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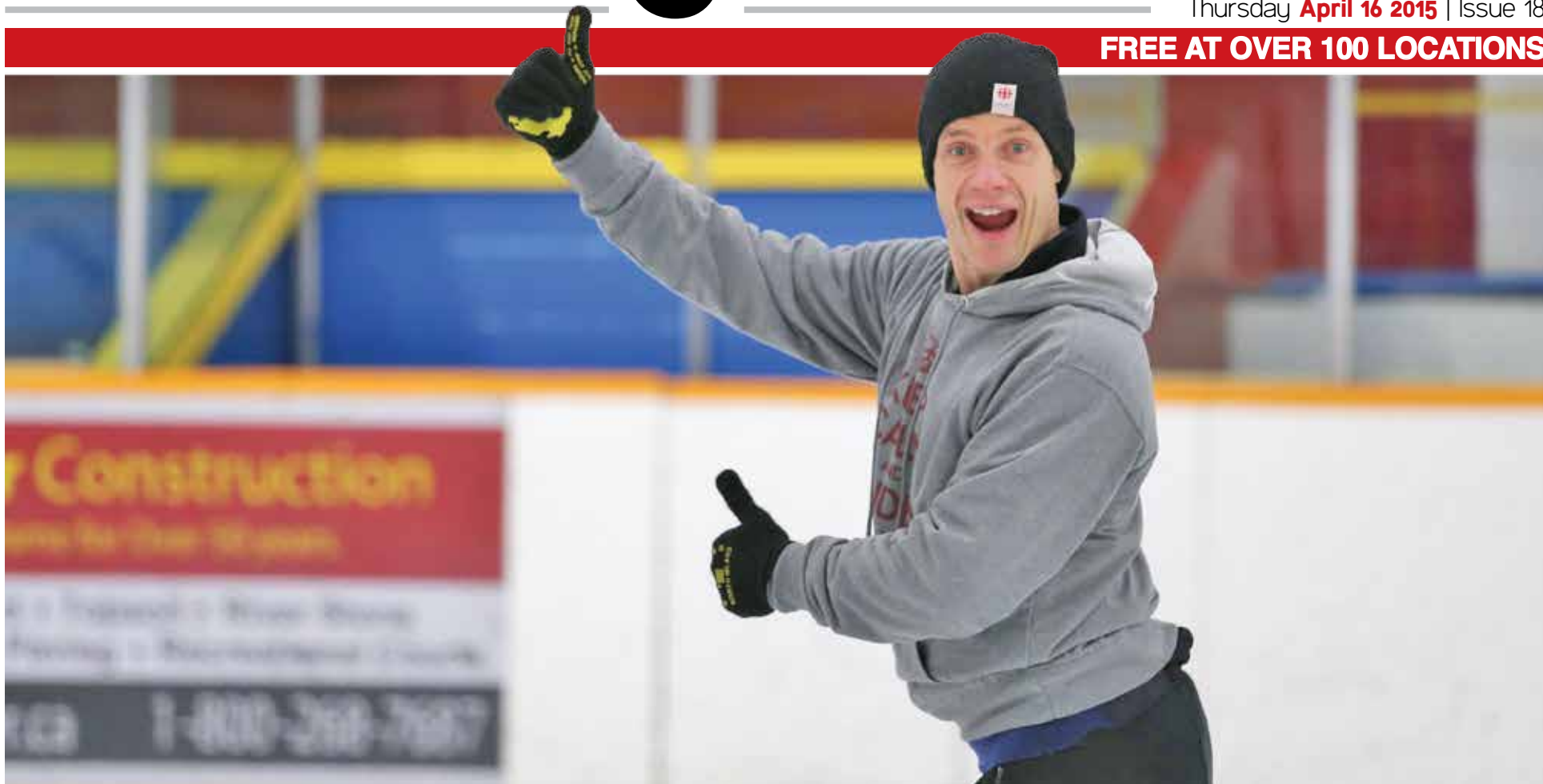


Photo by Cheryl Smith

Figure skating star Kurt Browning gives the thumbs up at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. See story and photos on page 23.

Highland storm girls earn provincial gold

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

They were the perfect storm.

The best Midget B Girls hockey teams in the province didn't know what hit them after the Highland Storm went a perfect 6-0 in the all-Ontario championships to win gold.

"It feels awesome," said team coach Dan Marsden. "I'm just so excited for them. They had hurdles ... collectively as a group of girls, I couldn't ask for a greater bunch to coach."

The team travelled to Mississauga for the tournament, which ran from April 10-12. Twenty-four teams competed in six pools,

representing every region across Ontario. And when the last buzzer sounded on Sunday's gold-medal game, the Storm were crowned Ontario champions.

"We got everything out of the girls we possibly could," said Marsden. "They're bruised, banged up, sore and tired."

Going into the tournament, the team's coaching staff stuck with the same message they'd been preaching all year.

"If we can move our feet, control the puck, put pressure on their end, capitalize on chances and shut them down, we'll be fine," he said. "That's been our mantra all year."

Marsden said the girls were aggressive and

unrelenting. Each player elevated her game.

Despite their perfect record, the road wasn't easy. In both of the team's first two games, they fell behind early.

In Game 1 against the Mount Brydges Cougars, the Storm fell behind 1-0 in the first period while killing a penalty. It wasn't until the third that they were able to tie it up on a goal from Kelsey Maracle. Alicia McLean later scored the game-winner, earning the team their first win of the tournament.

Game 2 against Waterloo Ravens started off the same, but once again the girls found a way to storm back. Maracle again tied it late in the first period. While killing a five-on-three

powerplay in the second period, Erin Little blocked a shot from the point. She jumped on the loose puck for a breakaway, short-handed goal that put the team ahead 2-1. Two more insurance goals would net the girls another win, this time 4-1 over the Ravens.

The Oakville Hornets were next. This time the Storm opened the scoring with a goal from Kennadal Marsden. Little scored again, and Brynn Meyers added a third to send the girls into the quarter-finals with a 3-1 win.

Now into must-win games, the Storm kicked it into another gear, defeating the Blythe-Brussels Crusaders 4-0 in the quarters.

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**- Bonnie Hoenow
Kosy Korner Staff**

Former firefighter pleads guilty to prank

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A former volunteer firefighter has pleaded guilty to making a prank call to police back in February of last year.

On April 8 at the Lindsay Courthouse, Dwayne Meharrie of Highlands East was convicted of an offence under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act and ordered to pay \$20,000 in restitution and a fine of \$1,125. He must also serve 12 months probation and complete 75 hours of community service.

Meharrie was found guilty of interfering "with a fire chief in the exercise of his

or her powers and duties by reporting a motor vehicle accident and requesting an emergency response knowing that no accident had occurred contrary to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act."

The public mischief charge, which is a Criminal Code offence, was withdrawn. "The court has sent a strong message,"

said Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove.

On February 14 of 2014, Meharrie, who was 18 at the time, was arrested and charged with public mischief after he allegedly

phoned the OPP to report an accident involving a snowmobile in a ditch near the Pine Grove Point Trailer Park Resort. Three officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment, 12 firefighters from the Highlands East Fire Department and paramedics conducted a two-hour search to try and find the accident scene.

"The information was that it was a male party lying beside a snowmobile at that location," former community services officer Paul Potter had told The Highlander.

The court has sent a strong message.

Bill Wingrove
HEFD chief



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Highlander news

Fire departments to enforce CO legislation

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

They call it the silent killer.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an invisible, tasteless, and odourless gas. And it's deadly.

The gas is produced when fuels – like gasoline, propane, furnace oil, wood, and natural gas – do not burn completely in appliances, furnaces, or other fuel-burning devices.

In 2008, OPP constable Laurie Hawkins, her husband Richard, and their children Cassie and Jordan all died from CO poisoning in Woodstock, Ontario. It was December, and the vent leading from their gas fireplace was clogged, allowing CO to seep back into the house.

The family did not have CO alarms installed.

Hawkins' father, John Gignac, was a retired firefighter. His work to raise awareness of CO and lobby the government to amend the Ontario Fire Code (OFC) after his daughter's death led to Bill 77, the Hawkins-Gignac Act.

The bill came into effect on October 15, 2014. It requires all residences that have at least one fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage, to have a working CO alarm installed. The bill provided a six-month grace period, which ended on April 15, for homeowners to comply with the new legislation.

Buildings that contain more than six residential suites have a year grace period from the bill's implementation. They would be required to have CO alarms installed no later than October 15, 2015.

Carol Gravelle, a public relations officer with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM), said the amendments to the OFC will ensure uniform standards for CO alarms across the province, for both new and older homes.

"Since 2001, CO alarms have been mandatory in new homes and other residential buildings through the Ontario Building Code (OBC)," she said. "While the OBC applies to new construction and renovations, the OFC applies to existing buildings. This new law amends the OFC

and establishes retrofit requirements for CO alarms in existing homes, consistent with the OBC's requirements for new buildings."

Failure to install a working CO alarm after April 15 comes with a \$295 fine, Gravelle said. Failing to install or maintain the device properly can result in a \$195 fine.

As it is with smoke alarms, the local fire departments will be required to implement public education and inspection programs with regards to CO.

"Fire departments are required to undertake public education programs, based on the needs and circumstances of their municipality," said Gravelle. "It is a municipal decision how they undertake this."

However, there are some requirements that fire chiefs must adhere to. Upon receiving a fire safety complaint, or a request for assistance, the department must complete an assessment or inspection of the residence to ensure a CO alarm is properly installed. The chief must also file a report with the OFMEM if the complaint or request is in regards to a care occupancy, treatment occupancy, or retirement home.

In Haliburton County, where most residences are heated by burning some kind of fuel, Bill 77 is an important piece of legislation, said Dysart et al fire chief Miles Maughan.

"It's a hazard up here," he said. "There is a need for [CO alarms]."

While the Dysart department does not have a formal education program in place, they will begin adding CO alarm inspections to their regular procedures. Currently, when entering a home for an emergency, firefighters are required to check for smoke alarms. They will now also look for properly installed CO alarms.

"We're not going to do inspections per se, but when we're in there we'll check to

make sure they are compliant," he said.

In Highlands East, chief Bill Wingrove said CO inspections will be added to the department's standard operating guidelines.

"Every place we go to, we'll check CO alarms," he said. "That will be the standard now."

