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Photo by Mark Arike

The cast of Calling All Angels re-enacts the birth of Jesus at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton on Dec. 12. See story on page 29.

## An even dozen: Fearrey warden for 2015

By **Matthew Desrosiers**  
 Editor

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey will serve as Haliburton County's warden for the 12<sup>th</sup> time during the inaugural meeting of county council on Dec. 16.

Fearrey was unanimously chosen to lead the county in 2015.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge nominated Fearrey for the position.

"A good way to start this new term of council is with the old hand," she said.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin seconded the nomination.

"During my terms I've seen a lot of changes here," Fearrey said. "I've had the opportunity to work with a lot of dedicated committee members, staff and associates. It's been a real honour and a big part of my life, for sure."

Fearrey said his priority in 2015 will be

to gather the council for a special meeting to discuss a four-year plan for the county. He said this council faces many of the same issues as the last, but that the fiscal balancing act continues to get more and more complicated.

He also took the opportunity to call on his councillors to continue the fight on OPP billing.

"We should continue to ... look at alternatives to see if there's another way to

mitigate some of those costs," he said.

Looking forward to 2015, Fearrey said he's confident this council will be able to handle the challenge.

"We've got a busy year ahead. I look forward to working with you. We've got good experience here and new people coming on, [but] I know we're in good shape."

After his last term as warden in 2012, Fearrey had said it would be his last.



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# Women's hockey - and wine - added to Winter Games

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

The organizers of the 2015 Ontario 55+ Winter Games made two big announcements on Dec. 10 at McKeck's Tap & Grill in Haliburton.

Games chair Alan Clark told the media and local politicians that a women's exhibition hockey tournament will be held in the county over two days before the games, from Feb. 16-17. He expects that as many as six teams of women over the age of 50 will participate in the hockey action.

"We'll have another 60-100 competitors coming into the county," said Clark.

A few months back, the women approached the Ontario Senior Games Association to

see if they could be included in the games. Although they weren't able to do so "due to some long bureaucratic process about how to get in," said Clark, they were given approval to showcase their skills just prior to the regularly scheduled events.

"It will be another nice economic boost to the community to have in and to showcase women's hockey," he said.

The women will play at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

“Hopefully the community there will embrace them,” he said, adding that this might open the door to include the women in the next Games.

The other announcement that Clark made is that the Games has partnered with Colio Estate Wines, based out of Harrow, Ont.

The company is sponsoring the Games by donating \$1 from every sale of their Bricklayers Predicament wine to the event.

"It's just a huge opportunity for us," said Clark.

Promotional displays have been set up in 18 stores across the region, including LCBOs in Haliburton County. McKeck's has also agreed to make it a featured wine at their restaurant.

"It's that kind of community spirit that's going to make this work."

Mike Ross, area manager for the winery,

said the family-owned business is proud to partner with the Games.

"We cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to be involved in the Ontario 55+ Winter Games," said Ross. "It's a great fit


for us we feel. A little older demographic is a great market for us to be involved with."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin thanked the organizers for bringing the games back to the community.

"Staff and council offer our support to make these games a success," said Devolin. "We look forward to them."

*It will be another nice economic boost to the community.*

Alan **Clark**  
games chair



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# Highlander news

## Minden water festival back on the table

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

One county resident's dream to bring a large scale, three-day music festival to Minden might become a reality next summer.

John Teljeur attended a Minden Hills council meeting on Dec. 11 to ask for council's support toward a project he has been working on for the past couple of years.

"This is strictly something that I believe in that could help this area and the businesses," said Teljeur.

The event, titled The International Festival for Water, would feature classic rock and blues bands, water protection groups, authors and speakers at the Minden Fairgrounds and other township facilities. It would be used to raise awareness of water issues and the solutions needed to protect this natural resource.

Teljeur reviewed his proposal for a three-year agreement that would result in the township receiving \$5 per ticket in the first year, \$7 in the second and \$10 in the third.

"Building festivals is very difficult and challenging ... it's a lot of risk," he said, explaining that the promoter – The Wolfgang Siebert Group – would arrange the lineup and cover all the costs associated with the event.

According to Teljeur's report, that's a \$1.2 million investment for the first event.

"These guys have been doing this for 20 or 30 years. They are invested in this; this is their

business."

He projected that between 10,000 and 20,000 people would attend the festival by 2016.

Using the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture's Tourism Regional Economic Impact Model (TREIM), Teljeur said the event's economic impact would be \$1.7 million.

"It's a sound strategy for putting heads in beds," he said, referring to overnight stays in the county.

At this point, the lineup of talent has not yet been determined. However, Teljeur told councillors they could look at the lineups at other festivals such as Rock the Park in London, Ont. and Voyageur Days in Mattawa to get an idea of who might be coming to Minden.

Acts in recent years have included Weezer, Sammy Hagar, Burton Cummings, Sass Jordan and Matthew Good.

"We have to convince people from the GTA and parts in between ... we have to provide a compelling reason for them to travel two-and-a-half hours north here."

By launching the festival, Teljeur noted he would like to start up a community fund to help other initiatives in the community such as the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival.

If the festival is successful, he said a second event – a country/western show – would be added in 2016.

"It will put Minden on the worldwide stage,"

he said.

Councillor Lisa Schell asked if the township could negotiate the kickback they receive through ticket sales.

"It can be negotiated," responded Teljeur. "They really like this area, they really want

a chance to set something up because they believe it can be very successful."

Councillor Pam Sayne said she had "a lot of red flags go up" after reading about the timing of the first event and the fact that it's already being promoted online as a water festival.

"There seems to be a lot to get done in a very short amount of time," said Sayne.

She also expressed concerns about branding and the possibility of overlap with the Children's Water Festival, and competing with existing events such as the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival.

Later in the meeting, councillors discussed the matter further and voted in favour of supporting the festival in principal.

Reeve Brent Devolin said the concerns of existing fairgrounds users and property

owners would be taken into consideration.

As part of their decision, council also voted in favour of seeking the help of the township's solicitor to review the draft agreement for the festival, and directed staff to work with the promoter to finalize a draft agreement.

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### Woman extracted from ditched vehicle

Ontario Provincial Police responded to an overturned vehicle in a water-filled ditch at Gelert Road near Devlin Drive on Dec. 13 at approximately 9:25 a.m. The driver of the vehicle was able to exit, but his passenger was trapped and only her head remained above water.

Chris Dobbins, a passing motorist, stopped to assist and, using a winch, was able to keep the vehicle from submerging further into the ditch until emergency crews arrived. The passenger was extracted by the Minden Hills Fire Department and was transported to hospital for treatment of hypothermia. A full recovery is expected.

### Festive R.I.D.E. leads to charges

From Dec. 8-14, the Ontario Provincial Police conducted 19 R.I.D.E. checks in Haliburton County, resulting in over 600

inspections.

As a result, the police have laid the following charges: driving while disqualified (1), driving under suspension (1), driving with over 80 milligrams of alcohol (1), having open liquor (1), breach of probation (1).

The Festive R.I.D.E. campaign continues until Jan. 2.

### Bus involved in collision

A wheelchair bus was involved in a head-on crash with a Ford Explorer on Dec. 11, on Highway 118 in Algonquin Highlands. Police were notified of the accident at around 8 a.m.

The Algonquin Highlands Fire Department responded to the scene and helped extract the drivers. They both sustained minor injuries and were transported to the Haliburton Hospital. Mirjana Knezevic, 62 of West Guilford, was charged with careless driving.

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# Editorial opinion

## Christmas season

I'm not sure there's anything more frustrating than a set of Christmas lights.

You know the ones, where if one bulb goes out, the entire string cuts out with it. I set up our Christmas tree last week – late, I know – and it has these lights already strung around the branches. Of course, when I plugged it in, nearly half the tree remained dark.

Anyone who's ever put up Christmas lights knows my pain, and the frustration that was to follow.

For the next 45 minutes I sat, bent over, and stood around that tree, meticulously changing out each and every light on the unlit strings, searching for the one bulb responsible for the outage. Ashley watched me from the kitchen, at times amused, other times worried I might throw our tree across the living room. That would have been very possible; there's nothing like a plastic tree to get you in – and out – of the Christmas mood.

Finally, my back sore and achy, I looked down in despair and was ready to give up when I saw them: two cords, with plugs at the end, dangling from inside the tree. You see, there are three sections to this tree, so it would make sense there are three cords. But in reality, there are five strings of lights, each with its own plug.

Ashley and I laughed for a good minute or two – I preferred that to crying – and of course she told me the thought of extra cords had crossed her mind 20 minutes prior, but she didn't mention it for fear of offending my masculinity by suggesting such an obvious solution.

Regardless of the debacle that was putting it there, our tree is now up, decorated, and exuding Christmas spirit throughout the house.

It's amazing how such a simple symbol

can turn the season around.

Until last weekend, it hardly felt like Christmas in our lives. People wished us happy holidays, and it took me a moment to realize what they were talking about. We started receiving Christmas cards from friends and family, and yet we hadn't even started putting together our Christmas card lists. But now that our tree is up, it feels like Christmas.

It's sitting proudly in the corner of the living room, lit every evening, and now the excitement for the holidays is truly upon us. Those who haven't received their cards yet, they're in the mail. Our Christmas shopping is finally underway and we've made our plans for the season.

As much as this time of year can be busy and at times overwhelming, both in our professional and personal lives, when we do have time to take a breath and enjoy it, it's truly a great time of year.

I'm looking forward to visiting with our families out of town. We'll be fortunate to be there when our nieces receive their gifts from Santa Claus, which is always the most exciting moment of the holiday. And when the gifts are done, just spending time with our families helps us relax and recharge for another year.

Here at The Highlander, we're also taking a break. Our last issue of 2014 will hit the shelves on Dec. 24. We're then taking a week off and will be back with our first edition of 2015 on Jan. 8.

Be safe this holiday season. Merry Christmas!



By Matthew Desrosiers

## Actions will speak loudest

It doesn't take an MBA to know Minden Hills council's recent decision to extend the 2014-15 ice season at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena was a good call. At the formal request of former world figure skating champion and part-time Minden resident Kurt Browning, ice will remain in the arena for an extra 20 days in April, allowing Browning and a bevy of other international figure skating stars the chance to train for the upcoming 25th anniversary of the iconic Stars On Ice tour.

