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A racer gives the thumbs up to the camera during the Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races on Head Lake. The event was held from Aug. 22-23. For stories see pages 26 and 27.

Hirstwood sentenced to five years

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Keith Hirstwood of Minden has been sentenced to five years in jail.

Hirstwood was sentenced after he pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual interference with a person under the age of 16 (Section 151, subsection A, of the Criminal Code), and one count of invitation to sexual touching with a person under the age of 16

(Section 152 of the Criminal Code).

The sentence was handed down in the Lindsay Courthouse on Aug. 21.

Hirstwood received 18 months for the first count of sexual interference, 24 months on the second count, and another 18 months for sexual interference. According to the Criminal Code, each of those charges had a minimum sentence of one year, up to a maximum of 10 years in prison.

However, Hirstwood will not serve the

entire five years. According to a clerk in the criminal department, Hirstwood's sentence will be credited back for days already spent in jail during the trial.

The exact amount of time he will spend in jail will be determined once he is transported to the prison.

In addition to jail time, Hirstwood received a DNA order and will be placed on the sexual offenders list for the rest of his life.

Hirstwood was charged in September 2014 with two counts of sexual assault against a person under the age of 16, two counts of sexual interference with a person under the age of 16, two counts of invitation to touching with a person under the age of 16, and two counts of luring a person under the age of 16 by means of telecommunication.

He pleaded guilty to three of those charges in a Lindsay courtroom on July 3.

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Highlander news

Head Lake Bridge puts two projects on hold

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Haliburton County will pull funds from the Dark Lake Bridge and Walling's culvert projects to help cover unforeseen costs required to complete Head Lake Bridge's rehabilitation.

At the Aug. 26 county council meeting, treasurer Laura Janke said the Head Lake Bridge project would cost more than what was anticipated and planned for prior to the March 2015 budget.

"We've got almost a \$600,000 problem," said Janke.

The county was awarded more than \$782,000 through the Ontario Community

Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and built up reserves to cover Greer Galloway Consulting Engineers' initial estimate of just over \$1 million. In August, the consulting firm revised the estimated cost of the project to \$1,375,425 before taxes after determining additional work would be necessary.

Bob Galloway, the company's president, said the unforeseen additional costs were found after the bridge was observed in the spring, compared to the initial estimate done in the winter.

"Generally our estimates are good," he said. "This time it didn't work."

Minden Hills reeve Brent Devolin said he

supported the treasurer's motion to move money in order to support the Head Lake project, but said he had boated under the bridge for 45 years and was aware of the structural damage.

"I'm not very happy," said Devolin. "I'm not sure I buy that these are unforeseen costs."

Five tenders were received for the project. Each came in over \$2 million, far higher than the initial cost estimates.

"You can all imagine how shocked some of us were in that room at the time," said Janke.

Carlington Construction Inc. won the tender with the lowest bid of \$2,164,123.

A revised scope of work for the project will further reduce the cost to \$2,053,575.

To cover the cost of the Head Lake Bridge project and avoid losing the OCIF funding by not meeting the December 2016 construction completion date, Janke recommended borrowing \$330,000 from the Dark Lake Bridge and Walling's culvert projects, and an additional \$264,000 from the bridge reserve.

"Nothing's happened on those [projects]," she said. "I don't think anything's going to happen in 2015. I feel [the Head Lake Bridge] project is important enough and big enough that we need to take that money from reserves to do it."

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Highlander news

Dysart seeks advice on natural gas

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Dysart councillors are waiting a month before deciding whether or not the municipality should enter into a franchise precedent agreement with a company looking to bring natural gas to Haliburton.

Energy gas consultant John Wolnik attended a council meeting on Aug. 24 to bring council up-to-speed on the project and make his request.

"In order to proceed to construct a natural gas distribution system, you need to enter in to an actual franchise agreement with the municipality," explained Wolnik, who attended the meeting on behalf of Northeast Midstream, a company based out of Toronto.

