by all, and I am virtually certain this will become an annual event."

The bonspiel consisted of eight teams, each representing a lake in the area. Each team included 10 curlers, so that when two teams played each other, there were actually two games going on at a time. Milford said the scoring format called for the scores from both games to be tabulated together to determine the winning team.

The winners this year included captain Wayne Hussey, Cathy Moss, Dave Moss, Don Popple, Joe Sebesta, Marilyn Whittaker, Anne MacNaull, Bob MacNaull, Lorraine Virgin, and Jack Virgin.

The runner ups were the curlers from Boshkung, Maple and Eagle Lakes.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Ron Draper (middle) calls a shot while Dave Moss (left) and Joe Sebesta look on during the Battle of the Lakes bonspiel on Nov. 22.

Highland Storm

Tom Prentice & Sons Tykes Submitted by Andrea Prentice

The Tom Prentice & Sons Tyke team travelled to Sunderland to face off against the Brock Wild Tykes on Nov. 23. Once again, Brock put our team to the test with a hard-fought battle. The Highland Storm came out on top with an 8-7 win. Hard work, great passes, breakaways, assists, defence and awesome goaltending kept this Storm team on their winning streak. Game goals go to Kadin Card, Josh Scheffee, Cheyenne Degeer (2), and Ty Rupnow with a hat trick. Great job team! Keep up the good work!

Next face off is in Apsley on Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. and in Minden at 3 p.m.

Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Atom AE

Submitted by Ron Hall

On Nov. 15, the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm Atom AE played the Huntsville Otters.

There was a lot of battling in the first period. Both goalies played hard with the period ending 0-0. Huntsville scored first in the second, but the Storm came back eight seconds later with a goal by Kaine Brannigan, assisted by Curtis Murlock. The game was tied at one heading into the third period.

The Storm came out flying and kept rushing the net. They scored again with a goal by Dylan Keefer assisted by Brannigan. The

Otters came back, scoring another of their own 45 seconds later. Both teams battled back and forth with Huntsville putting on the pressure. They scored with 25 seconds left to make the final 3-2 for the Otters. Damon Harriss had a great game in goal.

On Nov. 16 the team headed to Gravenhurst to play the South Muskoka Bears. They played one of their best games, not letting the Bears ahead at all until midway through the second period. With the puck fully covered, the Bears jabbed at it before the whistle and managed to get the puck in. The Highland Storm battled hard the remainder of the game but unfortunately ran out of time with the final score being 1-0.

The Otters came back to Minden on Nov. 22 to test the Storm. Huntsville opened up the

scoring with two goals in the first period. The Storm answered on a rush from Kyan Hall, Brannigan and Evan Armstrong, who put it in the net. The score was 2-1 going into the third, but the Otters managed to get two more putting the final score at 4-1.

The Atoms headed to Gravenhurst on Nov. 23 to play the Bears again. The Bears opened the scoring in the second on a deflection. They scored another making it 2-0, but the Storm dug in their heels and came back flying. Jamie Crowe shot the puck towards the net, and Hall managed to put in the rebound. In the third, Keefer rushed the net with Armstrong and Hall who buried it in the net. With time ticking down both teams left it all on the ice with the final score ending in a 2-2 tie. Great work by all the players!

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Santa Claus Parade 2014

Bright lights, big smiles at Santa Claus Parade

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The temperature may have been below zero, but that didn't stop dozens of local residents from lining Highland Street on Nov. 21 for the annual Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade.

About 40 entries, including bands, horses, marchers and floats, made their way through town during the event. Prior to the parade, a tree lighting ceremony was held at the Village Barn along with Christmas carols provided by local musician Gord Kidd and friends.

The parade was hosted by the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area and organized by the Haliburton & District Lions Club.

"It's been very, very successful," said head organizer Jim Frost. "Lots of bright lights, music, entries and people have a great time."

Frost said this was the ninth year that the parade was held in the evening. It was previously held on a Sunday afternoon.

Members of the Lions Club also collected donations for the food banks during the festive event.