Like Dysart, Highlands East has not completed their plan as of yet. However, Wingrove is looking at a CO alarm loan program. Residences that do not have a CO alarm will receive a loaner from the department for a week, so they

have time to get their own. If they do not comply, they will be fined under the new legislation.

"We do that with smoke alarms," he said. "We won't leave the house if there's no smoke alarms. Now, the same goes for CO."

Wingrove said if his firefighters go into a

house and leave without inspecting for smoke alarms, and a fire happens, the department could be liable. The same could also apply for CO alarms now, if there are fatalities from the gas.

"We have to have a program in place, same as our smoke alarms," he said.

In Minden Hills, fire chief Doug Schell said the information has been posted on the township's website, and firefighters have started conducting inspections on calls.

Algonquin Highlands fire chief Mike Cavanagh has plans for a public awareness campaign throughout the spring and summer. Inspections will also be conducted during the department's regular door-to-door smoke alarm checks.

Per the OFMEM, it is the responsibility of homeowners and landlords to comply with the new legislation.

For more information on CO alarms and how to prevent the gas from getting into your home, visit the OFMEM webpage at mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca. You can also visit your municipal websites for information from the local fire departments.

We won't leave the house if there's no smoke alarms. Now, the same goes for CO.

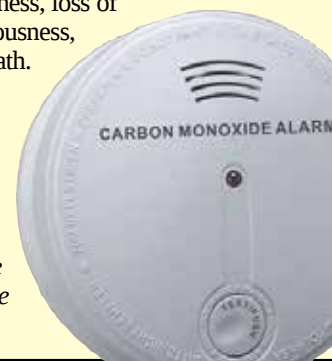
Bill Wingrove
HEFD chief

CO alarm tips

As of April 15, CO alarms must be installed in residences with fuel-burning appliances (furnaces, hot water heaters, stoves, etc.), a fireplace, or an attached garage.

- Install a CO alarm adjacent to each sleeping area (hallway serving or area outside sleeping area, ex: hallway adjacent to multiple bedrooms in a house).
- For added security, install a CO alarm on each storey of the house per manufacturer's instructions.
- Landlords are responsible for installing and maintaining CO alarms in their rental units.
- It is against the law to remove batteries or tamper with CO alarms in any way.
- Test CO alarms every month.
- Replace batteries every year.
- Replace CO alarms according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Know the sound of your CO alarm. It sounds different than your smoke alarm. There is also a different sound for low-battery or end-of-life warnings.
- If your CO alarm sounds, exit the residence and call 9-1-1.
- CO exposure causes flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness, and death.

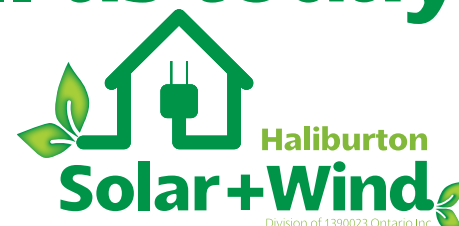
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Editorial opinion

The gift that keeps on giving

They don't give up hours of their time for accolades, compensation or rewards.

They simply do it for the betterment of their community and oftentimes to better the lives of the less fortunate, or those in a crisis situation.

There is no denying that volunteers are a cornerstone of the Haliburton Highlands. Without them, the spirit of the community would be greatly diminished and so too would the hope that they've instilled in the lives of others for a brighter future.

Organizations such as SIRCH Community Services address the challenges faced by low-income families and those who feel as if they have nowhere to go. Volunteers are a key component of the organization's ability to deliver more than 20 programs and services to the community. Some lend an ear and a hand to families grieving the death of a loved one, while others teach new parents how to cook healthy meals for their children on a tight budget.

The Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County has met its mandate thanks to the ongoing commitment of volunteer dentists, hygienists and other health care professionals. In just four years, the clinic has provided more than \$1.25 million in free urgent dental care to over 500 local residents in need. The organization's board of nine directors also works hard behind-the-scenes to organize fundraisers that make it possible to sustain an annual operating budget.

This past winter was long and harsh, but fortunately two groups stepped up to address the need for warmth. Fuel for Warmth and Heat Bank Haliburton County volunteers split and delivered wood to keep

vulnerable residents warm during the most trying of times.

Many of the area's arts organizations are also blessed to have volunteers from various walks of life. Because of them, the Haliburton County Folk Society is able to put on concerts; the Arts Council can promote the work of other artists; and dreams are realized through small but mighty projects like the Visible Voices Open Arts Studio.

The efforts of these individuals sometimes appear on the pages of local newspapers, but not every volunteer, or the results of their hard work, makes the spotlight. Since we are in the midst of National Volunteer Week (April 12-18), volunteers across the country are being saluted for the difference they make in the lives of others.

According to a study by Volunteer Canada and Investors Group, many volunteers appreciate a genuine thank you. The study also revealed that the least preferred ways these generous doers would care to be recognized include banquets, formal gatherings, and public acknowledgement in the media.

So the next time you come across a volunteer, offer some kind words and a simple "thank you." Then, if you haven't already done so, consider how you can contribute to your community in such a selfless way as they have.

The Highlands won't be running short of worthy volunteer opportunities anytime soon.



By Mark Arike

It's not easy being blue

Being a police officer must be a difficult job at the best of times and I would think it's even worse in today's testy and confrontational world.

Back then – and by "back then" I mean something in and around the Leave It To Beaver era – policemen were revered and idolized for the selfless act of defending the public and for upholding the law. While these perceptions were largely romanticized (good vs. bad was much easier to portray back then) police officers held a much more respected role in society and I'm sure their job satisfaction and mental health reflected that at the time.

Today it's not so easy being a cop. Their role is much more polarizing in modern society, seen as the last line of defence by some while others may find them to be indignant, pompous and power hungry. Such is the case when some members of your profession spoil it for the others, unfortunately tarring everyone with the same brush.

This isn't to say that all cops are good and upstanding and fully deserve our unconditional support, it's just that separating the good ones from the bad now is a much more arbitrary and personal process. I suppose you could say that about any profession, but when yours comes with inherent power and social responsibility, it's not unfair for us to demand a higher standard.

Very few people would argue about the importance of having a police force (laws and morals are what largely determines a society, after all) it's just that people simply want fairness, justice, and equality in their cops as much as they want it from the legal system itself. In short we want police who can maintain their humanity while at the same time working in a profession where the very concept of humanity is often violated on a regular basis.

Again, it can't be an easy job, especially in smaller, more intimate places like Haliburton County.

Police work up here isn't so much about regularly seeing things on the job that harden the individuals emotionally, but rather it's about being able to find that elusive space between proper policing and sincere community service. On the bad side the area has seen examples on both counts, some members occasionally getting too friendly and not being able to maintain professional objectivity, or it's about being too distant, essentially creating an adversarial relationship with the public they serve.

Lucky enough for us, antagonism between a police force and the public is more of an urban thing given the anonymity and mistrust that exists in more populated areas. You just can't get away with that kind of stuff in an area like this where that cop is also a neighbour and might possibly become a friend.

I have seen a number of examples of this during my years in Haliburton County. I have a number of police officers I consider to be friends, not because they wear a badge but because they know their role in the community is about much more than wearing the uniform. They see how respect is a two way street up here, not so much given but earned. To gain our respect for their position, the officers know (or eventually figure out) that it's how they act given the lofty and potentially intimidating role they hold. They understand that they may be a cop for 12 hours at a time but they are citizens of this community 24/7, and they know their conduct during office hours directly affects their image the rest of the time.

And for that we need to take time to appreciate the officers who have figured out the perfect balance between enforcement and engagement, who are fully aware that they don't live in a vacuum and who are counted on to both protect and serve. I am privileged to have known many of them, and recently found myself at the mercy of a situation (a single vehicle accident) where I was unexpectedly met by an officer (and a friend) whose overwhelming concern was simply to see if I was all right. His genuine concern exemplified what it takes to be a police officer in a rural community, the perfect balance between professionalism and benevolence. It was nice to see and hear a friendly face at a time when I really needed one.

Thanks Rob.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

The bigger picture

Dear editor,

Finally a realistic, though perhaps unpopular, view.

Visitors enjoying the place we full-time residents choose to build our lives is part of our history.

A ‘tourist lodge’ during the 1920s added extra income to my stepfather’s family farm. Locals farmed, some worked in lumber camps, mills and mines for decades. Meanwhile, visitors and cottagers continued to “discover” our beautiful home.

Over the years the tag of “cottage country” seems to have gradually swallowed up the rest of our identities. Our demographic differences have created equally huge differences in our priorities. Retirees and cottagers seem to want everything to remain exactly as it was when they came here decades ago. Tourism is a safe focus to help ensure this, so anything that doesn’t fit into that plan is discounted. Working age, full-time residents would agree, if they had satisfactory jobs. We do all love this pristine, untouched environment, after all.

But it’s obvious there is a huge shortage of good, year-round income providers, and this is not news. Generations of young people have moved away. Pretending we can fix the problem by focusing only on tourism, which excludes other options, has not worked!

I challenge our political leadership to survey businesses who are tourism dependent, and ask them how that has worked for them. Please ask someone who has been at it for more than five years – they have literally ‘survived’ a lot! Without change, the repercussions of this tunnel vision will eventually affect more than you can imagine.

Congrats on a piece filled with truth. Let’s hope others can see it.

Janet Barker
Wilberforce

The unsung volunteer

Dear editor,

Haliburton County runs on volunteers.

As we celebrate volunteer week I would like to give thanks to those who really don’t volunteer for the job, but do it with love and compassion. They are the caregivers!

Their life is changed as they devote their time to care for another. It could be an aging parent who needs help to live in their own home, or someone stricken with a physical or emotional issue that needs their help. Some caregivers have to leave their families to travel a distance to look after another who lives in another town. For those caregiving at home, their routine changes as homes may need to be modified to meet the challenge. Their daily routine is changed to meet the needs of the individual. Their life is not their own but is centered around the one they are helping.

Caregivers get physically and emotionally tired and there is a sense of guilt if they take time away to do something for themselves. There are endless trips to medical appointments, many out of town. They may now be the shopper, cook, nurse, financier, chauffer, handyman, and more. Spouses must often come to terms with what may be permanent changes in their partners, such as depression, fatigue, lack of strength, frustration, and thoughtlessness. But they do it anyway, “for better or worse.”