The precedent agreement outlines the intended outcomes of the project, timelines and a number of conditions. Once this document is signed, it would enable the company to undertake a variety of studies to determine the feasibility of bringing natural gas to homeowners and businesses, as an alternative to other energy sources such as propane and fuel oil.

The gas that would be provided to local customers would be extracted from the TransCanada Pipeline and cooled to -162C, turning it into liquefied natural gas. It would be transported to the community via a truck and dropped off at a storage facility. A distribution system would be connected to storage tanks to provide gas to customers.

Currently, Northeast Midstream does not have an operating facility. They are in the development stages of two facilities, one in Thorold and the other in northwestern Ontario near Nipigon.

In May, Joshua Samuel, president and CEO of Northeast Midstream, made his pitch to both Dysart and Minden Hills councillors—with a sense of urgency.

"It is critically important that we move right now to get the support in place," he told Minden council on May 28.

The company is looking to capitalize on the provincial government's recent \$230 million commitment to expand natural gas service to communities throughout Ontario (\$200 million is coming from the Natural Gas Access Loan while the remaining \$30 million is flowing from the Natural Gas Economic Development Grant).

If they are successful, grant funds would help alleviate the conversion costs for residents.

If the company determines that the project is doable, the municipality would be required to enter into a franchise agreement.

To date, the company has received signed precedent agreements from four communities in northern Ontario.

"They're quite excited about this," he said, pointing out that the company would like to move the process along with several communities on board at the same time.

Reeve Murray Fearrey asked Wolnik if there was a deadline attached to his request.

"Had the other communities not signed there probably would be, yes. But I think given that they have signed, we're beginning to move forward. It wouldn't be very efficient for us to have various municipalities on different tracks," he said.

Councillor Derek Knowles wanted to know if the construction of the plant in Thorold is dependent on the participation of all the municipalities.

Wolnik said that as far he knows, construction will go forward but probably not until next year.

"In terms of first service, 2017 would be the earliest, most likely, that we could do this."

In a phone interview, Fearrey told The Highlander that the municipality would be seeking further legal opinion before making a decision.

Minden Hills is also in a similar position. Wolnik will attend Minden's council meeting on Aug. 27.

OPP in brief

Man charged with drinking and boating

A man boating on Esson Lake in Highlands East has been charged after police measured over 80mg of alcohol in his blood.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP stopped the vessel on Aug. 22 just after 6 p.m. to conduct an equipment check. The boat's operator, 50-year-old Ken Parr of Whitby, was charged after they determined he had been drinking alcohol.

Whitby was served an automatic 90-day driver's licence suspension and is scheduled to appear in Minden on Oct. 7 to answer the charges.

Minden man threatens kids with knife

The Haliburton Highlands OPP were called to Golf Course Road in Minden on Aug. 22 after a man allegedly threatened several youths with a knife.

The call came in around 4 p.m. Officers located and arrested Jamie Howard-Clarke, 21, who was found to be in possession of a pocket knife. Howard-Clarke was charged with possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, and two counts of failing to comply with a probation order.



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Editorial opinion

Striking a balance

This past weekend, over 100 racers zoomed around Head Lake as part of the Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races.

While they were rather noisy (I could hear the action at my home, located four kilometres away), that didn't deter spectators from gathering as close as they could to take in all the action. Boaters on the lake had to keep their distance, but they were still located at a good vantage point.

Based on what race organizers and Dysart councillors were hearing, the majority of people around town gave the event two thumbs up. Racers ate at local establishments, purchased fuel for their machines and a few probably discovered Haliburton for the very first time.

The event went so well that the organizers expressed their desire to return, and council agreed to welcome them back next year.

But there might be a few people out there wondering if it's actually such a good thing for racers to be ripping around the lake for hours on end.

The outboard engines are mounted on the rear of the vessel and the exhaust goes into the air, not the water.