Photos by Mark Arike

Above left: A creative entry on stilts walks down Highland Street. Top right: The Dysart volunteer fire department leads the parade into town. Above right: A member of the Algonquin Shrine Club stands aboard a float.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Above: Santa Claus took a break from his busy schedule to attend the Minden Santa Claus Parade on Nov. 22. Santa appeared in his sleigh and followed the parade downtown Minden despite the cold, rainy weather. Top right: This young girl waves to Santa Claus as he passes by. Right: The Correctional Services Pipes and Drums followed the Minden Hills Fire Department down Bobcaygeon Road, together leading the parade through Minden's downtown.



Santa comes to Minden

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They braved the rain to come out and see Santa Claus parade through downtown Minden.

Despite the weather on Nov. 22, the Minden parade had kids and families smiling as the bands marched by, Christmas carollers sang, and the big man himself made his appearance. The parade made its way along Bobcaygeon Road, as children received gifts of candy while they stood alongside the road.

The Minden Hills Fire Department led the way, followed by a variety of floats and other costumed walkers.

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Junior highlanders

Put an end to bullying

I use Skype a lot, and I meet some people I come to call friends.

About a week ago, while skyping with one of my newest acquaintances, we were discussing social aspects and what's wrong with the world. During this conversation one of them told me how he had had a friend whose father was abusive and everyone in school picked on him constantly.

This poor child ended up committing suicide and I think it was because he felt unwanted, unloved, and more importantly because no one, besides the friend in the chat, gave more than a passing glance at the boy's issues.

I know how this feels.

When I lived in North Carolina I went to Walter William's High School. It had a well-deserved bad reputation. There were

often school cafeteria fights over dumb things like who was looking at whose girlfriend and so on. I hated going there, but I had no choice as it was the public school in my neighbourhood, and I felt the same way that poor kid probably did. I felt like no one but my family truly cared.

The fellow in the chat said he went to the principal after the young man had taken his life and told him "if you had done something he might still be here." The principal told him that was enough, but my friend refused to back down, and told him "no, it's not enough. You didn't lift a finger or listen to the boy's problems, nor did you ever look out for him."

Kids carry grief and depression much differently than adults do. I know when I was in high school I had no friends and was a social outcast because I was a wee

bit different. I became depressed and would at times come home in tears asking my family "why do I exist?" and saying "I'm a waste of air." But, like most other people, I want to be protected and in fact I want to protect my family and my friends from danger.

I do believe that we need some sort of protective services in schools for kids who are being bullied because it's bad enough to be suffering from issues at home, but it compounds when you're bullied at school. I feel like teachers either don't notice the signs that a child is suffering from depression and needs social protection, and in some cases protection from family members, or turn a blind eye to their issues because it's easier to not get involved.

I want schools where all kids, no matter how fat they are, no matter how nerdy, can

all congregate to learn and be kind and respectful to each other. If we don't implement some kind of system to prevent kids from being bullied constantly then that dream may never happen. Yes, there are programs and some legislation in place, but bullying still happens every day.

Kids only pick on other kids because they want to feel better about themselves or make an impression, but even kids can finally let out all of that pent up abuse and push back. The thing is, they shouldn't have to. They should be able to go to someone and have them do something to protect them. It's hard to learn when you are constantly looking over your shoulder.



By Austin McGillion

Through my eyes

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD CLOSING AND SALE BY-LAW File No. RA-13-01

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to pass a by-law to stop up and close certain portions of an old travelled road which has since been relocated and was formerly known as County Road No. 20 in the Geographic Township of Minden, now in the Township of Minden Hills, in the County of Haliburton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of Township of Minden Hills proposes by the aforesaid by-law to authorize the sale and conveyance of the said portions of road or interests therein which are closed at a consideration to be determined by By-Law of Council and subject to Council declaring the lands to be surplus.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills for consideration at its regular meeting to be held at the Township's Municipal Office, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario on the 11th day of December, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and at that time Council will hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law or who comments on the proposed disposal.

DATED: November 27, 2014

Ian Clendening
Planner

SCHEUDLE "A"

Part of Lot 10, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, now in the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton, designated as Part 1 and 24 on Plan 19R-9688.



Photo by Mark Arike

Jaxen Casey, 4, left, and Anson Casey, 2, get busy at the children's craft table.