When you meet a caregiver ask how they are doing. Offer help if you can. Then inquire about the health of the one they are caring for. Hats off to the caregivers! They rank high in my list of true volunteers and need to be recognized for the work they do.

Lois Rigney
Volunteer
Haliburton Highlands
Stroke Support Group

Photo of the week



Photo by David Kay
Water is flowing again through creeks and rivers throughout Haliburton County.

Talking turkey

And they said ventriloquism was dead!

Now, in England in the 1970s there were numerous well-known ventriloquists, all of whom performed with non-human puppets. There were Nookie Bear, Spit the Dog, Cuddles the Monkey, Emu and Orville, a giant headed, bright green duck that wore a diaper, to name a few, and then their human ‘handlers’ just in case you assumed the reverse. Audiences of the Saturday evening variety shows loved them when I was a kid. Nookie was cheeky, Orville was cute (in a weird kind of way), Spit, well he spat a lot and so was hilarious to an eight-year-old boy, but I liked Emu the best because he physically attacked unwitting studio hosts and guests with unerring regularity, and watching a giant tinsel feathered puppet wrap his beak around someone’s throat is always fab when you’re a kid, don’t ya think? But ventriloquism lost its popularity and charm somewhere along the line and these crazy puppets and their masters stopped popping up on our TV channels.

This conundrum has perplexed me for many years, but recently I think I might have figured out just where the ventriloquists went wrong. You see, almost all of the most famous animal puppets talked with human voices.

That is except for Emu who, as mentioned, simply menaced people. They almost all conversed with their masters and the audience in our language, be it in some very funny sounding voices, and I think we got tired of this. We got used to the duck that sounded like a whiny five year old on helium. We tired of the monkey who made fart noises and the bear with a hundred one-liners. And so ventriloquism died a slow death, its stars packed into cardboard boxes and hidden in someone’s attic to slowly be devoured by moths.

And that was the end of ventriloquism, or so I thought. But coming to Canada has re-engaged me with an offshoot of this great tongue-twisting art. I’ve gotten into hunting, you see, and hunters are ventriloquism’s greatest secret. There’s much made of hunting techniques, hound dogs, special scent-concealing sprays and of using stealth when in the bush but, it seems that one of the most effective methods of attracting game into range of your gun is by talking to it.

Yes, speaking with the animals. Not speaking to the animals in some ridiculous voice – “here Bambi, come here Bambi...” – but talking right to them, in their

own language.

You see where I’m going with this, don’t you?

Yes, turkey hunting season is almost upon us, and it will be my first year sitting in the bush listening to the gobblers gobble and the hens yelp and cluck. But I won’t just be sitting there; I’ll be chatting to them. Calling those big red and blue-headed males in with a little bit of sexy lady-turkey love talk.

I’ll be doing this with the aid of a mouth call: a little rubber diaphragm stretched on a frame that I pop into my mouth and ‘huff’ against to make sweet turkey music.

Sounds simple? Well, let me tell you it isn’t. And my lovely wife will be testament to that as she’s had to put up with me practicing around the house. At first this wasn’t a problem because I couldn’t make more than a whisper sound with the call but, as I got better, the volume cranked up and now I can produce an ear-splitting hen turkey yelp almost on demand.

It is so good that Little Z runs screaming with hands over ears and Jeff the dog retreats to his basket to bury his head under a blanket. My lovely wife is not so reticent. She advances with the speed that I can only

hope a gobbler will come a calling. The only trouble is that when she arrives it’s normally armed with something blunt with which to subdue my yelping hen.

But wife inflicted injuries aside, I have rediscovered my love of ventriloquism, or at least a form of it – I keep everything else still and just move my mouth. Sort of back to front ventriloquism, I guess. And, come April 25 I’ll be sitting out in the bush, every part of my body stock still on the lookout for a turkey. There’ll be no audience, nor semi-stuffed puppet with my hand up its backside (there will be a rubber turkey or two), but I will be at least attempting to talk to the turkeys, in their language though, not mine... One yelp, one cluck at a time.

Postscript: on reading this missive (she always gets the first look) my lovely wife stated that I should add that I’d be living with the turkeys long before April 25 if there was any more yelping while at home!

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *How do you feel about the farmers' market expanding into Minden?*



Don Robottom
Haliburton

I think it is a great idea. It will get some of the local products out there. I don't go to the markets much but I still believe it is a good idea.



Lindsay Knipe
Pickering

We aren't from around here, but a farmers' market expansion to Minden sounds like a great idea.



Mac Monk-Cray
Minden

I am excited about the farmers' market expanding to Minden. I live in Minden so it would be more convenient for me to go to.



Maria VanLieshout
Maple Lake

I think it is very good. I sometimes go to the market in Carnarvon but rarely to Haliburton. The only bad thing is that it is in the afternoon so I don't often go.



Norm Perrott
Haliburton

I think it is a great idea. Any reason that brings more people to our county's towns sounds like a great idea to me.

Photos and interviews by Ben Davis

County warden decries new planning bill

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A proposed provincial bill that looks to change the Planning Act and Development Charges Act has Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey crying foul.

Bill 73, the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, proposes to implement a hold on changes to a municipality's official plan or comprehensive zone bylaw for two years from the date those documents come into effect.

Municipalities currently review their official plans ever 10 years, and their zoning bylaws every 20 years.

"This is regressive and not progressive legislation," said Fearrey during the Warden's Breakfast on March 31. "This means virtually no development for two years after those [documents] are passed. That's pretty scary for small business and rural communities."

But Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) spokesperson Conrad Spezowka said that's not what the bill does.

"The goal of the proposed changes, if passed, would be to give residents more say in how their communities grow, set out clearer rules for land use planning, give

municipalities more independence to make local decisions and make it easier to resolve disputes," he said. "[The bill] would afford municipalities the ability to implement their new official plans and zoning bylaws without having to contend with immediate requests for changes and amendments."

He said the proposed changes would provide municipalities with more control and stability over their planning documents.

Bill 73 states that "during the two-year period following the adoption of a new official plan or the global replacement of a municipality's zoning by-laws, no applications for amendment are permitted."

Spedowka clarified that municipalities will be able to make changes to their own plans and zoning rules.

"The proposed legislative changes would continue to maintain the existing authority of municipalities to make amendments to their plans and bylaws on their own initiative," he said. "It is only amendments initiated by others that would be impacted. As proposed, the legislative changes would afford municipalities the ability to amend their own zoning bylaws as needed to address local circumstances."

Fearrey isn't convinced.

"I don't remember an initiative to change

zoning or official plans that came from the municipality," he said. "It comes from the proponent. So this stifles them from doing that for two years. That was what we're concerned about."

Normally municipalities charge proponents for zoning changes. If the municipalities initiate the applications themselves, Fearrey said those are just more expenses put on the taxpayers.

County planner Charley White said the MAH has a misconception on how land development works in municipalities.

"This isn't the role or responsibility of the municipalities," she said.

She has concerns there may be conflicts, or the perception of conflicts, if municipalities start passing their own amendments. For example, if one developer regularly has zoning amendments passed, while another is denied.

Spezowka said that would be up to the municipalities to figure out.

"In these circumstances, it would be up the

municipalities to determine a local process for how they would decide which proposals they would consider and proceed with as municipally initiated amendments," he

said. "These would be subject to all the normal Planning Act requirements for public meetings, notice and appeal rights."

White agreed that implementing new processes is possible. She will be reviewing Bill 73 with the Ontario Professional

Planners Institute. Until then, she's uncertain whether or not this will have a negative impact on the county.

"[The MAH's] end goal is to make it a more public, more open process for municipalities and citizens," she said. "I need time to review it and go through what all those nuances are going to be. Could I have concerns in the future? Yes. But right now I couldn't say yes or no."

Bill 73 received its first reading before the legislative assembly on March 5. It is currently in the consultation phase and up for revision.

This is regressive and not progressive legislation.

Murray Fearrey
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Highlander arts

Art reveals students' personal issues

'What's Underneath?' is the title of this year's exhibition put on by the high school art students in the graduating Portfolio Class. Teacher Karen Gervais is the head of the art department at the high school and the teacher of the students in the Portfolio Class. She accompanied the 10 exhibiting art students to the opening on Saturday April 11 at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

"The idea behind the Portfolio Class is to give the students an authentic opportunity from beginning to end in learning how to be a professional artist," Gervais explained.

Steps in the learning process include: putting together a portfolio of work, writing an artist's statement, and bringing 10 objects to class which were meaningful to them. Those steps led to brainstorming sessions which resulted in the concept of 'the mask and what lies behind or underneath it.'

"Students were then asked to interpret masks in any way they wished," Gervais said. "I'm very proud of them because the works are well executed and the students were very brave in tackling a lot of personal issues."

These personal issues are very evident in the works on display. 'What's Underneath?' is the latest of at least 10 such annual collaborative exhibitions between the HHSS graduating art

class and the Rails End Gallery. And while it's one thing to exhibit your work at a recognized gallery, it's a different thing entirely to get up in front of a crowd and talk about it. Giving a short talk and fielding questions was the final step of the learning process, and a couple of the students were quite traumatized by the experience.

But they managed to collectively put on a show that was both colourful and powerful. Much of it was not pretty however because the exhibition laid bare some of the emotions, and identity crises that many young people must confront.

While there is not enough space in this article to write about every student's contribution, there were several pieces in particular that caught my eye. Erin Davis's offering was called "Blue." She dressed a blue mannequin in fashionable clothing and painted letters on it to enhance her message.

"I was inspired by fashion and how people use the way they dress as a mask. Sometimes people are sad inside and are wearing bright clothes to make them seem like they are happy," Davis said in her artist statement.

Johnathan Needham's collage of drawings consisted of close-ups of faces with expressive eyes, plus a self-portrait. The self portrait

shows one half of Johnathan's face covered in such self-doubt words as 'loser,' 'lost,' and 'creep.'

"I focused on the eyes because that gives a sense of watching or judging. I included myself in this artwork because I have dealt with labels in the past. With myself in the artwork I created two sides to my life. One side is who I actually am: happy and free. On the other side, it's what other people see me as," his statement said.

Naomi Russell chose to tackle the 'mask' of materialism. Her piece titled 'Who Am I?' rendered in acrylics, depicts a man in a business suit. His face is hidden behind a dripping cascade of red, blue and yellow pigment.