While there is a minimal financial shortfall projected for this endeavor you won't find one person in Minden, let alone the county, bemoaning this decision. Why would they? Besides bringing some much-needed positive press back to the village, it gives Browning a chance to show off his adopted second home to a group of influential professionals who might not even know this place actually exists. In effect, and in very short order, it's putting Minden (back) on the map.

This is not to say that the previous municipal council would not have done the same thing. This scenario is so obviously beneficial to the community it would be ridiculous to think otherwise. But it's what's done and decided upon beyond this point that will see if this new administration is truly as progressive and different as it claims.

I had an informal discussion with a previous municipal councillor who is in one regard astute and seasoned, but also extremely fatalistic bordering on resolute pessimism. His basic contention being that the pure economics and reality of the region allows very little room for commercial creativity. In essence he was saying we all make hay in three short summer months and do our best to just survive the winter.

While his rationale is, to some degree, accurate, it leaves very little room for the somewhat hackneyed but absolutely vital idea of thinking outside of the box. Just because some things may have been a certain way in the past does not automatically mean they have to stay that way. The entire world is based on constantly trying to dispel that notion.

To not only survive but to ultimately flourish, it's essential that we conjure up new ideas and openly entertain things that we may not have tried before. That also means thinking beyond our established levels of ambition.

In this regard I bring up the International Festival Of Water, a three-day arts extravaganza encompassing a lot of things, but mostly revolving around a concert with some proposed high-end musical talent (for the record it is my brother John Teljeur who is spearheading the municipal pitch part of this process which has thus far received an agreement in principle from council).

At first glance this event might seem somewhat outside of our comfort zone, at least in regards to its intended magnitude. But don't you think that's also what people in Havelock or Mattawa or any other tiny community thought before they turned a similar notion into their own success story? Are they any better or more visionary than Minden Hills? That's what we're about to find out.

The lesson to be learned here is that it can be done. If the inspiration is there and the ambition is strong enough, any community can punch above its weight and open up revenue streams and funding opportunities in places and levels they may have only dreamed about in the past. Where it goes from there remains to be seen, and again we're back to that vision thing.

Vision – it's the most wildly overused word in politics. While it conjures up romantic notions of life-altering instinct, most of the "vision" we see in today's world is based more on mathematical extrapolations than on foresight. True vision is on another level and is often a lonely endeavor.

Which brings us back to the present council in Minden Hills and the new agenda that awaits. This is something well beyond the scope of Kurt Browning and the music festival. These are just the first steps into that new era. So far, so good.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Please note there will not be a paper for the week of January 1.



*Merry Christmas  
& Happy New Year!*



# Letters to the editor

## It's not all about Toronto

Dear editor,

As the president of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, I hear often from local small business owners involved in the construction and renovation industry that they struggle to find and hire young people interested in pursuing the skilled trades as a career.

And instead of government doing something positive about this, they merely set up a new bureaucracy that gets in the way of encouraging young people from joining our industry.

The Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) was supposedly created to elevate the status of tradespeople in the province. Unfortunately, it has not lived up to its promise. Its leadership talks down to industry. There is a lack of transparency in how it operates and it is unaccountable in its decisions. The result is that Ontario is still left with the highest journeyman-to-apprentice ratios in all of Canada. This ratio makes it more difficult for employers to hire young apprentices and therefore makes it more difficult for young people to find work. OCOT now enforces these high ratio requirements with a full enforcement division.

In order to pay for this new bureaucracy, tradespeople across Ontario now must pay

\$120 annually to OCOT in order to continue working legally in Ontario. This fee was created with little justification for exactly what the money would be used towards or a real explanation by OCOT on how they are promoting the trades. People working in the trades are becoming really frustrated.

This frustration towards OCOT came up during the provincial election. The Tories said they would abolish it and the Liberals said they would review OCOT. Last month the Liberal Government appointed Tony Dean, the former head of the Ontario Public Service, to lead a review. Although the review is in its early stages, we have yet to see the complete details on how the review will proceed, let alone the outcomes that might result from the review.

At the very least, the review needs to visit areas outside of Toronto, so that tradespeople that pay into OCOT from all across Ontario, not just Toronto, have a voice in its future. People working in the skilled trades deserve better. A full review of OCOT, visiting urban, rural and northern areas in Ontario is a good place to start.

**Shane Sisson**

**President**

**Haliburton County Home Builders Association**

## Photo of the week



Photo by Oliver Zielke

Don't call me Prancer.

## Each one of us can lend a hand in our community

Dear editor,

As I read the weekly newspapers, articles and ads that promote or tell the stories of people helping those in need at this very special time of year, I can't help but think of the invisible ones in our community – the ones we do not know need help.

Food basket programs, food banks, special programs for gifts for children – Haliburton

County is very lucky to have wonderful programs to serve all sorts of very important causes. It is one of the reasons Haliburton County is so special – the caring and giving people.

But I want to take a moment to remind everyone of the people we don't know about. Those that go about their days with a smile on their face, go to work each day, or go about their daily business without anyone knowing

they have no wood for their woodstove, or gas to get to work tomorrow, perhaps are eating hot dogs not because they like them but because the \$10 in their wallet today is all they can purchase. Many people who need help never ask – never sign up at a food bank or for a community program. They are embarrassed, or just feel there are others that deserve the help more.

My challenge to everyone this Christmas

is to think long and hard about a person or family that might be in this situation and help them. There doesn't need to be fanfare, just a quiet gift without words that says I want to help, and you don't need to ask. Merry Christmas everyone!

**Terry Carr**  
**Minden**

## Christmas trees and escapees

Jeff got away. Slipped his leash and ran. Like the wind. Gone.

It was like watching some horrific slow motion movie of a bullet being fired from a gun. One minute nothing, the next 'BAM' and the projectile hurtles away at a speed almost too fast to see. That bullet was Jeff, our new dog, sprinting into the distance, into the bush and disappearing with not the slightest acknowledgment of our forlorn cries.

The afternoon had all started so promisingly. We were off on a Christmas tree hunt; Little Z, my lovely wife, me and Jeff the hound dog. Down the road we marched, me dragging Little Z in a sled, Jeff dragging my lovely wife hither and thither, wherever he chose. We hopped over into a field, a near neighbour's field, but shhh, we were on a covert mission. While Jeff yanked on his leash checking out the plethora of animal tracks (dragging me by now as my lovely wife had tired of his exertions), we smelled the sweet scent of the pine and perused potential Christmas trees.

Now, my lovely wife is somewhat of a perfectionist. As such, our search for a tree to crown our Christmas celebrations would not be a simple hike in, chop one down and drag it out affair. Oh no. Instead, we toured the

area inspecting trees, her pinpointing potential candidates, me shaking the snow off of them, and Jeff peeing on quite a few. Little Z was content to tag along behind, snow shovel in hand, picking out somewhat larger specimens with the cry of, "Daddy, I want that one." I'd turn and look skywards towards the tip of another spruce the size of a giant redwood and remind him that our house was considerably smaller than the tree he'd chosen.

Just then, Jeff gave a tug considerably harder than the rest and I tumbled into the fresh white powder. Hanging on to the leash and regaining my feet I saw that he was straining to follow a deer track; the animal he'd been trained to run in his previous life as a hunting dog. Pulling so hard that he almost choked on the leash, Jeff was in a frenzy. I decided to let him follow the track and jogged through the snow as he pulled hard and fast on the leash. I soon tired and had to stop him, reigning him in and kneeling to pet him. Jeff seemed pleased with himself as I ruffled his collar.

That's when it happened. The link on the collar slipped and he was free. And gone, so quickly that I hardly had time to call his name before he disappeared into the bush.

"Jeff's escaped I cried. He's slipped his

leash. He's gone!"

My lovely wife and Little Z looked stunned, then called, "Jeff..." but somehow their voices already sounded hollow. The Christmas tree hunt was over. There was a different hunt on now.

I ploughed into the bush following Jeff's tracks. I lost them. Found them again. And then lost them for a second time. A flash through the trees, there he was, then gone again. The snow was deep and the cedar forest thick with blow downs, ice covered swampy holes and low hanging branches.

I walked and shouted. I stopped and listened, hearing the tag on his collar jangle occasionally and catching sight of him twice more before there was nothing. Half an hour past, then another and I began to wonder where he'd go after dark, where I was and what was best to do for both of us.

I'd just given up when the collar jangled again and Jeff was running straight towards me. I knelt down and he almost bowled me over. "Jeff, you came back," I shouted floundering in the snow with him.

"You came back," I repeated almost unable to believe that he was really there.

We walked for a good while through the

snowy forest, the dog, now tethered again, almost as tired as me. I began to hear cars and figured out the direction towards home, our path a circuitous one, there still being many distracting tracks and scents to investigate, but a path back to our house nonetheless.

And now, perhaps six hours later, I sit at the dining room table writing this missive. The Christmas tree is up and decorated. It turned out to be one of the first ones we'd seen but my lovely wife had to check out the rest of the forest before returning to it – just like when she goes shoe shopping. That said, she'd felled a tree and dragged it back to the house while I was out hunting for Jeff.

The dog is now lying fast asleep almost underneath it. Curled on a foam mat, his head tucked into his hind feet, the fairy lights glinting on his shiny coat, he looks totally content. I know that he's dreaming, though: of the chase, of tracking those deer, of racing fast as a bullet through swamp, bush and field. And, if Santa isn't careful, over rooftop, tree top and on, chasing Dancer, Prancer, Vixen and Rudolph, too, far into the night.



By Will Jones

## The Outsider



# Highlander opinion

## Eye on the street: *Do you have special plans for Christmas?*



**Carole Anne Schell**  
Minden

We do. We are going to our son's for part of the Christmas celebration and then visiting later with our other son.

**Uncle Dick Schell**  
Minden

We are getting together with our family and friends. That is what Christmas is all about for us. HoHoHoHo.



**John Ritchie**  
Minden

I am all set for Christmas. Nothing special. Just ready for Christmas so bring it on.



**Melinda Hiscock**  
Minden

None. Just staying home for the holidays. I have six girls and they will be home for Christmas. Hard to make room for all the gifts under the tree.



**Mike Legge**  
Minden

Visiting with our children. We have two daughters and five grandchildren and they are all wonderful. We do this every year and a good time is always had by all of us.

*Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin*

## Stars On Ice to rehearse in Minden

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

A true Canadian celebrity attended a Minden Hills council meeting on Dec. 11, but he wasn't there to sign autographs for adoring fans.

World figure skating champion Kurt Browning made a request to the new council for rehearsal time for Stars On Ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in April, which would require an extension to the ice season by two weeks.

"What I want to do is bring some skaters to town," said Browning, a cottager in Minden since 2000.

Entering its 25th season, the Stars On Ice tour brings some of the most well-known Canadian figure skaters together for performances held across the country.

Twelve figure skaters would be coming to Minden, at least seven of whom were on Canada's silver-medal winning team at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. In order to save costs, Browning said he would put up the cast at his cottage.

"I want to make sure that the 25th anniversary of Stars On Ice is special, and that the longevity of this tour continues," he said, adding that bringing these skaters to town will inspire youth.

In exchange for the extension, Browning said he would be willing to offer a seminar to

children and possibly an autograph session for the community.

Although information is yet to be finalized, he said local residents would have an opportunity to see the rehearsals for a couple of hours at some point during the five-day period.

During his presentation, Browning pulled out his phone to welcome a special guest to the meeting – Olympic champion skater Tessa Virtue – who spoke to the importance of the tour.

"Stars On Ice has such a rich history in Canada," said Virtue. "It has really become the one and only Canadian tour."

She said the cast is "honoured" and "thrilled" to have Browning direct and choreograph the tour.

"I can't think of a better way to pay tribute to the last 24 years of Stars On Ice, and the impact that would have on our skating community."

According to a report by Mark Coleman, director of community services, the total shortfall to extend the ice season will be about \$2,600, after rental fees are collected. This includes additional hydro, staff time and operating equipment required to keep the ice in.

Council voted in favour of Browning's request. Rehearsals will take place between April 21-25.

For more information visit [starsonice.ca](http://starsonice.ca).

## HHHS to announce additional funding

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is set to announce nearly \$1 million in funding from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). The Highlander has learned. The funding was approved by the Central East LHIN during their board meeting on Dec. 17. HHHS will

receive \$785,787 in 2015/16, and another \$210,000 will be allocated to the Central East CCAC to support the Haliburton Rural GAIN team. Visit [HighlanderOnline.ca](http://HighlanderOnline.ca) for more details on this story as they become available.

## McConnell family receives support after fire

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

A longtime friend of Dale and Darlene McConnell has reached out to lend the family a helping hand following the devastating fire that destroyed their home near West Guilford last week.

Sandy Stevens, owner of Millennium Lifestyles Fitness and Bed and Breakfast, was out for breakfast with Camp Medeba staff and leadership students on the morning of Dec. 10 when she learned that fire had consumed Dunloe Farm Bed and Breakfast, located on Barry Line near West Guilford.

"A text came through to a person in the room, and so we all stopped to pray," Stevens told The Highlander on Dec. 12.

She finished her breakfast and rushed out the restaurant to pick up her son, Paul, who is friends with the McConnells' son, Devan.

The two then headed to the McConnells' residence to find Dale and his son travelling

down the driveway, away from the home.

At this point Darlene had already been transported to Haliburton hospital after being rescued from the home by two passersby, Barry Miscio and Joel Voicey.

She followed Dale and Devan to the hospital to be with Darlene and the family.

"Everybody is shocked and shaken by the whole thing," she said, adding that everyone did their best to remain in good spirits despite the day's events.

Although Darlene was uninjured, the family lost two dogs and cats in the blaze.

Stevens and pastor Bev Hicks set up an emergency fund for the McConnells at the CIBC. Donations can be made at both branches in Haliburton and Minden.

"We're trying to bring together a little cash for them before Christmas," she said. Donations can be made to CIBC with the following information: transit #03242 and account #7870590.



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## Meetings and Events

**Dec 31**

**5:30 – 8:30 pm**, Family Fun New Year's Eve, SG Nesbitt Arena, Skating, tobogganing, horse drawn wagon rides and more!

## Weekly in December

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

**Wednesdays & Sundays**

**12:00 to 2:00 pm**

Public Skating,  
Minden Arena. Helmets recommended.  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Donations accepted.  
Skate rental & sharpening not available.

**Wednesdays – 7:00 pm**, Euchre Night at the Irondale Community Centre.

Visit [www.mindenhills.ca/calendar/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/calendar/)  
for details on these and other events.



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## THE AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY

The 2014 Members' Show  
Ending Dec 20

A great opportunity to see the varied works of our members who are also artists. This year's show features George Farrell's 'Fatal Abstraction,' a photo series on rust. Dec 20 at 3:00 pm - Closing reception and the celebration of the 2014 People's Choice Award recipient.

## Photography Juried Exhibition

To be held at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery for the month of January 2015, the photos for the exhibition will be juried by Curator Laurie Carmount. This is a show where photographers get to show their prowess and creativity with their cameras. The gallery will be producing an exhibition catalogue.

**Winter in Canada**  
Feb 10-March 21, 2015

A call for entry across Canada for artists to express their love/hate relationship with Canadian winter. Juried by AJG Curator Laurie Carmount, and Sandra Dupret, Dean, Arts and Heritage-Fleming College, Principal, Haliburton Campus. Visit <http://www.mindenhills.ca/art-gallery/exhibitions/> for entry form and information.

## IN THE COMMON ROOM

**ART'n AROUND: an after school program with instructor Sarah Jowett**  
Tuesdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

For students wanting to improve their art skill, try a wide variety of art materials and gain some knowledge of art history. Recommended for ages 8 and up.  
FEE: \$20 pp includes supplies for three month duration  
If you are interested please contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount 705-286-3763

**New! EcoWatch: An after-school program for students in grades 6 to 8**  
Wednesdays 3:30 to 5:00 pm from Dec to May  
Focusing on the stewardship of our lakes and waterways.  
\$20/month, includes nature journal and supplies.  
Indoor/outdoor program. Call 286-3154 to register

## National Film Board Thursdays

Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:00 pm (ongoing)

Movies will re-commence on Jan 8/15 with 'Reel Injun' (2009) 88 min. Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond takes an entertaining and insightful look at the Hollywood Indian, exploring the portrayal of North American Natives through a century of cinema. Travelling through the heartland of America, and into the Canadian North, Diamond looks at how the myth of "the Injun" has influenced the world's understanding – and misunderstanding – of Natives.

**Painting Time with Harvey Walker- Adults (ongoing)**  
Monday mornings from 10:00 am - 12 noon  
\$5/day/person

## Holiday Family Days

Dec 29 & 30, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

When the kids are out of school these two days may be a time when you would like to do a day of family activities outside the home. Come for some family movies, crafts and other fun activities for the whole family.

## MINDEN HILLS MUSEUM & PIONEER VILLAGE

30 Years 30 Artifacts

Nov 2014 – Mar 2015

In an exhibition celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Minden Hills Museum, 30 artifacts have been chosen as premier pieces. Some of these artifacts have national and provincial significance, while others simply tell us a story about our local history. Join us as we celebrate and make visible, 30 years of our past.

## Holiday Hike

Dec 20, 10:00 am

Meet at the Cultural Centre. Come along on an easy hike into the forest where we will decorate a tree with natural decorations, make a snowman and sing carols. It's fun for the whole family (peanut/nut products may be used)

## NATURE'S PLACE

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology

Dec 12-14 to Mar 20-15

Dead Zones in bodies of water are developing in the lakes and oceans throughout the world. How are they being created? What will happen if we ignore the problem? This exhibition explores the dangers, vulnerabilities and threats of the Dead Zone phenomena.

## Overnight/Winter Parking

Avoid having your vehicle towed and/or ticketed.  
Pursuant to Parking By-Law 09-01, overnight parking on municipal roadways is prohibited from November 1st to April 30th of each year.

Any vehicle parked on Township maintained roadways that prohibits the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owners expense. For more information, please call the Roads Superintendent at 705-286-3144

## Holiday Season

Council and Staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please visit [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) for holiday safety tips from the Fire Chief

## TO 2015 Pan Am Games

Watch History Unfold, Be Part of the Pan Am Games Action - Pan Am Games Tickets On Sale Now

Tickets start at just \$20, with 75 per cent of tickets priced \$45 and under. Half-price tickets for persons under 16 years of age, or 65 and over. Tickets can be purchased online at [TORONTO2015.org/tickets](http://TORONTO2015.org/tickets) or at 1.855.726.2015 and internationally at 1.949.333.4824.

Sports fans can now gift-wrap the Games. Merchandise such as PACHI plush toys, jackets, T-shirts, hats and much more are available. Visit the TORONTO 2015 kiosk at the Toronto Eaton Centre and Markville Shopping Centre from December 1 to December 29. Order online by December 14 for delivery by December 24 at [shop.TORONTO2015.org](http://shop.TORONTO2015.org)

## Municipal Holiday Hours

### Administration Office

Wed Dec 24 - 8:30 to 11:30

Thurs Dec 25 **Closed**

Fri December 26 **Closed**

Mon Dec 29 & Tues Dec 30 - Regular hours resume

Wed Dec 31 (New Year's Eve) - 8:30 to 11:30

Thurs Jan 1 **Closed**

Fri Jan 2 **Closed**

Mon Jan 5 - Regular hours resume

### Landfill Sites

Thurs Dec 25 - **All sites are closed**

Thurs Jan 1 - **All sites are closed**

### Cultural Centre

Sun Dec 21 to Sunday, Dec 28 **Closed**

Mon Dec 29 - 11:00 to 4:00

Tues Dec 30 - 11:00 to 4:00

Wed Dec 31 to Sun Jan 5 **Closed**

Mon Jan 5 - Regular hours resume

## FREE Holiday Public Skating

at the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena,  
55 Parkside Street

December 23 - 12:00 – 3:00

December 24 - 9:00 – 11:00

December 27 - 12:00 – 3:00

December 28 - 12:00 – 2:00

December 29 - 1:00 – 3:00

December 30 - 12:00 – 3:00

December 31 - 12:00 – 2:00

& 5:30 – 8:30

January 2 - 12:00 – 3:00

January 4 - 12:00 – 2:00

Thank you to our Sponsors: Karen Nimigon at Century 21 for sponsoring 2 hours of ice time & Tim Hortons for 5 hours of ice time.

## Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

The Boardwalk and Loggers Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. For your safety, residents are advised to exercise caution as these pathways could develop slippery conditions.