Snacks, Santa and Christmas cheer

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Having just been in Haliburton's annual parade the night before, Santa Claus didn't have far to travel to get his photo taken with kids and their families at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre on Nov. 22.

For a cost of \$5, visitors of all ages got their photo taken and processed by Luke Schell, owner of The Photo Shop in Haliburton.

Gallery volunteers served snacks and refreshments, and children's crafts were also available at the eighth annual Santa Day.

Each child received a small gift full of age-appropriate items courtesy of the Haliburton & District Lions Club. The gallery's executive director, Laurie Jones, said that about 100 presents were ready to be handed out. Any leftover gifts were given to another local cause.



Baking Shortbread for Community Care

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- Angie Garot
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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: A young participant patiently waits for the bell to signal the start of the Ugly Sweater Run/Walk. Middle: GTA residents Jill Norman, left, and Jodi Folkes show off their fancy get-ups. Folkes wound up winning the award for the tackiest sweater. Right: Participants strut their stuff for the judges.

Ugly sweaters parade around village

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's a good thing the fashion police weren't in Haliburton for the second annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run/Walk on Nov. 23.

About 50 people went into their closets and dug up some of their most bizarre, outrageous

and colourful attire for the five-kilometre trek, which started at the Haliburton library branch and finished at the Old Meets New Café.

A panel of volunteer judges awarded prizes to the three participants for their creative entries. The winners were Eric Mueller for best kids sweater, Nicki Hagarty for most creative and Jodi Folkes for tackiest.

"The feedback [for the event] was really good," said event organizer Andrea Mueller at a Nov. 24 Dysart council meeting.

The entry fee was \$5 for adults and \$10 families. Donations were also accepted for the food bank.

Minden buys up books

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library piggybacked on the Minden Santa Claus Parade and Festival of Trees to try and sell some books. Shoppers stopped in to the Minden Library to browse the selection of books. The books were on sale individually, or by the bag-load. Money raised from the sale helps the Friends support the county's libraries.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

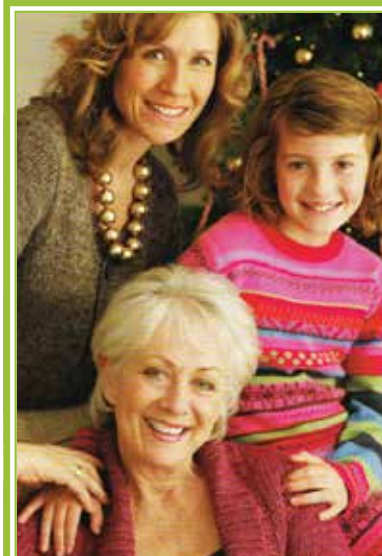
Shirley and Reg Letourneau left the Friends of the Haliburton Library book sale with a bag of books.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Warden thanks staff, council at annual banquet

Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton thanked his staff in Highlands East, as well as the county, for their efforts over the last year during the annual Warden's Dinner on Nov. 21. Burton also thanked his fellow county and municipal councillors for their efforts throughout the last year, particularly with regards to the OPP billing issue. The dinner was hosted by the Pinestone Resort.



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EVENTS

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OBITUARIES

Charlene Swanson

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



Peacefully at Extendicare Haliburton on Saturday evening, November 22, 2014 at the age of 49. Cherished sister of Helen (Barry Bryan), Betty Campbell (Darrel Devolin), Brian (Toni Marconi), Gloria (Jim McPhail), Sharon (David Risk). Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews other family and friends. Predeceased by her parents Margaret and Leonard Swanson. Charlene had been an active member of Community Living and was known for her smile and hugs.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends may call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 12 o'clock until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay, Ontario at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Community Living Haliburton County or the Family Council of Extendicare Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.



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Muriel Irene Harrington (nee Saunders)

Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at the age of 82.

Beloved wife of the late Jack (John) Harrington (2009). Dear mother of Anne (Bill), Meta (Don), John (Gwen), Patricia (Dave). Loving grandmother of Laura (Nathan), Stephanie (Aaron), Chris, Brad, Lori-Anne, Jolene (Igor), Trisha and grandmother of many great and great great grandchildren. Survived by her brother George and predeceased by sister Helen and by brother Russell. Lovingly remembered by Todd and Gail Grainger.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden on Thursday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Service to Celebrate Muriel's Life will be held in the Chapel at the Funeral Home on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the Funeral Home. Cremation to follow.