"Consumer culture is continually bombarding us with the message that materialism will make us happy. I know this to be a false statement," she explained in her statement.

For me the most powerful piece was Matthew Paul's contribution called "Frozen Blue and Infuriating Red," which consists of two acrylic paintings. His statement was very revealing.

"As an artist who has struggled with mental illnesses, I find that I place my emotions on

the canvas when I paint.

I focused my artwork on two powerful emotions I feel we often mask in society: I want to shed light on depression and anger with my artwork," his statement said. "One of the pieces I made focuses on depression. The blue colors represent the cold embrace people feel when they are depressed. I also have the main focus on the character in the middle. I wanted to show that after wearing the mask for so long it tears the skin and leaves wounds when removed. On the red artwork I wanted to illuminate the power that anger makes you have with its hot, red rage. Often we see these misuses of power displayed in society."

These are my subjective samplings of the potent statements that accompanied several of the students' works. And I noticed that some of the 100 or so people that attended were disturbed by both the images and the words. But the student's showed us that what we see, including beauty and confidence, is often false, and that we need to look deeper to find the truth.

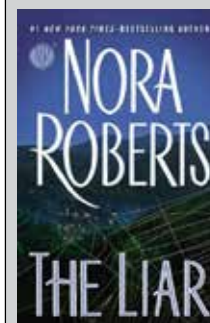


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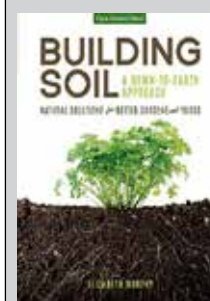
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Members of the tour, like Jeffrey Buttle, Patrick Chan, Kurt Browning, Joannie Rochette, Shawn Sawyer, Ashley Wagner, Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir, Kaitlyn Weaver & Andrew Poje, Meagan Duhamel & Eric Radford, will be rehearsing in Minden at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena!

The public is welcome to attend the rehearsals on the following days:

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Meet some of the stars at 5:00 pm in the arena lobby
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Highlander arts



Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Naomi Russell talks about her piece titled "Who Am I?" Right: Kelsey Turner tackles the topic of suicide in her paintings.

Students remove their masks to show 'What's Underneath'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Feelings of pain, anger and sadness have all come out on canvas at this year's portfolio exhibition, hosted by Grade 12 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students.

"What's Underneath" opened on April 11 at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre with talks from the students responsible for each creation.

"I want to applaud the students for tackling some really big and personal issues ... and talking about some of the things that we often don't talk about in society," said classroom teacher Karen Gervais.

Through the theme of this year's exhibition – masks – students in the portfolio class considered the ways in which we hide or transform our identity.

"The students decided that a recurring theme or idea was an interest in masks," said Gervais.

The students were required to create a small proposal package that would be submitted to an institution such as the Rails End Gallery to put on a public art show. They were then asked to bring in 10 items of inspiration to spark further discussions, which led to the selection of this year's theme.

Student Kelsey Turner turned to a suicide statistic for inspiration in the creation of her display titled "The Butterfly Effect."

"I told a story about a girl who was trying to deal with school life and family life, but she just couldn't handle it," Turner told those in attendance. "So she turned to self-harm as a way to cope with it."

The girl didn't seek help and eventually took her own life.

According to the statistic, six people are "intimately and immediately affected" for every suicide that occurs. In Turner's work, those individuals are represented by a butterfly found in each of the six pieces.

Naomi Russell examined consumerism and how it's changing the way people think and who they are.

"Nowadays in consumer culture, it's constantly telling us that by buying things we can find true happiness and we can find our true selves," said Russell. "But I don't believe this to be true because I think that through love and friendship you can find true happiness in your true self."

Her acrylic on canvas piece, titled "Who Am I?" depicts a businessman whose face is oozing a mix of colours. Behind him are various receipts that show where his money has been spent.

"It's like his identity is dripping away from him, or melting away from him," she said.

Gary Brohman, Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee for Haliburton County, called it an honour and privilege to attend the opening reception.

"They're so artistically talented," said Brohman, adding "this makes it all real."

"Doing it in school and sometimes never getting a chance to display it and having this on display for the public is a great tribute to the partnership and to the artists that get to do this. We're very proud of our kids and that this can keep going year after year."

The portfolio exhibition has been an annual tradition at the gallery for the past decade.

The exhibition remains on display until April 25.

For video from the event visit highlanderonline.ca.

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The Nortech crew on the set of Cabin Pressure. From left are Trevor Hooey, Darren Stewart, Colin McAllister, Wayne McNelly, Dani McNelly, Drew Bryan, Justin Ryan, Chris McNelly.

Cabin Pressure shoots in the Highlands

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

If you like home improvement shows, and you have access to the Cottage Life network, chances are you've seen Colin and Justin's Cabin Pressure.

In the show, hosts Colin and Justin take a run-down cottage and give it a complete makeover, using local contractors to get the job done. In this current season, the duo have chosen a cottage in Haliburton County to fix up.

Dani McNelly is a sales and marketing associate for Nortech Home Improvements. Her company is located in Bobcaygeon but serves many clients in the Highlands, and they were chosen to participate in the cottage renovation.

"It was a really positive experience," said McNelly. "Colin and Justin were absolutely phenomenal to work with. They're very easy going, and have a great sense of humour."

Nortech primarily installs windows and doors, but the bulk of their work in the

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Being part of the show has allowed the Nortech crew to make new connections and network with other contractors.

While she can't give away too much from the build, McNelly said the cottage is has come a long way from the Slanty Shanty – as the hosts called it – that it started as.

"When I walked on site the first day, it was a mud hole," she said. "It was mud and trucks, and there were walls that had some planks missing. It was derelict."

Now all the windows are new, sleek and

modern. The cottage has stylish siding and the back was opened up to the water as much as possible without destroying the tree line, she said.

The hosts also try to find local touches to include in the build. She said they've already made some purchases from Haliburton's Thrift Store. They also try to incorporate other local businesses and hot spots in the show, visiting restaurant Baked & Battered in the season's first episode.

"They really have done a great effort in trying to bring in as many locally know businesses, and these little local establishments, [as they can]," said McNelly. "Every show features not just the renovator or contractor, but also some sort of other business that's local to help attract tourists."

"They're doing a good job of selling Haliburton."

Colin and Justin's Cabin Pressure airs Sundays on the Cottage Life network.

Greg Brown Construction and Harper Marine were both featured in an earlier episode this year.

Highlander life



Photo submitted by Lynda Litwin

From left, Lynda Litwin, Minden Rotary Club; Wally Reid, project board; Barry Robb, project board; Brent Devolin, Minden Hills reeve; Kay Godden, Rotary Club president; Joanne Barnes, Minden Food Bank manager; Max Ward, Minden Food Bank treasurer; and Marilynne Lesperance, Minden Food Bank chairperson.

Minden Rotary donation helps improve food bank access

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Wheelchair accessible doors have been installed at the Minden Community Food Centre thanks to a \$15,000 donation from The Rotary Club of Minden.

On April 8, members of the club gathered for a cheque presentation with Food Centre representatives.

"This goes a long way in helping out," said food bank chair Marilynne Lesperance in a phone interview.

Located on Newcastle Street in Minden, the Food Centre is home to the food bank, community kitchen and community gardens.

The doors, which are located at the front

entrance, back of the building and loading dock, were completed in December.

"We wanted to make sure they were working properly, painted, and everything was in order before the picture was done," said Lesperance.

To recognize the club's donation, yellow signs that say "Rotary Helps Open Doors to Hunger Relief" have been placed on the doors.

Still on the Food Centre's wish list is a wheelchair accessible ramp that will lead into the kitchen, she said.

A majority of the funds raised by the Rotary Club came from the annual dinner and auction held in June at the community centre.



Photo submitted by Jan Simon

Trillium grant committee members include, from left, Ken Langford, Hilary Klapow, Janette Packard, and Richard Young.

Trillium grant comes to aid of Legion

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Royal Canadian Legion, Douglas C. Hatch, Branch 624 in Wilberforce has received an Ontario Trillium Fund grant in the amount of \$49,500.

The funds will be used to replace two fire exit doors, renovate and improve the accessibility of both washrooms, and to purchase an automatic propane generator. Jan Simon, branch public relations officer, said the generator will allow the Legion to stay open during power outages, and act as a

warming centre during an emergency.

Last fall, the legion lost power during its murder mystery evening, which led to participants donating \$1,400 towards a new generator.

Work is expected to begin within the next two or three weeks, but the Legion will remain open during the renovations.

"We look forward to an open house upon completion," said Simon.

The Trillium Fund committee that secured the grant included chair Hilary Klapow, and members Richard Young, Janette Packard, and Ken Langford.

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Junior Highlanders



Photos by Mark Arike

Far left: Student Sarah Hudson dumps slime on teacher Jessica Lloyd. Above: Education assistant Brianne Pockett releases a bag of crickets on teacher Amiee Bulloch. Left: Teacher Chris Simpson goes for the clean-shaven look.

Teachers follow through

HHSS faculty and staff followed through on their commitments after students raised over \$1,200 for autism awareness last week. Punishments ranged from beard shaving to leg waxing.

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Through my eyes Assisting the arts



By Austin McGillion

It truly amazes me how many things one simple job can create.

I began working at The Highlander and it is still my main job, but as I've stated before that is not the reason I write my columns. I write them to put a smile on peoples' faces and to make them aware of issues in my life, and possibly in other people's lives.

Around Christmas last year, my grandmother (April) informed me of a possible co-op at Canoe FM and I decided to go a few days before Christmas Eve and check it out. After some deep thought I made up my mind that it was worth asking the manager, Roxanne, about working there and to my surprise she agreed. I have been working there ever since.

Over time I came to realize that nothing made me happier than working with my voice. Sounding like a roughed up pirate or coming across as a tough Irishman has never been so much fun. Since I have been at Canoe I have created a commercial and performance introduction for the upcoming Pirates of Penzance play. I have also interviewed April about the Ontario Senior Games, and it is things like this that have influenced me so much. I feel like I am finally beginning to understand who I am and what I want from life.

There is only one monumental task that lies before me: college.

As I stated in a previous column, I visited

Loyalist College and have walked its calm halls. I chatted with the chief of security who was extremely friendly and gave me plenty of information and told me that if I ever needed help finding something I could ask him. That gave me a real sense of security, no pun intended. They also have a Tim Hortons on campus, which is just the icing on the cake.