## Winter Sand

Available at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena parking lot for residential use.  
Please note this is for Individual Use Only – No Commercial Users Please



# Highlander business

## Growing Heat-Line eyes Stanhope land

By Lisa Harrison  
Contributing writer

An internationally successful local business is looking for more land near the Haliburton/ Stanhope Municipal Airport to accommodate its rapid growth.

It just so happens Algonquin Highlands township wants to develop a business park environment on about 100 acres of forested land on the airport's northern border.

Council welcomed a delegation to its December regular meeting from Lorne Heise, owner and CEO of Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems, to provide an update on the company and its growing need for additional land near the airport.

Heat-Line specializes in developing and manufacturing advanced heating cable and water pipe freeze protection systems. What started as a home-based business has since expanded to encompass several products and a growing global customer base that includes the United States, Brazil and Antarctica.

"We're in an incredible growth right now," Heise told councillors. "We now have three buildings on our properties on Green Lake Road. We have a fourth scheduled for the spring. We're bursting at the seams. We've got about 16,000 square feet of floor space right now that's not adequate... we need

storage space badly."

Heise said lack of lease space in the county is problematic.

"The two properties that we have now, we're going to fill them up and we know that with the airport, there are lands around the airport... We need to get it placed so in the future when we're ready to build we can move on it."

The multimillion-dollar company filled five year-round positions in the past six months at "far more" than minimum wage, and Heise said he may need to hire as many as 50 or more new employees as Heat-Line continues to expand through new product development and new markets.

He added the company will be putting in a machine shop that is "second to none" as part of its research and development processes and will be able to bring in business from other areas.

"We want to get it in your minds of what's ahead prior to it being a total crisis, so if you guys are doing some work at the airport or you're going to break out lands or something like that, it would be really great if we could know that and be a part of that," said Heise.

After the meeting, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said the township would like to support Heise.

"Heat-Line is a good corporate neighbour,

and if we can help him [Heise] in any way to develop his business and create jobs in the community, we are very supportive of that," she said.

She confirmed the township has now completed the bulk of the work required to prepare for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) North East Region Fire Management Headquarters move to the airport, and can now more readily focus on further airport development.

While the township must deal with a 4.53 per cent increase in the 2015 tax levy under the new OPP billing model, Moffatt said the township has "preliminarily, philosophically agreed that OPP is OPP and that we are not going to sacrifice the growth of the community to start cutting services or programs to pay for OPP billing reform."

However, she noted that developing airport lands raises numerous questions, including questions about costs for surveys, roads, hydro, water and more, as well as rezoning, and it will take time to answer those.

"It's very exciting to be able to be the people, right from this acreage covered in trees, to have a hand in designing what could become a jewel in the crown of Algonquin Highlands."

## Grooming Studio set to change hands

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

As much as she loves helping dogs look and feel better, Adele Barry has decided to slow down and sell her business to a former resident who has returned to the Highlands and shares the same passion for the care of these beloved pets as her.

A longtime resident of West Guilford, Barry has owned and operated The Grooming Studio on York Street in Haliburton for the past seven years. She initially took over an existing business from John Proctor and Dani Stahle.

"They were looking to sell their business and at the time I had worked for 16 years as a medical secretary at the medical centre," said Barry, explaining that she was looking to make a career change.

"This seemed like a good fit. It's been great and I've enjoyed it."

Open five days a week, The Grooming Studio offers full-service professional dog grooming services and a variety of pet supplies.

Although Barry has always had a soft spot for animals, she felt it was time to take a break and help her husband with his business. She was put in touch with Claire Duncombe, a certified master dog trainer with experience in grooming who recently returned to Haliburton and was looking to start her own venture.

Coincidentally, the two were connected



Photo by Mark Arike

Adele Barry, left, will pass on her business to new owner Claire Duncombe.

by Susan MacDonald, a local resident who owns an adventure camp for dogs in Minden. According to Barry, MacDonald worked part-time for her in the past.

"Sue knew that I was looking to slow down and she knew that Claire was looking to start up," said Barry of their mutual friend.

"It was sort of all meant to be," added Duncombe, who originally was looking to set up shop in Minden but was having a hard time finding a location.

The two met in September and shortly after had struck an arrangement. Duncombe has been working at the studio and getting to know Barry's clientele before the official takeover occurs on Jan. 1.

"I want to know how the business is run," she said. "Lots to learn."

Duncombe doesn't plan on implementing any significant changes at this time, but the business will be renamed to Highland Dog Grooming and Training. She will offer dog training as part of her services.

Originally from Haliburton, Duncombe is happy to be back and get involved with the

community. She moved away from the area after high school and most recently lived in B.C.

"I'm excited for that," she smiled. "A lot of people grow up, go away for a bit and then realize that Haliburton's not so bad."

As eager as Duncombe is to get started, Barry is equally as thrilled to catch up on some downtime. She does plan on providing grooming services from her home one day a week.

"The average burnout rate for a groomer is five years," she pointed out. "It's mentally and physically taxing. I don't want to quit completely, I just need to not do it every day."

Barry is confident in Duncombe's abilities and is sure her clients will be well looked after in the future. She expressed appreciation for all the support she has received over the years from her customers.

"The trust level that people give you to work on their animals, you appreciate it."

The Grooming Studio can be reached at 705-457-3335.



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# Highlander arts

## Haliburton County's Hot Reads

As we await our first shipment of books for 2015, here is a countdown of the top circulating items of 2014. Stay tuned next week for the top picks!

### HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. Cinnamon Toast and the End of the World by Janet E. Cameron
2. An Inquiry Into Love and Death by Simone St. James
3. The Painted Girls by Cathy Marie Buchanan

### HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. Orr: Story by Bobby Orr
2. An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth by Chris Hadfield
3. The Stop by Nick Saul and Andrea Curtis

### HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
2. The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss (Picture Book)
3. The Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins (YA)

### AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. Lincoln (DVD)
2. Silver Linings Playbook (DVD)
3. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

### LIBRARY NEWS

December is Food 4 Fines month! If you have fines for overdue items, drop off a non-perishable food item or Superbucks™ and have them waived. All donations go to Haliburton County Food Banks and HHHS Community Support Services.

## What's Up

# Fewer presents, more thanks



By George Farrell

It's going to be a different kind of Christmas this year for the Farrell family. For the first time in 27 years, neither of our two sons will be home for the holidays, and that's prompted some changes.

In years past we've decorated with baubles and bangles, coloured lights, mistletoe and numerous presents under the tree. But without Brendan or Tyson around we've decided not to do our traditional Christmas. This year there will be no tree, fewer decorations, and fewer presents.

But we'll still enjoy the holiday season, because we have all the basic necessities of life. In fact without the pressure to spend, spend, spend, we can more fully appreciate some quality time with my mom and dad and of course the Christmas meal, which we don't intend to skimp on.

Traditionally we've alternated Christmas dinner with my parents. One year we'll go to them and the next they'll come to us. This year it's our turn to host. Both Michelle and I are fortunate to still have both of our parents, so for this year at least, Christmas won't be about giving gifts, it'll be about a special time for appreciating our folks, our sons in far away places, and giving thanks for some of the things we take for granted, like living in Haliburton County.

Yes, we're still the poorest county in Ontario and there are still too many people here who depend on food banks and the like. But we have wonderful people who manage and staff organizations that help those less fortunate, so let's raise a glass of Christmas cheer to them.

Personally I'd also like to thank the

movers and shakers, volunteers and supporters who in the past spent the time and effort to make sure we obtained good health care and hospitals. And I'd like to thank those pioneers of the arts in this county (and my mom was one of them), who saw to it that we had such establishments as the Guild of Fine Arts, The Rails End Gallery, The School of the Arts, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Ethel Curry Gallery, the Art Hive and the Sculpture Forest. Kudos also to those who recognized the value of our heritage sites, and subsequently established our museums.

Many of us baby boomers who moved to the Highlands twenty five or thirty years ago remember when such amenities were negligible. Some of us were still very much part of the work force then and had jobs in Toronto and other urban centres. We'd come up here on the weekends and whenever we could. Then slowly, as some of us retired, and with the advent of high-speed internet, more of us stayed longer.

We found that we could work from our cottages which eventually became our homes, and sometimes we even found employment locally. For me, cutting the urban bonds was a difficult financial decision, but I believe it added years to my life and gave me opportunities I would not have enjoyed in the city. I've always been part of the arts scene. In Toronto I spent time as a fashion photographer, writer, set dresser/ property master, and television documentary producer.

Leaving those types of positions was difficult and I thought that I'd have to leave my artistic opportunities behind

when we made the decision to move here permanently.

And yet, thanks to the hard work of people who wrote grant applications, and to organizations like the Haliburton County Development Corporation, opportunities in the arts were eventually made available.

Consequently I've been able to expand my artistic horizons here. I've produced videos, written for all the newspapers, and I've had a one act play performed on Canoe FM. More recently I've published a novel and had an exhibition of my artwork. Some time ago I decided that as a way of giving thanks I'd devote my energies to promoting the Haliburton Highlands through my writing and the visual arts. I continue to do so, and all my work has a Haliburton theme.

Living here has not all been a bed of roses, and my partner in life has had to work hard for many years in order for me to be able to do what I do. A million thanks Michelle. I'd like to thank my fellow artists too, including musicians, performance artists, writers, and craftspeople, whose work has inspired me. Without them I'd be creating in a vacuum, or not creating at all.

Yes, this Christmas might be low-key, but I'm going to more fully appreciate the things that really matter in life. So again to my family, to all my friends, to those who employed me or supported my projects, I thank you, most joyfully.

Happy Holidays  
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Left: Blacksmithing and jewellery artist Daniel Wright talks about his creations with a visitor. Right: Faculty member Lisa Binnie marks the work of Keith Purves as part of the marketing and portfolio class. Below right: A fabric hand by student Kim Norkooli.

## Students Wrap it Up with show and sale

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

The Haliburton School of the Arts was abuzz with activity on Dec. 13 for Wrap it Up, an end-of-semester art show and sale put on by students enrolled in the college's full-time diploma and certificate programs.

"It's a chance for our certificate program students to showcase the wares that they've created this semester," said Terri Frew, event organizer and studio technician at the college. About 50 students had their works on

display and up for sale. Artistic media included painting, drawing, fibre arts, photography, iron sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media.