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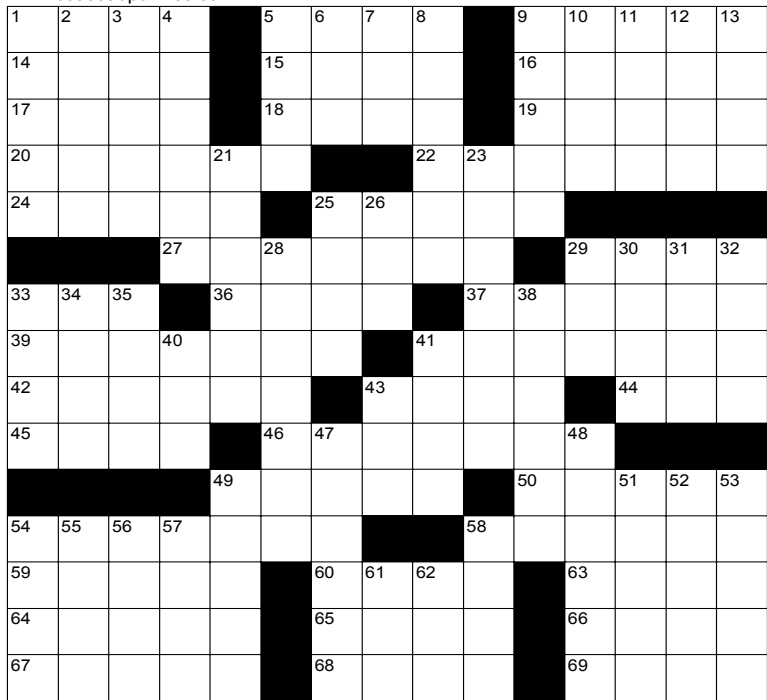
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- ACROSS**

 - 1. Goals
 - 5. Glance over
 - 9. Break
 - 14. Finger sound
 - 15. Mexican dish
 - 16. Heart artery
 - 17. Inheritor
 - 18. Mimic
 - 19. Sheep's cry
 - 20. Author ____ Hemingway
 - 22. Liberate
 - 24. Iron setting
 - 25. Strong string
 - 27. Most cherished
 - 29. Tibetan monk
 - 33. Bakery offering
 - 36. Surrounded by
 - 37. Motive
 - 39. "Dirty room" for "dormitory", e.g.
 - 41. Emotional stress
 - 42. Accent
 - 43. Eye drop
 - 44. Summer refresher
 - 45. Bridge charge
 - 46. Ted Kennedy, e.g.
 - 49. Benches
 - 50. Prying bar
 - 54. Goes up
 - 58. Like Swiss mountains
 - 59. Roger ____ (007 actor)
 - 60. Golden calf, e.g.
 - 63. Starting bet
 - 64. ____ Antoinette
 - 65. Slippery creatures
 - 66. Freezes
 - 67. Command
 - 68. Decorate anew
 - 69. Urgent
- DOWN**

 - 3. Augusta's locale
 - 4. Butter or jam
 - 5. RBI, e.g.
 - 6. Bottle top
 - 7. Crack pilot
 - 8. Martial artist Chuck ____
 - 9. Expensive fur
 - 10. Burrowing rodent
 - 11. Zone
 - 12. RR terminals
 - 13. Loathe
 - 21. Smudges
 - 23. Beseech
 - 25. Clip neatly
 - 26. Get hitched
 - 28. Gathered
 - 29. ____ Vegas, Nevada
 - 30. Europe's neighbor
 - 31. Emotional state
 - 32. Actress ____ Bancroft
 - 33. Historian's concern
 - 34. Absorbed by
 - 35. English nobleman
 - 38. Sign up
 - 40. Set
 - 41. Oolong and pekoe
 - 43. Explosive inits.
 - 47. Less difficult
 - 48. Gave back
 - 49. Show contempt
 - 51. Leonardo da ____
 - 52. Door sign
 - 53. Della ____ of "Touched by an Angel"
 - 54. Munitions, for short
 - 55. Glide
 - 56. Twine
 - 57. Toledo's waterfront
 - 58. Plus
 - 61. Low grade
 - 62. Not new
- DOWN**