The one thing I wasn't that comfortable with were the homes (residences). Granted I'll be more comfortable with my own room and the thought of sharing an apartment with three other people is kind of off-putting for a solitary person like me. However, I hope the dislike of the idea is temporary. Like a new food, you don't know if you'll like it until you try it. As it is will all new things, for plenty of people, I will no doubt get accustomed to having roommates as I get to know them and share in their experiences.

I am not dismayed by the financial challenges involved. I rise to conquer them. I feel no anxiety when I walk the halls. I have pushed the thought from my mind. I have already overcome many challenges.

I feel like a warrior before a massive battle, completely calm and every part of my mind is relaxed. I am prepared.

SPRING CAR CARE



File photo

The driver of this SUV lost control on Soyer's Lake Road last year swerving to avoid a deer.

Avoid an unexpected collision this spring

To avoid a trip to the body shop this spring – or a ride in an ambulance – drivers must be aware of wildlife on the roads.

In Haliburton County, our abundant wildlife is one our top draws to the area. But those same animals can be a hazard when coupled with our winding highways and cross-country roads.

According to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), one in every 17 motor vehicle collisions in Ontario involved a wild animal. That's around one collision with a wild animal every 38 minutes. Of those, 89 per cent happen on rural two-lane roads, and 86 per cent occur during good weather.

So what does that mean for you?

The answer is simple: be cautious, and pay attention.

When travelling upwards of 80 km/h, a collision with a deer can cause serious injuries, even death. That's why police continue to enforce distracted driving laws, so that drivers put down their cell phones, stop texting, and focus on the road. At any time a deer or other animal can run across the highway – drivers need all their reflexes and wits to maintain control of their vehicle and navigate the situation safely.

But deer aren't the biggest hazards out there. Moose have been known to make their way onto the highway, and a collision with one often doesn't end well for the driver and passengers.

When driving in the Highlands, make sure

to scan the roads from shoulder to shoulder.

Keep a lookout for animals, and if you see one on the side of the road, slow down and pass carefully. Deer often travel in groups. If you see one deer running across the road, likely there are others nearby preparing to do the same.

While many drivers ignore them, yellow wildlife warning signs along the roads indicate hazard areas. These areas are posted for a reason. Slow down and keep an eye out when passing through.

At night, use your high beams to light the way ahead, and look for glowing eyes staring back at you. This isn't a foolproof method, but most animals will look towards the light source giving the driver a heads up.

If you have to take action to avoid an animal, do not sacrifice control of your vehicle to do so. Again, speed is a factor here. Swerving suddenly can cause you to lose control, which could lead to a more serious accident.

Brake firmly if the animal is standing on the road, or is about to cross. Do not use your horn and expect the animal to move, as they can be unpredictable. Instead, slow down and come to a complete stop if you must and can do so safely, giving the animal time to get out of the way.

If you can't avoid the animal safely and a collision is imminent, do not panic. Keep control of your vehicle through the collision, and once clear, brake safely, pull over and call for assistance if you have access to a cell

phone.

If you hit a larger animal such as a deer, moose or bear, do not approach the injured animal.

Most wildlife collisions happen at dawn or dusk, when visibility is low. The OPP recommend drivers try to avoid travelling

during these times as much as possible. They also encouraged residents who live along highways to avoid feeding these animals, as it could increase the likelihood of a collision in the area.

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"It's an investment," said Jeff Suddard, owner of My Mobile Detailing Auto Spa. "If you take care of it, it will be valuable at the end."

Suddard said if left over time, salt can "bake" into the paint job.

"Like bugs – if you don't get those off they'll get embedded right into the clear coat and you can't even get them out without compounding it then," he said.

As for the interior of the vehicle, Suddard recommends using a vinyl or leather treatment at least once or twice a year to keep it good as new. Turtle Wax can be used to clean, shine and protect soft vinyl, plastic, leather and composite hard surfaces.

When it comes to those nasty salt lines in your carpets, you should turn to the help of a professional.

"I can get all the stains and stuff out," said Suddard, explaining that he has the proper tools for the job.

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Jeff Suddard wipes down a vehicle at Haliburton Automotive.

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Car maintenance 101

If you live in the Haliburton Highlands, odds are you might just be getting around to removing your snow tires now.

That's usually one of the first things people speak of when it comes to gearing up for spring, but it isn't the only item that should be on your checklist.

"From the winter, you should have your brakes all cleaned and serviced because they start to seize up," said John Morin, service advisor at Ridgewood Ford in Minden.

This applies to both new and used vehicles.

"A lot of it is just the sand and salt they use up here," said Morin, when asked about how harsh winters impact vehicles. "It makes it very hard on all moving components. It's a good idea to try to keep an eye on all that stuff."

Morin said that wheels and hubs should also undergo a cleaning after the tires have been removed because of the salt and sand. If the oil hasn't been changed since last fall, now is the time to do it.

He also recommends checking air and fuel filters, and keeping the underside of the vehicle as clean as possible.

"It helps with suspension, and stuff not seizing up and rotting."

While there are several things that should be done by professionals, some spring touch-ups can be done at home.

According to information obtained from Turtle Wax, you should check the vehicle's belts and hoses by pulling on the belts to ensure they're not loose. Also gently squeeze the radiator hoses while the engine is warm (not hot). If the hose feels too soft, it may need to be replaced.

Check your spark plugs after winter, as worn-out plugs can greatly reduce fuel efficiency.

As for the exterior of the vehicle, it's a good idea to inspect your windshield wiper blades. These are usually changed out in the spring. Finally, check your tire pressure to make it meets the manufacturer's recommendations.

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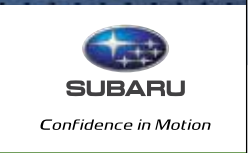
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Photo submitted by Riley Maracle

The Highland Storm Midget B Girls are all-Ontario champions.

Perfect storm hits provincial championships

Continued from page 1

The team earned another shut-out win in the semi-finals, beating the tough Schreiber North Stars 4-0.

In the gold-medal game, the Storm faced off against the North Bay Ice Boltz.

"Teams that peak at the right time find a way to win," said Marsden.

Then once again, the girls did exactly that.

A scoreless first period behind them, McLean put the team ahead with a wrister halfway through the second. They kept up the pressure, and McLean scored again in third, putting the team up 2-0.

Despite mount pressure from North Bay,

Kenndal Marsden put in the Storm's third goal. Storm goalie Connor Marsden turned away all remaining chances, and finished the championship game with her third consecutive shut-out.

"Every game had its own nuances of how we were able to withstand an offensive barrage from the opposing team," said Marsden. "Every girl elevated her level of play. It was the key to our success."

"From our goalie having an outstanding tournament to the stellar defensive play we had, and our offensive capabilities that produced on those chances ... things happened at opportunistic times that gave us advantages."

And the girls capitalized.

Marsden thanked his co-coaches, as he called them, the parents, and the community that rallied behind the team and came out to Mississauga to cheer them on.

"It's something the girls will remember forever."

In their regular season, the Storm's record was an impressive 40(wins)-1(loss)-6(ties). They won their league championship in March, despite some controversy and adversity. Twelve of the Storm girls played for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks team that reached OFSAA this year. Between the two teams, the girls played 72 games.

The provincials marked the end of the Highland Storm girls hockey program, at least for now. The program was built around this core group of girls who now are graduating high school and moving on. Without enough players, the program will not be able to ice a team next year.

For the girls who have been playing together these last 10 or 11 years, Marsden said it was the perfect way to end.

"It's excitement, elation. It's happy and sad. There's a lot of emotion for what was accomplished, and also for it being over. It's unbelievable. Words can't describe what these girls have accomplished."

"But they did."

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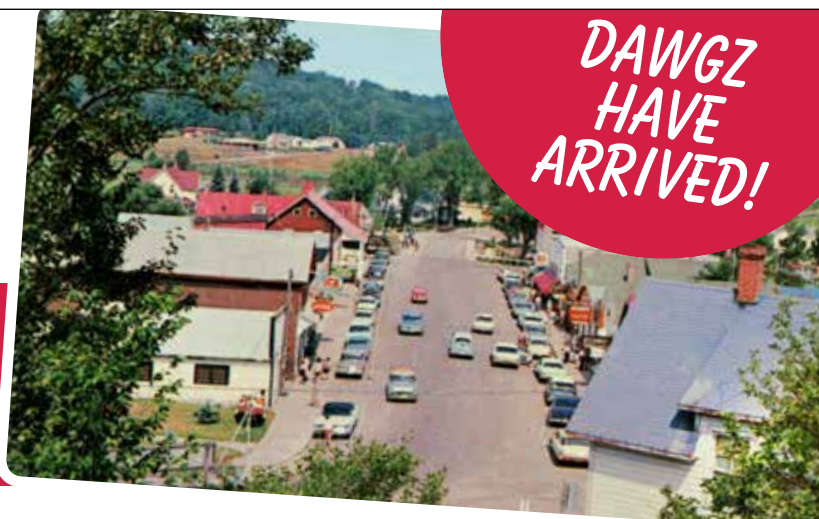


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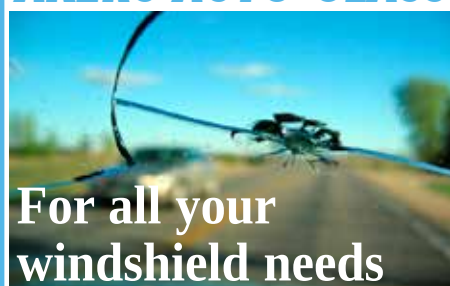
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Izac Reid poses for a picture with his parents after the last race of the 2014-15 season.

Izac Reid ready for next season

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The season may not have gone how he wanted, but in the end snowcross racer Izac Reid was just happy to be back on his sled.

After a strong start to his season, Reid was leading the pack in both his Junior 1 and Junior 2 division. But his breakout season was derailed when he broke his wrist during a race in Sudbury on Feb. 28.

"We were pretty mad because we worked so hard all summer," said Reid. "We finally had that one season where everything was going for us."

Reid missed three races and lost his hold on top spot in his divisions. But only a few weeks later, against the odds, he was back on his sled and competing in the last race of the season, the Dayco National in Barrie.