The exhibition was also part of the students' curriculum in their marketing and portfolio class. For one week they learned how to properly market themselves as artists.

"This is the culmination of that week," said Frew.

The event was free to the public and included snacks and refreshments.



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Doug Olliffe rocks out with Serendipity. Right: Young up-and-comer Cassidy Glecoff shares the stage with Chad Ingram and Tim Tofflemire for her rousing performance.

## Homemade Stew delivers hearty serving of local talent

**By Mark Arike**  
Staff writer

Local artists from across the Haliburton Highlands blended their talents together to serve up one delicious melting pot of music at the second annual edition of Homemade Stew.

About 150 people attended the Dec. 13 concert at the Northern Lights Performing, which was hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Performers included Serendipity, Chad

Ingram and Tim Tofflemire, Cassidy Glecoff, Ray Montford, Lauren McInnes, Trio Cappuccino, Bethany Houghton and Ernie Demuth, Tom Regina and Stan Russell, Bill Candy, and Rabid Dogs.

Radio personality Mike Jaycock emceed the evening's festivities.

Folk Society president Barrie Martin called the event "a wonderful celebration of local talent" on his Facebook page.

The next Music Makers Series concert will feature three-time Juno award-winner David Francey at the same venue on Jan. 31.

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# Highlander life

## Say hello to AH's new parks manager

By Lisa Harrison  
Contributing writer

The role of parks, recreation and trails manager for Algonquin Highlands is a perfect fit for Dave Drobitch.

The new manager, who assumed the post in October, has over two decades of experience in park and conservation authority service and supervision as well as a family connection to the area.

"I was quite pleased to return north," said Drobitch in an interview at the township's North Shore Road offices.

Although raised in Windsor, Drobitch spent summers in the Oxtongue Lake area in his early years and said he knows the north half of the township fairly well.

"We almost relocated here in the '70s. My mom put the brakes on that because she didn't want to move too far from family."

Drobitch studied at Brock University and took the parks and recreation program at Sir Sanford Fleming College. He began working at provincial parks in areas such as Lake of the Woods, Chapleau and the Highway 69 corridor from French River to Honey Harbour.

After 12 years, Drobitch was serving as a park superintendent with a number of program management roles. At that point he moved on to the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority where he worked for 13 years before applying for the

Algonquin Highlands position.

Throughout these two periods, Drobitch did "everything from capital development, fleet management, infrastructure [and] program management [to] the day-to-day operation things such as grabbing a toilet brush and a hammer and a shovel."

His said his new job is an expanded role, "very much akin to what I've been doing, with some minor twists."

"Administratively there are some differences, but operationally and from a day-to-day management standpoint, a lot of very, very similar challenges, and I find that I like challenges," Drobitch added with a chuckle.

Despite his extensive parks supervision experience, Drobitch said he faces "a steep learning hill" in his first year as steward of the parks, recreation and trails program.

"I'm hoping I bring abilities and skills to offer a fresh set of eyes to the really good work Mark [Coleman, now director of community services for Minden Hills] has done to put the program together," said Drobitch.

"What he's created from next to nothing here I find amazing, so really what I want to do is learn what's been created and carry on, and from that if I can bring new ideas or different perspectives to the program that can offer more, then that's my goal over the shorter term. But the first year is going to be learning."

Noting the job and program are service-



Photo by Lisa Harrison

Dave Drobitch is the new Parks, Recreation and Trails manager for Algonquin Highlands.

oriented, Drobitch is also spending his first few months focused on connecting with program stakeholders, including community committees, volunteers and groups such as Ski Friends of the Frost Centre.

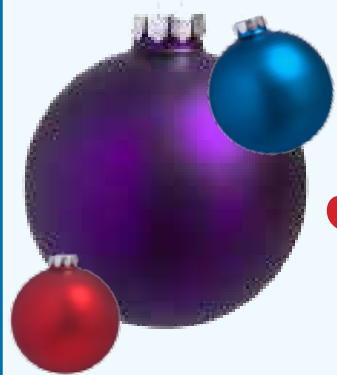
He invites people to come and visit the trails office at the Frost Centre.

"We're always interested in hearing

from people," said Drobitch. "We really look to interaction with members of the community and the public [at large]."

Drobitch is married and has two daughters, aged 14 and seven, who are both outdoor enthusiasts like their dad.

Currently renting just east of Bracebridge, Drobitch said he's leaving the choice of a permanent home to his wife.



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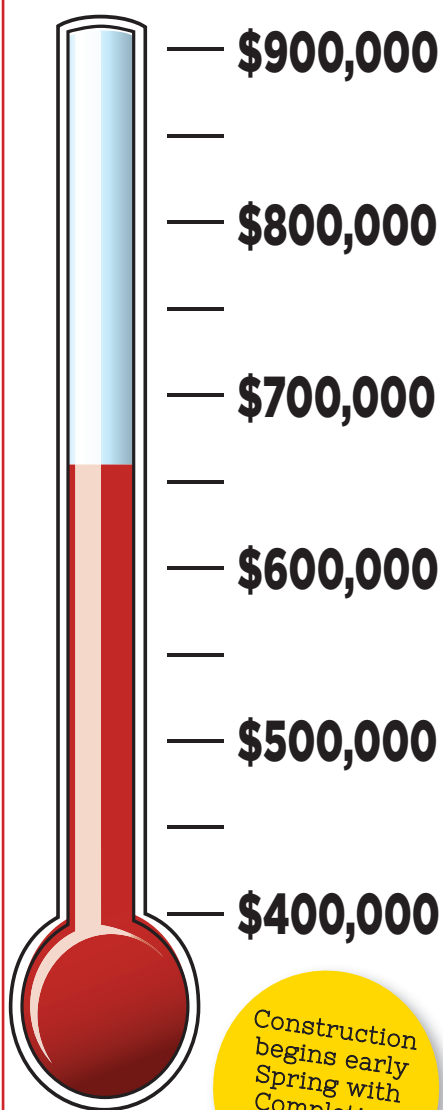


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## Don Popple ready for retirement

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

More than a year ago, Don Popple sold a Haliburton landmark, Curry Motors, to Bill Campbell.

Since then, the 71-year-old businessman has stayed on with the company as general manager to ensure a smooth transition.

However, at the end of this year, Popple will be packing up his office to officially begin his retirement.

"You can't work forever," he joked in a recent interview.

A resident of Haliburton for the past 40 years, Popple purchased Curry Motors from his brother-in-law, Peter Curry, in 1982. He partnered with Lenny Salvatori and Joe Iles.

The business was founded by his wife's grandfather, W.R. Curry, in 1923.

"In 1975, my brother-in-law wanted me to come work at the business and the rest is all history," he recalled.

Born and raised in Penetanguishene, Popple majored in economics and eventually obtained a certificate in parks and recreation management. He served as the parks and recreation director for Newmarket before teaching in the recreational leadership course at Fleming College in Peterborough.

One day, the president of the college offered him a position as director of the Haliburton campus in the summer months.

Popple decided to take over the family-run business because he viewed it as a good opportunity at the time, and because he had a desire to be in business.

"It seemed like not a bad opportunity. I gave up a pretty good job to do it, but it worked out," he said.

Over the years, Curry Motors has had three different locations. It got its start on Highland Street before being relocated to the current site of Rexall in 1949. In 2006,



Photo by Mark Arike

Don Popple is all smiles while he talks about his upcoming retirement.

its current home off County Road 21 was built to accommodate continued growth.

"We had put it off for five or six years, and we knew we had to get going on it. It was one of the best things we ever did."

Over the years, Popple has seen the many ups and downs of the car business. One thing he has learned is that treating your customers and staff well is a must in order to succeed.

"The business in a small town like this is based on repeat customers. If you do a good job, you'll get them back."

The staff who worked for Popple over the years continue to work for Campbell, who brought them on and kept their pension plans going. The company's longest-serving employee is John McNeil who has been with Curry's for 42 years.

Popple said he chose to sell the business in May of 2013 because he was starting to "wear out."

"This is not the sort of business that you just want to tinker in. You want to be involved because if you aren't you have to hire a manager or someone to do it."

His wife, Sheila, never got involved in the business.

"She raised our kids," laughed Popple, the father of two grown children.

The transition has worked out well, he said, pointing out that "sales have held on." Campbell also owns a GMC dealership in Cobourg.

In addition to his longtime involvement in the business, Popple is a community-minded individual. He joined the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation in 1997 (the year it was founded) and currently serves as campaign co-chair.

He also volunteered with the Haliburton Rotary Club for 34 years, and is a past president.

Popple doesn't have any big plans at the moment, but he foresees more volunteer work in his future. He and his wife will continue living in the Highlands at their home on Drag Lake.

"The business has been good to us, it's been good to the town, it's been good to our employees," he smiled. "You can't really ask for much more than that."

## Moose FM raises \$18K for food banks

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Despite some technical difficulties that kept them off the air for three primetime hours on Friday morning, Moose FM's ninth annual radiothon has raised \$17,960 for the county's food banks.

Moose FM personalities Rick Lowes and Autumn Smith were on the air from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Dec. 11-12, drumming up donations for the food banks.

"I was a little disappointed because we were off the air for a few primetime hours on Friday morning," Lowes said. "[The food banks] are thankful for every penny, so all-in-all it was good."

The radio station held an open house during the two-day radiothon, inviting listeners to drop in to make a donation, meet the staff, and enjoy some holiday-themed treats.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Moose FM's Rick Lowes (left) interviewed 4Cs executives Judy MacDuff and David Ogilvie during the station's radiothon to raise money for the county's food banks.

Community businesses sponsored all 24 hours of the event.

Lowes said over the life of the radiothon, Moose FM has raised approximately \$150,000 for the food banks.

"It's been the food bank for nine years because they're the front line," he said. "If there are problems in the community, neighbours in need, the food bank, in our mind, is the front line of where they would go."

For their part, the food banks have always been appreciative and cooperative, he said.

They come in to do interviews during the radiothon, and help promote the event.

"It's obviously very rewarding that the community is on board and helping their neighbours," said Lowes. "What makes us such a great community is that everybody is willing to help one another. There are no judgments and no classes. We're here to pull together and [this is] a prime example of it, from kids giving their allowance money, to seniors."

"It sounds corny, but it puts me in the Christmas spirit."