 - 1. Campfire remains
 - 2. Lethargic

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2014 EVENTS

| THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| Stanhope Line Dancing Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall 9 am - 12 pm | Highlands Chamber Orchestra - Northern Lights Pavilion 7:30 pm | Be A Musher -Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve 3:30 pm | Hallelujah Chorus - Haliburton United Church 3:00 pm |
| Pickleball – Haliburton HHSS 7 pm - 9:45pm | CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON , Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden, 11am to 1:30pm, 50/50 tickets, bake sale, bucket draw. Admin \$5 (Snow Date Nov. 29) | Moccasin Workshop with lure of the North - The Art Hive, Hwy 118 10 am - 4 pm thearthive@live.ca | The Highlands Festival Singers - Haliburton Untied Church 3:00 - 5:30 pm |
| Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre 1 pm - 4 pm | | Rock Around the Clock, Christmas with Elvis - Gooderham Community Centre, Gooderham 4:30 - 11pm | Be A Musher -Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve 3:30 pm |

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
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| FIREWORKS - Rails End Gallery - 11 am - 5 pm FREE | FIREWORKS - Rails End Gallery - 11 am - 5 pm FREE | Pickleball - Minden Minden Community Centre 9 am - 12 pm | Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre 1 - 4pm |
| 30 YEARS 30 ARTIFACTS - Minden Hills Museum - 10 am - 5 pm - \$3 | 30 YEARS 30 ARTIFACTS - Minden Hills Museum - 10 am - 5 pm - \$3 | Dorset Yoga Classes Dorset Recreation Centre 10 - 11am | Pickleball - Haliburton HHSS 7 - 9:45 pm |
| Club 35 Tai Chi Classes - Dorset Recreation Centre 12 pm - FREE | The Highlands Festival Singers - Haliburton Untied Church 3:00 - 5:30 pm - \$15 | Dorset African Hand Drumming Class Dorset Recreation Centre 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | |

| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY |
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| Scott Woods Christmas Tradition - ASES 7 - 9 pm | Holiday Fun Day - Minden Hills Cultural Centre 12 pm FREE | Christmas Fayre - 11am - 3pm, Kinmount Legion. A great variety of vendors, lunch, country raffle, Christmas music etc. Free Admission & all are welcome. | Club 35 Tai Chi Classes - Dorset Recreation Centre 12 pm - FREE |
| | Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Christmas Book Basket Sale - Dysart Branch Library 10 am - 2 pm FREE | | Stanhope Seniors Lunch - Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall 12 pm FREE |

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION NOV 27 - DEC 3, 2014

| Haliburton Branch | Minden Branch | Wilberforce Branch |
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| General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month The Country Hot Flashes, Dec. 6 4-7 p.m., \$5 for Lasagna. No cover. | Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m. | Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Community Care 55+ lunch, Friday, call 705-448-2106 Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Grey Cup party and chili cook off, 6 p.m. kick-off. \$5. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. |

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Highlander events



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Isla and Hawksley Dobbins make Christmas crafts. Right: Sandra Edwards admires one of the trees on display for the annual Festival of Trees in Minden.

Christmas trees on display in Minden

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The turnout may have been down from last year, but that didn't stop those who did attend from enjoying the Festival of Trees.

On the weekend of Nov. 21-23, visitors to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre were treated to a display of 32 decorated Christmas trees and 10 wreaths. Participants also entered raffles to win one of 10 gift baskets and 10 gift certificates.

"I feel like the Festival of Trees was successful," said Pam Smith, organizer. "People enjoyed the variety of decorated trees, wreaths and garlands, and were happy at the selection of gift baskets and gift certificates that were available by raffle."

The trees and wreaths were scattered

throughout the centre.

"This year we had a tree with numerous firefighter-related toys, a Woodland knitted animals [tree], trees with handmade decorations from the Quilt Guild, the Historical Society, the Rug Hookers and Eagle Lake Women's Society, as well as trees with bright, colourful and unique decorations," Smith said.