"We didn't think we were going to be back at all," said Reid. "My first race back, I ended up winning it. It was a pretty good weekend."

Reid finished third in the weekend's Junior 1 division, and first in Junior 2. In overall series

points, he finished 6th and 8th, respectively.

"We'll take this season for more practice. We learned a few things through it. We'll just take all that, and hopefully make it stick for a championship next year."

A championship that will be harder to win. Reid is moving up to the Sport 600 class, against older and more skilled competition. But he believes he has the skills to match those riders, and next season he will only have to focus on the single class.

"It's going to be tougher competition, but my goal is top five next year," he said. "We'll just try to do our best and hope for the top, but top five would be good."

The Reid Racing team is hoping to purchase a new sled for next season as well. After a year in Sport 600, Reid is looking to move into the semi-pro divisions.

"We plan on racing Sport 600 for a year, then moving up into the semi-pro class because there's not too much of a difference between the two," he said. "We'll probably be in semi-pro for a while before we go pro."

Hawks badminton team tops Kawartha tournament

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Red Hawks senior badminton team captured the Kawartha championship this past Tuesday on home turf.

"Competition was very high and the day went quite well," said coach Jason Morissette.

Fourteen senior players from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School took part in the event, which saw players from 18 different schools in the Lindsay, Peterborough, Port Hope and Cobourg regions compete.

"Our whole team fought very hard and captured the Kawartha championship trophy

which is a great team accomplishment against so many schools," said Morissette.

Five players will move on to COSSA next week. They are first place finishers Noah Dollo (men's singles) and Curtis Ballantyne and Caleb Schmidt (men's doubles), and fourth place finishers Devon Upton and Jayden Wood (men's doubles).

Morissette said the players who came in first are ranked well going into COSSA and have high hopes of advancing to OFSAA, which will be held in Markham at the new Pan Am badminton facility.

"It would be a great experience to get to such a venue and make for super memories," he said.

Highlander sports



Photos by Cheryl Smith

Above: The Minden Skating Club shared the ice with Kurt Browning on April 8-9 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Below: Browning provides instruction to skater Jazmin Smith.



World champion connects with Minden Skating Club

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minden cottager and figure skating champion Kurt Browning connected with local skaters at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena from April 8-9.

“It was really quite an amazing two days,” said Jane Symons, coach for the Minden Skating Club.

About 30 members of the club between the ages of seven and 17 had the rare opportunity to participate in the free workshops.

Over the two days, Browning shared insights from his career and reiterated the importance of some basic figure skating skills. He also taught the group a choreographed piece that will be part of the Stars On Ice tour. “His personality is just above and beyond,” said Symons. “He’s so down to earth and fun.” In addition, he spent an hour with the kids in the upper level of the arena for photos and autographs after the group sessions.

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Highlander events



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The members of "Here for the Beer" proudly display their cash prize after coming in first place. From left to right, Nicole Manary, Don Schlossel, Geoff Radbourn, Ryan Mortell and Faye Adamson.

Quiz contest makes debut at Dominion

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

There are two things I learned at Trivia at The D: I'm in the know when it comes to current events in the Haliburton Highlands and trivia night can be a lot of fun.

Oh, and thirdly: You don't need to worry about having all the answers.

On Thursday, April 9, local residents Sue and Justin Tiffin kicked off their new weekly event at The Dominion Hotel in Minden with plenty of categories and prizes. About 20 people participated in teams of two to five, with the winners receiving an \$85 cash prize.

While living in Korea, the Tiffins organized events such as scavenger hunts, tours and parties to unite groups of people,

experience different cultures and get them out of their apartments. A few years later, a fellow Canadian opened a bar in their neighbourhood and sought their assistance to organize a trivia night.

"We had never run a trivia night before – in fact, I think we'd only been to one quiz prior to his asking," recalled Sue.

The event became a success with an average of 40-60 people attending weekly.

The two always imagined running a trivia night in Ontario and after taking a close look at what was happening in Minden they decided to connect with Shawn Chamberlin, owner of The Dominion.

"We're hoping trivia night can bring people together, even if that means bringing them together over a rousing argument about what year the zipper was invented,"

said Sue.

"Everyone can get involved – and that's why we decided to organize a trivia night," explained Justin. "We try to run it in a way that allows everyone, regardless of their education or background, to answer at least a few questions."

Questions at the debut of Trivia at The D covered categories such as classic rock music, the body, and classic films.

Teamwork was crucial as some were more knowledgeable in one area than another.

"Variety is important," said Justin of the categories and questions. "We try to think of traditional categories and how to expand on them, but we also come up with random ideas throughout the day based on what we encounter in life."

Both were thrilled with the turnout for the

first event of its kind.

"We were afraid nobody would show up, but there was a great showing and we're looking forward to filling the place with people who will have greater connections because of it," said Justin.

They are challenging people from all walks of life to come out and give trivia a try.

"It's a great opportunity for employers to encourage workplace spirit and for the county to boost general community camaraderie. I think the greatest message we'd want to share is that trivia nights can be and should be for anyone," said Sue.

Trivia at The D takes place every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

For more information join "Trivia at The D" on Facebook.

Doc(k) Day plagued by power problems

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two of the four documentaries at this year's Doc(k) Day film festival had to be postponed due to power issues caused by a problem with a transformer.

Despite the unexpected glitch, 70 moviegoers (approximately the same as last year) attended the festival on April 11 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"The Haliburton audience was the

highlight of the year," wrote Doc(k) Day committee member Lisa Kerr in an email. "Everyone was so understanding and patient as we sorted out the technical difficulties of not having power to the projection room."

Finding Vivian Maier and Keep On Keepin' On had to be rescheduled because of the situation.

Thanks to some creative problem-solving, the other screenings went ahead as planned.

"Tammy [Rea] and Midori [Nagai] were

able to get a projector from Sticks and Stones [Productions] and borrow a sound system from the [Haliburton County] Folk Society so that we could show The World Before Her, Painting the Wilderness of the Oxtongue preview trailer and Citizenfour," said Kerr.

Hydro was unable to fix the problem on the day of the festival, she said, explaining that the transformer required a major repair.

The event included a talk from Bob Hilscher, director of Painting the Wilderness

of the Oxtongue: One River, One Lake, Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven.

Both Finding Vivian Maier and Keep On Keepin' On will be shown on April 25 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., respectively.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door and those with passes who can't make it are being encouraged to lend their pass to a fellow moviegoer.

"We would love to fill the theatre," said Kerr.

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14 cuft FRIDGE, also 1 large upright freezer, both white in excellent condition. \$300 each. 1 full set of Spalding left hand golf clubs incl. bag and cart \$250. Call 705-489-2945 (AP16)

HELP WANTED

A busy Minden office requires someone with knowledge of clerical procedures; greeting clients, answer, screen, & forward phone calls, schedule appointments, fax, scan, & copy documents, knowledge of computers & software to work Sundays and Mondays. Please fax resume – 705-286-2222 (AP16)

JAC Kernohan

We're seeking a full time, skilled shop class 'A' Mechanic to join our team. Must possess good work ethic, be self-motivated have a minimum 5+ years experience. If interested call (705) 286-1440.

HELP WANTED

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

Posting for the Position of Executive Director

The Land Trust is a leader in environmental protection, research, and education in Haliburton County.

The Land Trust is seeking an Executive Director who is a highly motivated and energetic leader with a strong interest in conservation. The Executive Director will serve as the public face of the Land Trust and will provide leadership in the areas of funding development, volunteer and membership development and the management of staff and operations.

The successful candidate will bring a commitment to environmental conservation and a background in management, ideally in the not-for-profit sector. You are a leader with the proven ability to lead an organization through change to successful growth in its funding, membership base and partnerships. You have an undergraduate or college degree in environmental studies/science, business administration, non-profit management or a related field. You will have experience in fundraising and grant proposals, policy and program development and excellent communications skills. You are effective in building relationships with a wide array of individuals.

Currently, this position is funded through a Trillium grant. With one year remaining in the grant, success in this role will help to enable the Land Trust to make this position ongoing following this grant. The full terms of reference are available on the website at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

If you are interested in being a leader in this dynamic organization, please email your resume to (admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca) before 5 pm on Friday, May 8, 2015.



Haliburton
Highlands
Land Trust

Protecting the land we love for future generations

PETS

ADOPT ME

This 9 week old boy loves to be snuggled.
Haliburton Feed Co.
33 Hops Drive 705-457-9775



Highlander classifieds

HELP WANTED

LEAD DRIVER contract position. 3-4 days/week. \$18/hour. Experienced driver able to safely lift, move and carry. Great customer service. Clean driving record. Send cover letter and resume to sarah_grozelle@sirch.on.ca (AP16)

Carey's Garden Centre requires an experienced **PART TIME FLORIST** with good communication and computer skills. Drop by or call to set up an appointment. Position is available right away. Greenhouse and garden centre experience would be an asset. Contact Paul or Brenda at 705-286-0148.

CLEANING SUPERVISOR & CLEANERS We are looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic Cleaning Supervisor – must have: very high standards, flexibility in hours, ability to manage a team. We are also looking for cleaners to join the Need a Hand team. Send cover letter and resume to sarah_grozelle@sirch.on.ca (AP16)

BAR STEWARD Casual/Part time, must be able to work all shifts including weekends/holidays Smart serve certificate required, Police check available. Please forward resume to Royal Canadian Legion Br 624 P.O. Box 171, Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0, or Rcl624@bellnet.ca (TFN)

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - PARTS ADVISOR

Minden Subaru requires an outgoing energetic individual with excellent people skills to join our award winning team. Must have knowledge in parts cataloging similar to Reynolds, ADP or Serti as well as an understanding of inventory systems and general automotive principles. Please drop off resume in person or email tran.mindensubaru@bellnet.ca.



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705-286-6126

CAREERS

CAREER IN REAL ESTATE - Unlimited income potential. Flexible hours. We will train you to make an above-average income in this exciting business. Call for details. Bowes & Cocks Limited, Brokerage. Kate Archer, Broker/Career Coach Direct Line: (705) 930-4040. (TFN)

EVENTS

COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW at the Haliburton Legion on April 18, 2015 4:00 pm-7:00 pm featuring the Country Hot Flashes and guests Stockdale Central. Legion ladies will be serving beef on a bun starting at 5:00 pm.