# Highlander life

## Through my eyes

### Transitions

I love my job. I really enjoy writing for The Highlander, but I realize that I may not have this job forever so I've decided to expand my knowledge and look into other areas of interest.

When I went to the Canoe FM radio station to drop off toys I bought to give for the Christmas charity, I had a tour and a discussion with Ron, one of the staff. I asked if I could do some things there to get some experience with voice recording applications and how that all ties into other digital recording and broadcasting. So in the new year I will begin to explore audio work.

I am a bit hesitant to do this because I am worried that it will be noisy and busy, although it seemed very quiet and only one or two other people were there during my tour. My main goal is to become a YouTube professional, which includes making video game walkthroughs of popular titles that I enjoy. This requires extensive knowledge of audio and video operation and the ability to edit it, but this would also require vocal work as well which is one of the reasons I seek training in this field through the radio station.

Use of audio and speech on YouTube is very similar to that of radio stations. You can't sound unsure of what you're saying.

The Highlander has taught me something important: even something as small as a column every week can earn you

acknowledgement and a bit of notoriety in your community.

I am proud to be someone that the community likes and looks forward to reading every week.

Last week I went to the college here in Haliburton and took a look around. I was surprised by what I found. Instead of loud students and busy stressed teachers I found people studying on benches and eating in the café. Hardly anyone was in the class and those who were in classes were working on their own things.

I finally understand that college, unlike high school and middle school, is a place where people go to learn and move on. Yes some people make friends, but no one insults each other or bullies one another. I felt like I was in an office rather than an educational centre, everyone was either polite or busy with their own things and the college seemed very laid back. I found out that the college might have some courses I would be interested in so after I graduate I will look into enrolling there.

Life has its ups and downs, its lefts and rights. It has a very different outcome every day depending on our moods and our actions, but we have to make the most out of it.



By Austin McGillion



By Mark Arike

### Rotary clubs give to YWCA

Clients of the YWCA will have a merrier Christmas this year because of the generosity of the Minden and Haliburton Rotary Clubs. Instead of doing a gift exchange at their Christmas parties, members of both clubs were asked to bring in gift cards that would be donated to women to use for themselves and their families. Over \$700 worth of gift cards were collected. "It's wonderful," said Daisy Downs, administrative assistant for the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County. Downs said the clubs have donated cards to the YWCA for at least three years. The YWCA supports women and their families "to live free from violence, poverty, oppression as they build their desired futures."

Pictured above: Daisy Downs, YWCA administrative assistant, left, receives gift cards from Minden Rotary Club members Santa (Malcolm MacLean), Jeanne Anthon and Barry Cray.



Photo by Mark Arike

From left, Dan Bajorek, Ginny Urquhart, Aaron Walker, Tom Wilkinson, president-elect of The Lakelands Association of Realtors; realtors Hilary Elia, Karen Nimigon, Mark Dennys, Lee Gauthier, Andrew Hodgson and Crystal Henderson, executive officer for The Lakelands Association of Realtors.

### Lakelands realtors donate big to local initiatives

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

Members of The Lakelands Association of Realtors recently dished out close to \$7,000 to Food for Kids and Cottage Dreams.

"It's amazing," said Food for Kids coordinator Aaron Walker.

On Dec. 17, members of the group donated \$5,440 to the student nutrition program and

\$1,550 to Cottage Dreams, a local cancer recovery initiative.

According to a press release, members make a monthly donation to the Realtors Care Foundation as part of their membership in the Association. At the end of the year, charities within each of the regions which Lakelands members serve – Haliburton, Orillia, and Muskoka – are selected to receive a share of these donations.

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Submitted by Andrea Prentice

On Dec. 6, the Tom Prentice & Sons Tyke team travelled to Woodville for their first tournament of the season.

They started off the first period with shot after shot on the Woodville Panthers Goalie. Ty Rupnow got the game moving by deking the goalie and scoring. Addison Card squeaked the second goal in, but Woodville came back with a quick five-hole goal.

Woodville's second goal slipped past the Storm goaltender during the second period. Rupnow scored the Storm's third goal. Woodville tied it up in the third period, but the Storm came ahead with Rupnow's first hat trick of the tournament, ending the first game 4-3 for the Storm.

The second game versus Brock started out with a goal slipping in behind the goalie by Rupnow. Brock quickly tied it up. After lots of shots on net, Rupnow put in another. Colby Coumbs rushed the puck and drove it into the back of the net. Josh Scheffee received a pass and lifted the puck into the net. Coumbs rushed the puck again, scoring. Off another face off, the Storm piled in another, when Cheyenne Degeer snuck in two more. Mak Prentice got another in the third. Connor Byrne ended the game by rushing the puck to end with a 9-1 win, moving the Storm on to the "A" finals.

In the finals, the Storm battled against the Lindsay Muskies. Coumbs started us off with a rush up the ice slamming the puck in the net. Rupnow popped in another, and Prentice slipped another in the top right corner. Both Kadin Card and Coumbs earned hat tricks in this game. A nice breakaway by the Huskies brought them onto the scoreboard, but it was not enough to even the score. The game ended 7-1, making the Storm Woodville tournament champs! Great effort and team play by all! Keep up the hard work Storm!

## Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE

Submitted by Monica Keefer

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Midget AE hosted the Silver Stick tournament

this past weekend, welcoming teams from Tweed, Campbellford, Blyth Brussels, Dorchester, Kincardine, Ennismore and South Muskoka.

With many exciting games, the Walkers Heating and Cooling Midget AEs made it to the semi-finals where we were beat by Blyth. The next semis saw Blyth beat Kincardine. The final game was Blyth against Dorchester. Dorchester would take home the win. Good luck to Dorchester in the International Silver Stick tournament.

## Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Susan Haedicke

The Storm returned home champs after attending a tournament in Campbellford on Saturday. The games were exciting and fun-filled for everyone, as the teams were all well-matched.

The Storm won their first game 3-1. Devyn Prentice scored two and Patterson-Smith got the empty netter to seal the win. Next, they met with the home team, Campbellford. It was a close, hard-hitting game of back and forth action. The Storm lost the game 3-1. The only goal was scored by Patterson-Smith.

The final game was against the Campbellford Colts once more. This time, the Storm was ready and took the game 3-1. Goal scorers were Jacob Haedicke, Manning and Patterson-Smith. Congratulations boys, well done.

The Storm travelled to Gravenhurst on Sunday to meet with the South Muskoka Bears and suffered a 3-0 loss. It was definitely not the usual game for the Storm, giving up a goal each period. Although they had many chances, luck was not on their side, marking their first loss in the regular season.

## Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Atom AE

Submitted by Ron Hall

On Dec. 6, the Joanne Sharpley's Atom AE team hosted the Silver Stick qualifier.

The Storm started the morning early against a major Atom team from Woodstock. The second-year team proved

to be strong, shutting down the Storm on every attempt. The Storm fell short losing 11-0.

The Storm faced a fellow MPS team, the Oro Thunder, in their second game. The Thunder opened the scoring but the Storm came back and got one of their own with a goal by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Kyan Hall. The Thunder managed to get another making it 2-1 going into the second. The Thunder prevailed, scoring three more to make the final 5-1.

The Storm faced the Port Hope Phantoms in their final game of the day. With the Phantoms going up 3-0 in the first, the Storm tried to fight their way back but fell 5-0.

On Sunday, it was Woodstock and Port Hope for the championship game. Woodstock won the game 5-1 making them the tournament champions. The Atom AE team would like to thank our sponsors for the tournament, including Innovative Construction, Ecoscapes, Walker's Heating & Cooling, Tom Prentice and Sons, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike, Todd's Independent, Kashaga Paint, Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports, TD Minden, Minden Coin Wash, CPS (control panel systems) and the Crowe family.

We would also like to thank Wade MacInnes for all your help. You do a great job organizing everything to make it so easy for the teams to run the tournaments. Thanks to Tim Keefer for being our tournament convenor. You did a great job! Also a big thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped run this tournament. You are what makes the tournaments successful. The next game is Dec. 16 in Minden at 6:30 against the South Muskoka Bears.

## RM Carpentry Atom A

Submitted by Jason Glecoff

The Bancroft Jets came to Wilberforce, and as fans from both teams remarked, this is always an entertaining game. It did not disappoint, as this was a hard-fought affair.

Both teams came out hard. The first period was a head-to-head close-checking battle resulting in a 0-0 stalemate. Early in the second, a loose puck squirted out of the

## Highland Storm

key towards the zone. The Storm's guard Hutchingson jumped forward with his stick raised for the one timer, released the howitzer, and left a crater in the back of the net to take a 1-0 Storm lead.

Storm netminder Maddock made a brilliant save with his face, a scramble in the crease ensued and the Jets tied it up. Two more from the Jets made the score 3-1. Late in the third, Winder pressed hard, taking the puck up the wing to his office behind the net where he made a precision pass out front on the stick of Robinson who buried it to bring the Storm within one.

With eight seconds before the conclusion, the Storm pressed hard with defenceman Glecoff and his cohorts trying to will the puck to the Bancroft goal, but it was too little too late as the Jets edged the Storm 3-2 in this very entertaining clash of rivals.

## Minden Canadian Tire Novices

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

This weekend the Canadian Tire Novices came out with one win and one loss. Friday night's game against Bancroft proved to be an exciting game. Both teams worked hard and were determined to win, but the Highland Storm came out on top with a 1-0 win.

Sunday sent the Canadian Tire Novices to Huntsville to play against the Otters. The Storm knew that this was going to be a tough game. The Otters came out scoring first to start the game off. The Storm battled hard but wasn't getting the puck past the Otters' goaltender.

The Otters got another one taking the lead 2-0. Not long after the Storm got on the board putting themselves right back in the game. The Otters managed to squeak one more past our goaltender giving them a 3-1 lead. But the Storm wasn't giving up. We got a second goal to cut their lead by only one. The Storm continued to attack the Otters net pulling out all the stops to tie up the score. In the end the Storm lost by one, 3-2.

Come out to cheer on the Canadian Tire Novices on Friday night in Wilberforce at 7 p.m. when they play the Bancroft Jets.