The 5th annual event couldn't have happened without the support of the local community and businesses.

"[We] appreciate the support of local merchants, individuals and groups who all contribute to the success of this event," she said. "There are businesses, groups and individuals who have decorated trees or sponsored trees in each of the five years the festival has been running."



Photo by Mark Arike

Community development coordinator Elisha Weiss carries a tray of 'naughty or nice' gift boxes.

A night of sparkle and glitter

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Disco balls and copious amounts of bling made for a shiny evening at the first Glitter Ball on Nov. 22. Nearly 100 people attended the inaugural cocktail event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in support of

the Festival of Trees.

The fundraiser included performances from the Highlands Opera Theatre, raffles, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction featuring the work of local artists. A signature cocktail, known as "The Blue Diamond," was served to guests throughout the night.

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# What's on

## Flippin' Fiddler to make Haliburton debut

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Scott Woods picked up his first violin at the age of four, and he's rarely put the instrument down since.

A native of Fergus, Ont., Woods comes from six generations of fiddle players. His late father, Merv, signed him up for classical training because he understood the value of learning the fundamentals. In 1950, he founded his own band known as The Merv Woods Orchestra.

"When you're four or five years old, that stuff is pretty boring," said Woods. "But as a reward for practicing that technique, Dad would teach us fiddle tunes because he knew that that technique was the foundation that you needed to be a good player in general."

Learning those bonus jigs and reels, he said, is what kept him interested in the music.

As a child, Woods would practice his craft upwards of an hour per day. It's that level of focus and dedication that would lead him to become an award-winning fiddle player.

"I loved it, but like any kid there are times that you'd rather not be practicing and some of the stuff was kind of boring, still."

Woods soon joined his siblings in his father's band – a 14-piece orchestra that played big band music. By the mid-1980s, Merv's role as head of the group was passed on to Woods and The Scott Woods Band was formed.

"It's kind of always been the family band," he said, pointing out that only he and his sister Kendra are the remaining family members with the band.

By 2006, the band was putting on fundraiser concerts across the country for churches, charities and service clubs. Woods estimates that they do anywhere between 100-150 shows per year.

The idea of embarking on a fundraising tour was something that emerged shortly after his father's passing in 2003.

"On one of those late-night drives after a gig, my mom had said to me that she had always wanted to go on a mission trip. Since my dad was gone, she thought that maybe she could do that."

Woods then suggested the possibility of fundraising while on tour and the rest, as they say, is history.



Photo submitted by Scott Woods

Canadian fiddler Scott Woods is coming to Haliburton on Dec. 5.

Over the years, the Canadian fiddler has been named the two-time winner of the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest, two-time winner of the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championships, and Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the Year.

However, perhaps even more unique is the fact that he can do somersaults while playing – a trick he picked up at the age of 11 while entering fiddling contests. The trademark move has landed him the nickname "The Flippin' Fiddler."

"I was able to capture three years in a row the national title for trick and fancy fiddling," he recalled. "It was kind of a fun thing and I've just always stuck with it."

He's experienced a few rough landings, but has never suffered a serious injury while in mid-air or on his way down.

On Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., Woods and his band will put on a "fast-paced and uplifting" Christmas concert at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Half of the ticket sales will be donated to the Minden United Church.

Special performances will feature musicians Gary and Nadine Boles and 14-year-old singing, fiddle and step dancing sensation Amanda MacInnis. A bit of humour and trick fiddling will also be included in the two-hour show.

"It's a true Christmas show, and you certainly don't have to be a fiddle fan to enjoy it," said Woods.