EVENTS

Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. to noon. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 19, 10 a.m. to noon. (TFN)

EVENTS

PIRATES OF PENZANCE Tickets now available at Cranberry Cottage and Minden Pharmasave. Performances at Northern Lights Pavilion. April 16th, 17th, 18th at 7:30pm, 19th 2:00pm. Call Jim Frost at 705-457-4031 (TFN)

WANTED

WANTED ANTIQUES

Furniture, glass, china, decoys, military medals, costume jewellery, gold & silver, silver dollars & 50 cent pieces, pocket watches, paintings, etc.
ANYTHING OLD
Call 705-887-1672
R Carruth

EVENT

Karys & Jack's
KATADOTIS HARRISON





Buck and Doe
"Keep Calm and Chive On"
Saturday April 25, 2015
8pm - 1am
Minden Arena
2 for \$15 or
\$10 each



OBITUARIES



Funerals and Memorial Services

127 Bobcaygeon Rd
Minden, ON 705-286-2181
www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com




We are currently looking for an experienced **Lumber Estimator** to join our team.

Applicants must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, computer experience is an asset.

If you possess the necessary skills to meet the challenges of these positions, please drop off your resume in person to Minden Home Hardware manager.

IN MEMORY



Dr. Lloyd O. Bailey
March 10, 1923 - April 3, 2015

Memorial Service
Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 at 11 a.m.
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
1579 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

OBITUARIES



In Memory of Peggy Dahl

Peggy Dahl, 96, passed away in Olds, Alberta on March 18th following a short illness. Her daughter Nana was by her side. Peggy was a seasonal resident in Haliburton County for 60 years and lived full time in Haliburton from 1987 until 1995.

Peggy liked nothing more than to stroll in the woods, absorbed by the wonders of nature. To share in this pleasure she was instrumental in founding the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists. Peggy was also the inspiration behind the donation of Dahl Forest to the people of Haliburton County, a 500 acre nature reserve to be protected in perpetuity. A memorial will be held with friends and family later this year. Donations in her memory may be made to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.



Robert 'Bob' White (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Easter Thursday morning, April 9, 2015 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of June White (nee Terry) for over 60 years. Loving father of Lee Anna White. Adoring grandfather to Shanna (Jamie Flannery), Rebecca and Alexander Gray. Great grandfather of Annalise Flannery and Aspen Gray-Shaw. Dear brother of Margaret Seguin and Rosemary Docherty. Also lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Sylvia Ross, his brother-in-law Edward Terry and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his children Tina Mary Catherine, Robert John White and Penny Burchill, his brother Frank and his sister Kathleen Mask. Bob was an active member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton and was a Veteran of WWII. He was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus and a faithful member of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

VISITATION, MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL & RECEPTION

Friends were invited to call at **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Sunday, April 12, 2015 from 2 - 4 & 6 - 8 p.m. Parish Prayers was recited at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, Ontario on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 12 noon. Spring interment St. Anthony Of Padua Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony Of Padua Roof Fund or Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) would be greatly appreciated by the family. A Legion Service was held at the Funeral Home on Sunday evening at 6 p.m.



www.communityfuneralhomes.com

Highlander classifieds

THANK YOU



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." (Winston Churchill)

The Executive Director and the Board of the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre are deeply grateful for the vital contribution of our volunteers.

Thank you for your commitment, and for giving of yourselves in order to make a difference in the lives of others in our community. The gift of time is priceless; thank you for sharing yours.

We appreciate each of you.

EVENTS

MINDEN SENIOR SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

Registration Date
April 29, 2015
Highland Crest Auditorium
9 am to 11 am

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Contact
John Fortune
1-705-604-0004

NO EXPERIENCE
NECESSARY.



EVENTS

VON Smart Exercise Program. Tuesdays 11:00am - Hyland Crest, Thursdays 1:00pm - Echo Hills. Call Carol for more information 705-457-4551 (TFN)

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 1:30-3:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team education room. Call Dave Graham 705-457-1296 (TFN)

EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30 - 11:30 am. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

NOTICES

The Algonquin Highlands Writers' Circle afternoon of readings from their original writings. Minden Cultural Centre 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, April 18, 2015 admission is free followed by a cup of tea or coffee

NOTICE



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, April 30th, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

File No. SRA-14-03

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9724, registered March 4, 2015.

File No. SRA-14-14

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9721, registered February 25, 2015.

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

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

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 15th day of April, 2015.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Planner

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IS KIBBLE KILLING YOUR CAT. To find the answer go to www.catinfo.org (AP23)

CARP Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54 NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, May 3, 2015, 12:00-3:00 pm, Haliburton Legion Call 705-457-3919 or www.carp.ca/haliburton for info.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX Haliburton Legion every Thursday starting Feb 19th to April 23rd. 9.30 A.M. to 2 p.m. Wilberforce Legion every Wednesday starting Feb 18th to April 22nd. 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Volunteer Marlene Watson 705-455-9708 (AP16)

HELP WANTED

AUTISM CONSULTANT (ASD)

Responsibilities:

- Implement a summer program for youth with autism spectrum/developmental delay (6-17 years of age).
- Implement a weekly program.
- Provide transportation.
- Follow program policies and procedures of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

Employment Period:

Program: Training Days - July 7, 8, 9

July 13-August 21

Wrap Up Days - August 24 & 25

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. approximately (28-35 hours per week)

Rate of Pay: \$12-18 per hour (based on qualifications) plus travel allowance.

Required: Valid First Aid & CPR certificate

EA, PSW, SSW or ECE Diploma or college/university students with experience working with youth with developmental and behavior challenges

Vehicle required with insurance class 07 (business use)

Please send, fax or email all resumes and covering letters to:

Hiring Committee, Point in Time
P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton ON, K0M 1S0
Fax: 705-457-3492
Email: info@pointintime.ca
Due: May 15th, 2015



Haliburton County Public Library

78 Maple Ave., P.O. Box 119, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
Phone: 705-457-2241 Fax: 705-457-9586
www.haliburtonlibrary.ca

The Haliburton County Public Library is recruiting for **TWO SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS** located in Minden and Haliburton.

These positions are subsidized by the Federal Government's Community Access Program and you must be between the ages of 15-30.

You will:

- Help co-ordinate computer use including patron assistance with technology.
 - Periodically cover the circulation desk when needed.
 - Assist with collection maintenance including: shelving, shelf reading, and retrieval of materials.
- We are looking for students who:**
- Are enthusiastic.
 - Can communicate effectively with the public and provide great customer service.
 - Have excellent social and computer skills including hardware and software applications.

Employment is effective May 25, 2015 to Aug. 28, 2015 (14 weeks/420 hours).

Hours of work: 10-5 Tues-Sat. or Mon-Fri. Hourly rate is: \$11.00

Please submit your resume to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources at the following email address no later than April 24th, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca

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1. Chip dip

6. Hint for Holmes

10. Mountain gap

14. Out on ____ (2 wds.)

15. Klutz's exclamation

16. Ballet skirt

17. ____ eclipse

18. Observer

20. Distinctive manner

21. Pavarotti, e.g.

22. Unrefined metal

23. Hunting dog, for short

25. Bureau

27. Breakfast food

30. Look

33. Create lace

34. Bunched

37. Curtain

41. Make haste

42. Bellows

44. Expended
45. Complete
47. Chess tie
49. JFK's party
51. Discontinue
52. Fountain ____
53. Scuffles
57. Morsel
59. Army insect
60. Eat away
63. Epsom ____
67. Dispersed
69. ____ Beach (D-Day site)
70. Actress ____ Winslet
71. Tractor-trailer
72. Satan
73. Zoomed
74. Jog
75. Make disappear

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1. Talk back

2. Oodles (2 wds.)

3. Easter flower

4. Tiny

5. Side by side

6. Price

7. Run easily

8. Overturn

9. Accompany

10. School org.

11. Cars

12. Supermarket

13. More certain

19. Staircase part

24. Malt brew

26. Stroke a guitar

27. Light tan

28. Oversupply

29. Sudden wind

31. Greek god

32. Vegetarians' taboos
35. Casts off
36. Mild oath
38. Memo letters
39. ____ Sampras of tennis
40. Biblical garden
43. Untidy person
46. Lease again
48. Incident
50. Least
53. Duties
54. Open soda
55. ____ Fair
56. More painful
58. More docile
61. Audition tape
62. Correct copy
64. Volcanic rock
65. That's opposite
66. Mall event
68. Koppel or Kennedy

APRIL 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00

Canadian Federation of University Women – Fleming College – Speaker: Carol Moffatt – 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00

Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am-12:00 pm

SATURDAY

Maplefest “All you can eat” Pancake/sausage brunch & Bake sale – Lochlin United Church – 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Adults \$6.00, Under 12 \$3.00, preschool – Free.

Cat Adoption Day – Pet Valu 231 Highland St. Haliburton – 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Country Music Show - Haliburton Legion - 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

SUNDAY

Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00

MONDAY

Cook it up – Baked & Battered – 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00

Baby Massage – Minden OEYC – 10:00 am-11:00 am

Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45 pm-8:45 pm

TUESDAY

Babysitter Training Course – April 21-May 26 – Haliburton OEYC – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Toddler Tales & Tunes – Minden OEYC – starting at 10:00 am

“Stars on Ice” rehearsal - SG Nesbitt Arena - 12:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Babysitter Training Course – April 22-May 27 – Minden OEYC – 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Dorset African Hand Drumming Class - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:00am

Dorset Yoga with Ingrid Bittner - Dorset Rec Centre - 11:30am

THURSDAY

“Stars on Ice” rehearsal - SG Nesbitt Arena – 12:00 pm

Dorset Indoor Soccer - Dorset Rec Centre – 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Useful things: Keith Shearsby – Agnes Jamieson Gallery - \$3.00

FRIDAY

“Stars on Ice” rehearsal - SG Nesbitt Arena – 12:00 pm

Dorset Pickleball - Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Roast Beef Dinner – Haliburton United Church – 5:00 pm-6:30 pm - \$12.50 adult, \$6.00 child - Call Robin 705-457-1771

SATURDAY

Dorset “Pitch In” community clean up - 9:00am-11:00am

“I Made It” art exhibit - Fleming College – 10:00 am-3:00 pm

“Stars on Ice” rehearsal - SG Nesbitt Arena - 12:00 pm

Medeba Not-So-Silent Auction - Camp Medeba - 6 - 9:30 pm

SUNDAY

Rick Smith – The Environment - McKecks Haliburton – 2:00 pm

Bob Bossin's Davy the Punk - Maple Lake United Church - 7:30 pm-10:00 pm - - \$20

St. George's Anglican – Special Historical Dedication Service – 9:30 am

MONDAY

Dorset Tai Chi - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Dorset Pickleball - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:45 pm-8:45 pm

Cook It Up: Gratitude In Motion - Baked & Battered – 11:00 am-3:00 pm

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

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION APR 16 - APR 22, 2015

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
The Country Hot Flashes, April 18 4-7 p.m. \$5 cover.