## Fast Lane Bowling Scores

**Monday afternoon, Dec. 8**  
**Men:** High average: Claude Cote – 205  
High single: Claude Cote – 303  
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 319  
High triple: Ken Thompson – 690  
High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 710

**Women:** High average: Chris Cote – 179  
High single: Chris Cote – 233  
High single handicap: Chris Cote – 271  
High triple: Chris Cote – 601  
High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 715

**Monday night, Dec. 8**  
**Men:** High average: Rick West – 212  
High single: Rick West – 246  
High single handicap: Rick Wilson – 273  
High triple: Rick West – 692

High triple handicap: Ron Cummings – 726

**Women:** High average: Cathy Snell – 220  
High single: Cathy Snell – 331  
High single handicap: Cathy Snell – 336  
High triple: High triple – 710  
High triple handicap: Cathy Snell – 725

**Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 9**  
**Men:** High average: Ken Thompson – 213  
High single: Claude Cote – 280  
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 296  
High triple: Claude Cote – 683  
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 731

**Women:** High average: Chris Cote – 180  
High single: Mabel Clendenning – 232  
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High triple: Mabel Clendenning – 551  
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**Wednesday Special Olympics, Dec. 3**  
**Men:** Trevor Brauer – 201  
Brandon Bailey – 175  
Robert Boccitto – 165

**Women:** Skylar Pratt – 143  
Sarah Hudson – 120  
Lisa Burk – 111

**Thursday, Dec. 11**  
**Men:** High average: Gerry Wagg – 179  
High single: Al Arbuthnot – 244  
High single handicap: Al Arbuthnot – 309  
High triple: Jim Cummings – 588  
High triple handicap: Al Arbuthnot – 748

**Women:** High average: Pat Stiver – 174  
High single: Pat Stiver – 209  
High single handicap: Pat Stiver – 249  
High triple: Gloria Wagg – 514  
High triple handicap: Gladys Routcliffe – 692

**Friday afternoon, Dec. 12**  
**Men:** High average: Ken Thompson – 207  
High single: Ken Thompson – 248  
High single handicap: John Whitty – 270  
High triple: Ken Thompson – 629  
High triple handicap: John Whitty – 768

**Women:** High average: Chris Cote – 170  
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Photos by Mark Arike



Left: The senior girls' volleyball team gets in a huddle with coach Michelle Backus. Above: Rebecca Anderson gets in the defensive position.

## Hawks host tourney

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

They didn't come out on top, but the Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team put in a valiant effort in a tournament held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) on Dec. 15.

According to the team's coach, Michelle Backus, the girls split with Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute and St. Thomas

Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, but lost the rest of their games.

Backus said the team ended up with unforced errors in serving and dropped balls due to a lack of communication. However, she was happy with how they worked together throughout the day.

"The team worked well together as a whole but it was great to see Callie Dick playing so confidently in her first year on the team," she said.

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# Highlander sports



Photo submitted by Sean Hawley

From left are Emma Cox, Alyssa Denyer, Tori Hawley and Emma Seed-Binnie with their championship trophy from the Dec. 13 bonspiel in Oshawa.

## Win for teen curlers

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Alyssa Denyer's rink has served noticed that they're a force to be reckoned with in the province's Bantam curling division.

Despite a rocky start to their season, the girls were dominant on Dec. 13 at the Bantam Invitational Curling Bonspiel at the Oshawa Curling Club. The one-day, two-game spiel saw the girls defeat Annandale 11-1 in six ends, followed by an 11-2 win over Oshawa.

"It felt really good," said Denyer. "We started off a little rough with our season, so to win a big one was important."

Her rink consists of vice Emma Cox, second Tori Hawley, and lead Emma Seed-Binnie.

Denyer said in the first two bonspiels of the season, the team always started strong but faded in the second game.

"In Oshawa, we played the first game and had a different mindset towards it," she said. "We were coming in super focused, and knew we were ready to go."

After the team's first big win over Annandale, they took some time to refocus before the next game.

"We made sure we set aside at least 20 minutes for team focus time, to make sure we all knew the game plan for the next game. We weren't having as much social time as we used to do. We made sure we had focus throughout the entire day."

"[The win] against Oshawa was great."

Three members of the team, Denyer, Cox and Hawley, have been playing together for

five years. However, Seed-Binnie is new this year.

"We really came together as a team," Denyer said. "We all knew what shot we were making, what we should call, and how to make it. It was really important we all stick together. We just blended this weekend, and it made us feel good about our future."

Looking ahead, the girls all aspire to reach the top in their sport.

"Our long-term goal would be the Scotties and things like that," she said. "It's a lot of work and you have to work to get there. There are a lot of deserving teams out there ... We know we have some great competition and each and every one of us is going to go far."

But first, the girls continue to try and make their mark in the Bantam division. Next for the team is the Toronto Curling Association play downs in Oshawa over the Christmas break, which will prepare them for their Ontario Curling Association play downs beginning in January. The team starts off in Lakefield, playing in a zone bonspiel.

"We definitely want to pull together to win zone," said Denyer. "I know we can keep doing what we're doing and stay focused for our second game. We have higher expectations to win zones, win regionals, and are aiming for provincials this year."

Denyer's rink curls out of the Minden Curling Club, and are sponsored by Fenelon Falls Subway, the Fenelon Rotary Club, Dollo's Foodland, and Scott's Electric in Toronto.



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# Highlander events



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Above: Families lined up for the annual Santa Claus Parade. Top: Nate Klapow plays with the trains inside the Lloyd Watson Centre. Right: A youngster waves excitedly at Santa Claus as he drives by.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Highlands East firefighters Meghan Meharrie (left), Adam Szelei and Jeff Bull drive Santa Claus through downtown Wilberforce.

## Santa spotted in Wilberforce

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

Highlands East took advantage of a beautiful winter day to host their annual Santa Claus Parade on Dec. 14.

Reeve Dave Burton said it was one of Wilberforce's largest parades in his memory, as floats included entries from across the

municipality. Families lined Loop Road in Wilberforce waiting for Santa to come by before following him into the Lloyd Watson Community Centre.

There, each child got to sit on Santa's knee for a picture and received a free Christmas gift, candy and drink. Doug Stephens brought out his train set for the kids to play with as well.



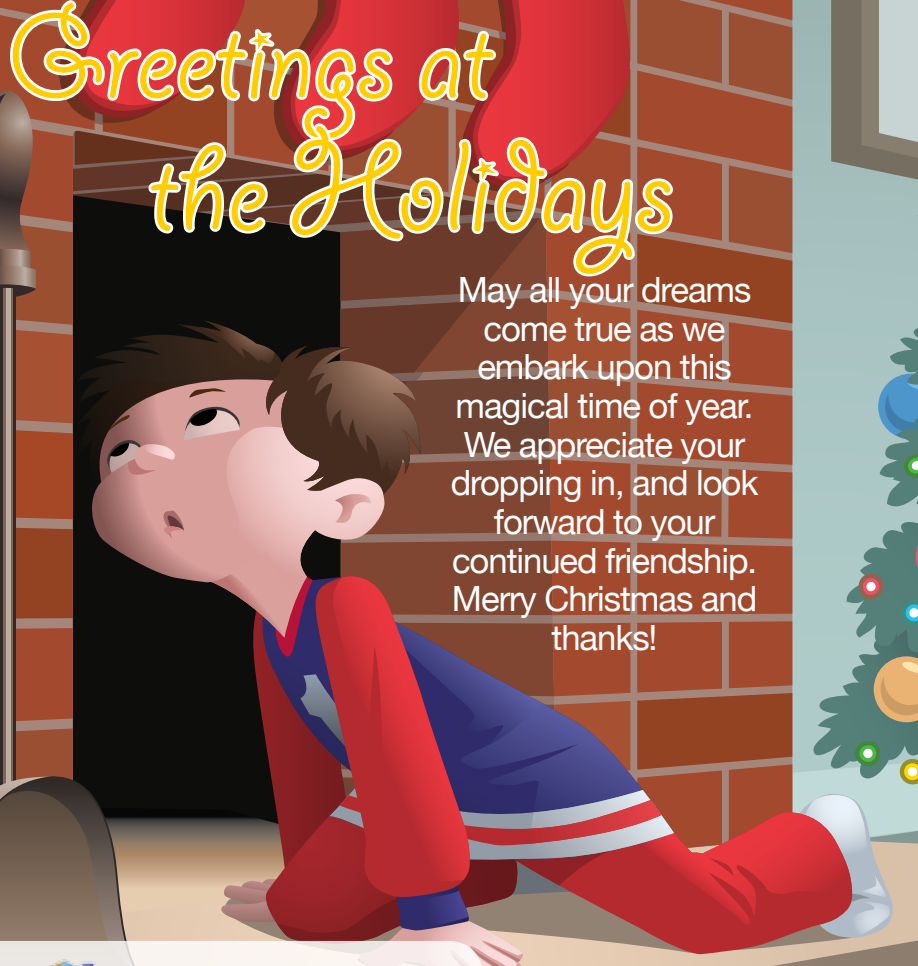
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Peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, December 15, 2014 on her 78th birthday. Beloved wife of Chester. Loving mother of Heather Louise and her husband William Sferrino. Cherished grandmother to Adam Robert. Dear identical twin sister of Olive Arnold of Newfoundland. Shirley was an avid curler and golfer. She was highly involved in the community through both the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Ladies Auxiliary.

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## NOTICE

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The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East will give consideration to a By-law to rescind the Municipality's Procedural By-law No. 2009-16 and enact a new Procedural By-law. The Procedural By-law governs the proceedings of Council and its committees, the conduct of its members and the calling of meetings.

Consideration of the adoption of a by-law to rescind By-Law No. 2009-16 and enact a Procedural By-law will be given at the 2<sup>nd</sup> optional meeting of Council scheduled to be held as follows:

Date: Monday, January 26, 2015  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Location: Council Chambers, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce  
Irene S. Cook, CMO  
Clerk/CEMC  
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0  
1-705-448-2981  
Dated: December 10, 2014

## NOTICE

### Notice of Completion

#### EMMERSON DAM MICRO-HYDRO PROJECT, DRAG RIVER

2130366 Ontario Inc. is proposing the construction of a micro-hydro station at the Emmerson Dam on the Drag River in Haliburton (Municipality of Dysart et al), Ontario, near the intersection of Highland St. and Dysart Ave. If approved and constructed, the waterpower project would have a capacity of 40 kW and would produce 210,240 kWh of renewable energy annually through a grid-tiered, net metering system.