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**\$149,900.**

- Stunning views and abundant wildlife on this fabulous piece of the Canadian Shield
- Located off the tip of gorgeous Paudash Lake
- Extensive frontage on Highway 118
- Many potential building sites for your dream home or hunting retreat
- Driveway in, pole & hydro meter on property
- Mature trees, ponds, creeks, and access to Snowmobile/ATV trails

**TURN KEY! \$549,900.**



- 3 + 1 bedroom, 3 bath, approximately 2,000 sq. ft.
- 260 feet of sand frontage, 4.52 acres
- 4-season Viceroy style home/cottage
- Hardwood floors, woodstove, oak kitchen
- Large screened porch, 2 lakeside deck areas

**FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$439,900.**



- 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 bath, 3,928 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



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**KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$349,900.**



- Rocky point with 210 feet of waterfront
- Traditional 3 bedroom cottage
- Stone fireplace, screened porch
- Easy access off year round paved road
- Enjoy the expansive lake views, great value

**4 SEASON RETREAT \$395,000.**



- 3+ bedroom, open concept, ranch style home
- Child safe shoreline, expansive views
- Front and rear decking
- 1,800 square feet of living space
- Year round easy access

**GREAT HALIBURTON VILLAGE LOCATION \$309,000.**



- Spacious 5+ bedrooms with many upgrades
- On Highland Street across from the LCBO
- Commercial zoning
- Many potential uses

**DRAG LAKE COTTAGE \$324,500.**



- Charming 3 bedroom back split cottage with large screened Muskoka Room and a bunkie. Enjoy miles of boating and fishing on Drag and Spruce Lakes.



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**SHOWS TO PERFECTION! \$279,900**



- 2 + 1 bedrooms, 786 square feet living space
- Gently sloping lot with 100 feet of waterfront
- Year round access, upgraded driveway
- Large lakeside dock, fire pit, Bunkie
- 4-season use with extensive renovations

**RESTORED PERFECTION! \$474,900.**



- 3 + 1 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,514 sq. ft living space
- Clean, weed free shoreline
- Renovations include septic, windows, plumbing
- Year round access, ample parking
- Bunkie and detached garage

**COUNTY ROAD 121 \$465,000.**



- 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 door detached garage
- Wood floors, open concept, finished basement
- Built in 2006, 2,700 square feet, quality ICF construction
- 80+ acres with fenced pastures, trails and pond
- 20 minutes to Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls, Minden

**BURNT RIVERFRONT \$195,000.**



- 105 feet of shoreline on 1.6 acres
- 3 bedrooms, 800 square feet
- Gorgeous outdoor 'summer kitchen'
- Wood floors, updated interior
- At the end of a very quiet road



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**BOB LAKE \$299,900.**



- Well maintained 3 bedroom cottage plus bunkie
- 100 foot Algonquin style lot with southern exposure
- Big lake view with deep, clean, rocky shoreline
- Very private, well tree lot
- Original owner – shows pride of ownership

**BOB LAKE \$299,900.**



- Charming 2 bedroom cottage sits close to waters edge
- 100 feet of frontage with property on both sides of the road
- Deep water off dock, great fishing
- Awesome views of island and across the lake
- 10 minutes to local amenities and 2 hours to GTA

**HIGHWAY 118 \$54,900.**



- 47 acre lot close to Tory Hill
- Mixed hardwood and softwood trees
- Year round municipal road
- Ideal building lot with lots of privacy

**PRIME 4 SEASON PROPERTY \$449,900.**



- 210 feet of expansive southern exposure
- 1,688 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Nice private setting
- Single car garage, covered deck
- Full unfinished basement, main floor laundry



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**CEDARLOG PANABODE \$549,000.**



- 2 + 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 4 season use
- Clean, weed free, smooth rock shoreline
- Landscaped, 2 screened porch areas, decking
- Lower level walkout, fire pit area
- Air conditioned guest cabin, detached garage

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY \$599,900.**



- High traffic and visibility
- Complete turnkey set up
- 2.5 acres level lot, fully fenced
- Fully serviced office building
- Storage units, U-Haul Rental

**PERFECT BEACH! \$489,900.**



- Stunning 4-season home or cottage
- Level, well teed lot on 3 lake chain
- 2,300 sq. ft. of living space, 3 bdrms, 2 bath
- Finished lower level with lakeside walkout
- Double garage, heated workshop, shed, & toy house!

**MAJESTIC SETTING \$800,000.**



- 4-season, 3 bedroom home/cottage
- 265 feet of clean sand shoreline, 1.35 acres
- Separate 2 bedroom, 1 bath Bunkie
- Dry slip boathouse with sauna, games room
- Oversized double garage, stunning views.



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