Minden Branch

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
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.
Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant

Wilberforce Branch

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.
Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9 a.m. to noon
Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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What's on

MAPLEFEST
ALL YOU CAN EAT
PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BRUNCH/BAKE SALE
SAT. APR. 18 • 9AM - 1PM
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1050 LOCHLIN ROAD



ADULTS - \$6
CHILDREN - \$3
PRESCHOOL - FREE

Highlands summer festival 2015
Live Theatre

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 The Annual General Meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held

MONDAY APRIL 27
1 p.m. at
The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre
York Street in Haliburton

- Financial Report
- Report From the President
- Update on the 2015 season
- Election of Members of the Board of Directors

This meeting is open to the public. Only members may vote. (Members are defined as anyone having made a donation to the company since April 22, 2014.)

For more information contact the president, Jack Brezina, at 705-286-1958.

THOSE OTHER MOVIES
 Presents
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SATURDAY, APRIL 25/15
 2 Great documentary films!

Showtime: 1:00 pm **Showtime: 3:00 pm**




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Call to find out more information on being a participant or guest at the **2nd Annual Food & Beverage Showcase** for the Haliburton Highlands on Sat. June 20
www.wintergreenmapleproducts.com



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What's on



Kurt Browning strikes a pose during a recent workshop with the Minden Skating Club.

Photo by Cheryl Smith

Star skaters to showcase skills in Minden

By **Mark Arike**
Staff writer

Some of the world's best figure skaters will give the public a rare opportunity to sit in on a few of their rehearsals this month for the upcoming season of Stars On Ice.

Big names like four-time world champion Kurt Browning, Patrick Chan, Jeffrey Buttle, and Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are among the star-studded line-up that will take to the ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden from April 21-25.

"The word has spread quite a bit already," said community services director Mark Coleman. "We're getting phone calls from Toronto ... from people who have lived in Minden and still have family here but they live elsewhere.

In December, Browning, who cottages in the Minden area, approached council with a request for ice time for rehearsals. Council

voted in favour of extending the ice season by two weeks to accommodate the skaters.

In exchange, he offered to provide a skating seminar to kids and an autograph session for the community. Last week, Browning already made good one of his promises by teaming up with the Minden Skating Club (see page 23 for story and photos).

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. In addition to headlining the tour, Browning is also directing and choreographing the show.

The upcoming rehearsals have generated quite a buzz in the community and the township is proud to welcome these skaters to town.

"It's not every day you get an opportunity for our top skating talent in Canada to come and be in our community and put on a bit of a display," said Coleman. "Those skaters are at various points in their professional career and

it's a tremendous opportunity for people to see first-hand, locally, and potentially meet them."

It will also serve as an inspiring event for young up-and-coming skaters within the community.

"It's very cool and exciting for both young and old to see this locally," he said.

The arena's snack bar will be open during the rehearsals, and the public will be able to take photos and video while in attendance, said Coleman.

The open rehearsals will take place on April 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; April 22 from 1-5 p.m.; April 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; April 24 from 1-5 p.m.; and April 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

A meet-and-greet session will also be held after the rehearsal on April 22 at 5 p.m. in the lobby of the arena.

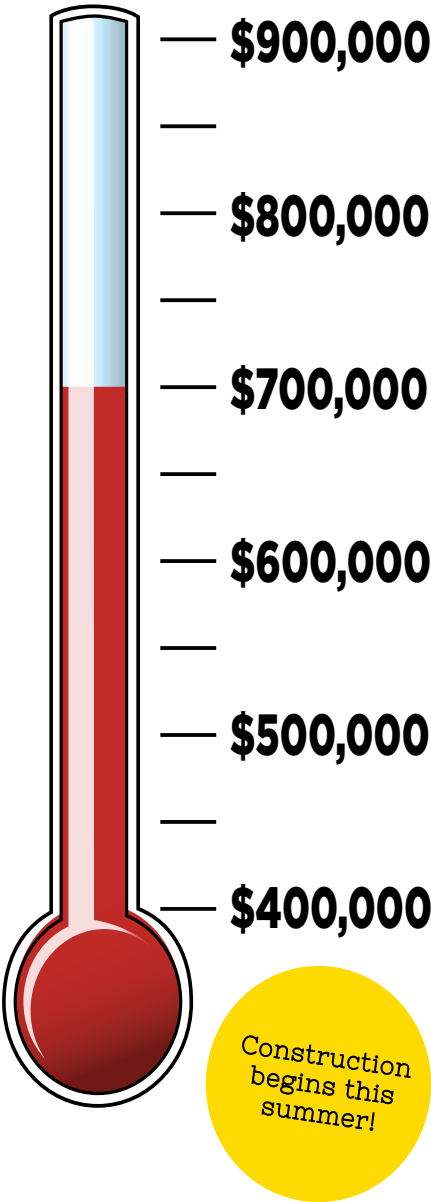
All rehearsals are free to attend.

For more information about Stars On Ice visit starsonice.ca.



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- Four bdrm, 4-season cottage/home
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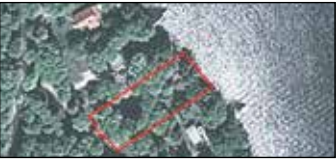
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- Four season, 3+1 bedroom, 1,350 sq. ft.
- Spacious open concept, many upgrades
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- Vacant lot next door also for sale

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- Gorgeous waterfront building lot
- 100 feet (.48 acres)
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- Clean shoreline, deep water
- Cottage next door is also for sale

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- Superb family home
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- Close to all amenities



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- 3 bdrm, renovated, winterized cottage
- 139 ft of southeast waterfront exposure
- Borders 40 acres of Crown land-privacy plus
- Good swimming & boating
- Beautiful sunsets, year round access

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- Year round, 3 bedroom cottage/home
- Private level lot with expansive southern view
- Lakeside Bunkie, enclosed porch, lakeside decking
- Stone fireplace with wood insert
- Child friendly, good swimming & boating

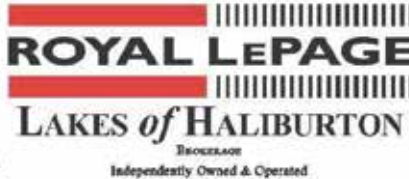
HEAD LAKE 3+ BEDROOM BUNGALOW \$395,000



- Prestigious Haliburton-by-the-Lake community
- Deeded access to Head Lake (5 lake chain) with boat slip dock
- Quality custom built bungalow with maple hardwood and slate flooring
- Fully finished lower level with bamboo flooring
- New high eff. propane furnace, central air & vac., generator, & in-ground sprinkler system



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- 4 SEASON LUXURY \$379,900**
- 2+2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,800 sq. ft.
 - 131' gradual sand waterfront
 - Full walkout basement
 - 2 lakeside decks, 3 lakeside walkouts
 - Screened "Haliburton" Room



- PANABODE 4 SEASON \$424,900**
- 100' waterfront on 5 lake chain
 - 2,000 sq. ft. of living space
 - 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
 - Extensive decking, detached garage
 - Close to Haliburton Village



- LIMITED MAINTENANCE \$449,900**
- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,688 sq. ft.
 - 210' frontage, 1.41 acres
 - Clean, deep lake with great fishing
 - Breezeway, covered deck, garage
 - Updated windows, furnace and water system



- WATERFRONT HOME \$469,900**
- 1.15 acre lot with 360' of waterfront
 - Extensive boating & fishing to 3 lakes
 - 2,500 sq. ft. of luxury living
 - 3 bdrm, 2.5 baths, fully finished basement
 - Oak kitchen, floors & double heated garage



- PERFECT PRIVACY \$475,000.**
- 2+1 bdrm, 1,430 sq. ft. living space
 - 235' on small tranquil lake
 - S/W facing point lot with sand beach
 - Year round access
 - Heated double garage with finished loft



- PERFECT BEACH! \$489,900**
- Stunning 4 season home or cottage
 - Level, well treed lot on 3 lake chain
 - 2,300 sq. ft. living space, 3 bdrms, 2 bath
 - Finished lower level with lakeside walkout
 - Double garage
 - Heated workshop, shed & toy house!



- UNIQUE COTTAGE \$499,900**
- 2+1 bdrm, 1.5 bath, 1,500 sq. ft. living space
 - 154' frontage with sunset views
 - Landscape lighting, rock gardens, sunroom
 - Storage shed, playhouse, double detached garage
 - Year round access



- PRIVACY ON 5 LAKE CHAIN \$574,900**
- 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 3,200 sq. ft. living space
 - 187' sand and rock shoreline
 - Year round access, sunset views
 - Skylights, finished walkout lower level
 - Detached double garage with finished loft



- CUSTOM BUILT \$619,900**
- 3+2 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3,000 sq. ft.
 - 125' frontage, 1.01 acres
 - Oversized double garage,
 - Year round access
 - Stone fireplace, walkout basement
 - Four season home/cottage



- HOME OR COTTAGE \$799,000**
- 222' of clean shoreline
 - Expansive southwest views, 1.38 acres
 - 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3,200 square ft
 - Double detached garage, heated workshop/Bunkie
 - Easy year round access



- SIMPLY SPECTACULAR! \$938,000**
- 2006 custom upscale home/cottage
 - 1,269 ft of waterfront with southern views
 - 5 bedroom, 5.5 baths, 7,000 sq. ft.
 - Cherry kitchen, 3 fireplaces plus, plus, plus
 - Year round access within 2 hours from GTA



- PRIVATE LAKE WITH LOG HOME! \$1,800,000**
- 4,000 sq. ft. Colonial Log Home
 - 233 acre parcel on private lake
 - 4,400' frontage, nice rock points
 - Sunset expansive views, trail network
 - Many features, severance potential