The project is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Waterpower Projects under the *Environmental Assessment Act* - Ontario Regulation 116/01 Electricity Projects (2001) and is categorized as a project associated with existing infrastructure pursuant to the Class EA. An Environmental Report (ER) has been prepared as required under the Class EA. The proposed project has been reviewed in a process consistent with the Class EA for Waterpower Projects, the results of which are described in the ER.

The ER assesses the potential effects of the development on the existing environment during its construction, operation and maintenance. It was concluded that the proposed undertaking would not result in significant adverse environmental effects. The application of the recommended management strategies and adherence to the identified commitments by the proponent will help to realize this outcome.

The ER is available for a 49-calendar day review period. Both hard and electronic copies of the ER will be available for review and comment from **December 17, 2014, to February 3, 2015**. A hard copy may be found during the review period at:

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Electronic copies of the ER may be viewed at the Emmerson Dam website (<https://sites.google.com/a/emmersonlumber.com/emmerson-dam/>). All comments regarding the proposed Emmerson Dam Micro-Hydro Project and/or the accompanying ER must be received in writing (emails are accepted) no later than 11:59 PM on February 3, 2015. Please direct any inquiries, comments or requests to:

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BluMetric Environmental Inc.  
3108 Carp Road, P.O. Box 430  
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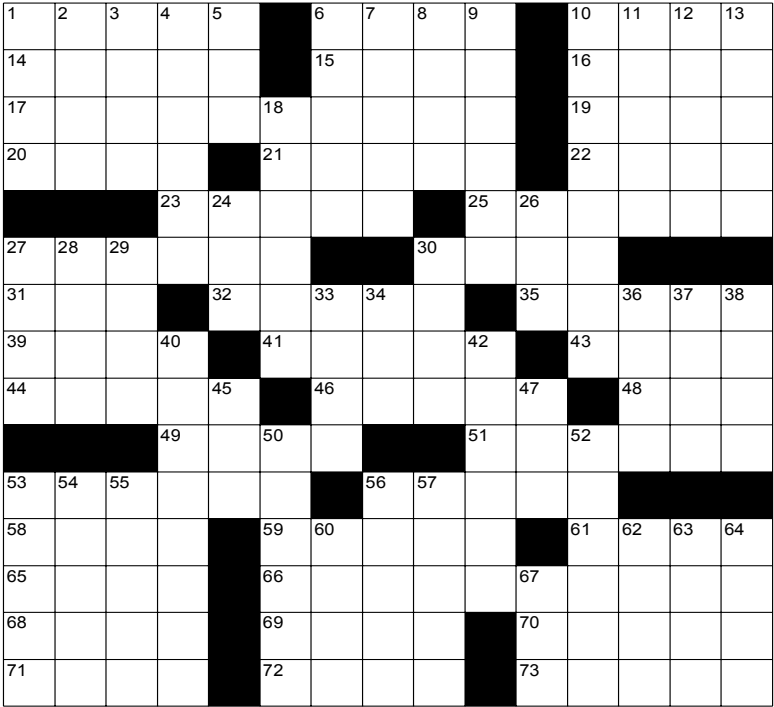
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59. Informed
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DOWN

1. Canvas cover
2. Balm
3. Location
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6. "Aida," for one
7. More unusual
8. Musician \_\_\_\_ Clapton
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29. Happiness
30. Chatters
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38. Ready to eat
40. Paraphrased
42. Points of debate
45. Iced \_\_\_\_
47. Okay!
50. Pass, as time
52. Calm
53. Equals
54. Classic song
55. Skid
56. Winter coat
57. Zodiac ram
60. Dress in
62. Lincoln, et al.
63. Narrow cut
64. Egg layers
67. FDR's successor

DECEMBER 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY

FIREWORKS Rails End Gallery 11am -5pm - Free

Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre - 1pm - 4pm - \$3

Dorset Adult Drop-In Volleyball - Dorset Recreation Centre - 7 to 8:45 p.m. - \$1

FRIDAY

FIREWORKS - Rails End Gallery - 11am -5pm - Free

30 Years of Artifacts - Minden Hills Museum - 10 pm - 5pm

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Natures Place - 10 am - 5 pm

SATURDAY

FIREWORKS - Rails End Gallery - 11am -5pm - Free

Christmas Eve Service and Communion Celebration Haliburton United Church - 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Music Service Haliburton United Church - 11:15 a.m.

30 Years of Artifacts - Minden Hills Museum - 10 pm - 5pm

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Natures Place - 10 am - 5 pm

SUNDAY

A Dramatic Reading of ,A Christmas Carol - Haliburton Highlands Museum 2 - 4:30pm

Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre - 1pm - 4pm - \$3

Cantata: "There is a Saviour" Haliburton United Church - 11:15 a.m.

In Search of the Elusive Wolf - Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. - 12 am - 4 pm

Minden Hills Table Tennis - Minden Community Centre 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION DEC 18 - DEC 24, 2014

Haliburton Branch

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.

Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month

Christmas party ft. Northern Jam and open mic, Dec. 20 4-7 p.m.

Minden Branch

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.

Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.

Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch

Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome!

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Bid euchre cancelled, returns on Jan. 5

Fun darts cancelled, returns on Jan. 7

Wednesday, closed early at 5 p.m.

\*\* No karaoke until further notice

Merry Christmas to all from Branch 624 executive and staff.

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# Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Church choir members sing for a large audience.

## Calling All Angels pageant celebrates birth of Jesus

By Mark Arike  
Staff writer

The story of Jesus’s birth was retold in a full-scale nativity pageant at St. George’s Anglican Church in Haliburton on Dec. 12.

Titled Calling All Angels, the pageant included prayers and performances of traditional Christmas carols such as “O Come All Ye Faithful,” “Hark! The Herald Angels

Sing,” and “O, Holy Night.” A cast of local residents, dressed in complete costumes, took to the stage to reenact the birth of Christ.

Members of both choirs at St. George’s and St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Minden came together for the play, under the direction of Bill Gliddon.

The first presentation of the pageant was held at St. Paul’s on Dec. 6.



By Matthew Desrosiers

## Chipmunks entertain at Wilberforce legion

Visitors to the HHHS Community Support Services Christmas luncheon at the Wilberforce Legion on Dec. 12 got more than they bargained for. The Legion’s Ladies Auxiliary put on a surprise show for the hungry seniors, as the Chipmunks, Alvin, Simon and Theodore, came out and performed a Christmas tune. Following the show, Santa Claus made an appearance and served dessert. About 72 people were in attendance for the lunch.

Pictured above: Vonda MacLennan as Theodore (left), Judy Peckford as Simon and Brenda Boomhouer as Alvin entertained the diners as The Chipmunks during the Community Support Services Christmas lunch at the Wilberforce Legion.



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# What's on



Photos submitted by CHTV

HighlanderTV is set to air episodes of Haliburton Weekend, a CHTV show made in Haliburton County from the 1990s, as part of Throwback Thursdays.

## It feels like the 90s all over again

By Matthew Desrosiers  
Editor

HighlanderTV is bringing back the original local television show that many long-time county residents will remember fondly.

Twenty years ago, Kris Kadwell and Al Sumpter partnered to launch County Haliburton Television (CHTV). Together they produced “Haliburton Weekend”, a weekly show that aired on cable.

“The original idea came from [Sumpter],” said Kadwell. “At the time we was a quasi-retired teacher that came up here and bought a little farm house. He turned that into a studio in the late 1980s with this vision, this dream, that he was going to have a little local TV station.”

Sumpter was the idea man, but Kadwell helped to make it happen.

“I knew the community pretty well,” he said. “I did the technical and arranging, organizing, and [had the] business sense.”

While the concept started in the late 1970s, it took until the fall of 1994 for the

first episode to air.

“Our mantra and mission statement was basically to try and get a TV station up here,” said Kadwell. “The show was anything local. We wanted to get as many people [as possible], and if you get people on it, they tell their friends and relatives.”

In order to air the show, CHTV came to an agreement with Haliburton Minden Cable TV’s Peter Wessner. It ranged from an hour to two hours long depending on its content, at 6:30 p.m. on Cable 10. Minden residents watched on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m., while those in Haliburton got to see it on Saturdays at 6:30.

Kadwell said there were around 4-5,000 people with cable in Haliburton County at the time. They also had agreements to air the shows in some local establishments like McKeck’s.

“It was slow to take off, but it just started getting popular and people would start asking what the next episode was about and stuff like this,” Kadwell recalled.

CHTV’s cameras were out at community events. The crews also conducted

interviews and covered some more serious issues in the county.

“I liked getting the people and kids enthused about it, I really did,” said Kadwell. “I was always interested in media and the arts, and music. To me, it was a good combination of that, and it was fun to be the first.”

To complement the show, Kadwell wrote a song that was used as the lead-in each week, which many viewers will remember.

Now, almost exactly 20 years later, CHTV’s “Haliburton Weekend” is set to air again on HighlanderTV’s Throwback Thursdays. The shows have been digitized from their original VHS format, and will be uploaded to HighlanderOnline.ca each Thursday. Sumpter passed away two years ago, but

Kadwell said he’s happy that the shows are airing again and that his former partner would have been pleased.

“It means a lot to me to see this stuff coming back,” he said. “It’s going to be fun for people, both kids and adults, to see their kids grown up, and the kids to see themselves grown up, and the differences and changes in the town, and just paying homage to our history.

Twenty years doesn’t sound like a lot, but if you look at the changes, there was a lot.”

“For Al [Sumpter], he just wanted to give back to the community.”

CHTV was on air in Haliburton County from the fall of 1994 until 1999, when the cost of producing the weekly show became prohibitive. Each week, HighlanderTV will air a clip of the show on Thursdays.

*It’s going to be fun for people, both kids and adults.*

Kris Kadwell  
partner, CHTV

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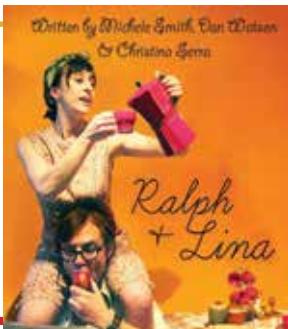
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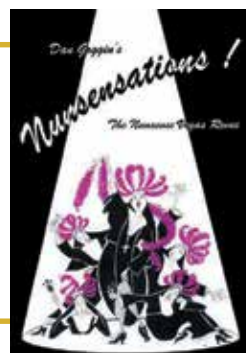
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