According to a case study submitted to the paper by event organizer Barb Hammond, this type of powerboat racing "actually improves and maintains the lakes water quality and its ecosystem, provided an alternative energy source like ethanol, methanol, solar, hydrogen or electrical energy are used as fuel."

The study was conducted by a limnologist and environmental scientist in 2007 at a similar boat racing event in Lake Henderson, Florida. The lake was sampled before, during and after the races.

"Studies reveal that dissolved oxygen content of the lake increased after boat

racing while carbon dioxide content decreases; this is an unusual and very positive phenomenon and has a very positive impact on the lake water quality and its ecosystem," states Solomon's report. While the same conclusions might be drawn from the Haliburton event, we can't say for sure unless a similar study is done here. Not to devalue the findings, but it would also be valuable to look at other, more recent studies (if there are any) to make a comparison. What we do know is that the boats barely created a wake – unlike wakeboard boats, which are regularly traversing the lakes in the summer – and all of the racers were required to use spill pads when refueling.

Although they aren't for everyone, motorized activities have grown to be a part of the Haliburton Highlands identity. For example, just this past weekend dozens of ATVers hit the trails in Highlands East for an annual poker run. One group of 13 riders from Windsor took part in the full-day ride.

That translates to dollars being spent right here, during a time when businesses and locals heavily rely on them to make it through the coming months.

There's no doubt that we must do our part to protect the natural environment for future generations to come. It's at the core of what brings visitors here in the first place. Together, we can and must strike a delicate balance between environmental responsibility and the recreation that continues to attract visitors to the Highlands.



By Mark Arike

Casting your ballot: nationally or locally?

I would really like to know from our candidates: If elected in the Oct. 19 federal election, whose interest would be represented in Ottawa? Your party's or the riding's?

Not an easy question to answer methinks and I suspect the answers would slide back and forth from one topic area to the other and back again, and then not end with a definitive response.

The expectation has always been that when you get to Ottawa you are there to toe the party line. After all, even before the voters selected one candidate to represent them, the party leader must sign the nomination papers. Without that initial endorsement, the individual would not have even risen to the rank of nominee and then candidate for their party.

Not doing the party's bidding quickly relegates an MP to the back benches, to uninteresting committee assignments and the power brokers will have little time for your constituency problems. Toeing the line means being in attendance when a vote is called, standing for your two seconds of on-camera time and announcing your preference on the issue and sitting back down. It is unquestioning subservience to what the leader says in the House, and carrying that position to committee meetings, back to the riding and when questioned by the press or the public. It could mean abandoning personal beliefs on moral issues like the right to choose or banning abortion. But on less black and white questions, it relieves the member from weighing the evidence, and making up his or her own mind on the question, and simply following the dogma of the day. No room for compromise, no opportunity to see another point of view, just instruction filtering down from above.

I am sure I am not the only one to have written to our MP promoting a position contrary to his party's and have received in return a form letter thanking me for bringing the matter to his attention. The MP, the letter from an assistant assures me, is always interested in the opinions of his constituents. No rebuttal of my stated opinion, no talking points even, just a polite acknowledgement

of my inquiry. Subsequently, the MP stands on cue to vote with his party, the deed is done, and I can't help but wonder, did he even read my email?

Of course an individual shouldn't be seeking office without first considering the party's stand on the issues of the day. How strongly do you care about the environment? Are you willing to vote against your party's wishes to demonstrate that passion? Health care, election reform, taxes... there are many issues where one's point of view may not dovetail with the party's stance. Are candidates prepared to take a stand different from that of their party's or is the fear of retribution too overwhelming?

With national parties and high profile leaders, it is often difficult to see what makes this country tick when it happens at a local level. That is surely the MPs' basic job, reflecting the community they represent in the nation's decision making. Sure every MP says they are going to Ottawa to represent their riding, but how often can they deliver on that promise? It is especially difficult if an MP's party does not have its hands on the reins power – not impossible – but we have seen many instances where those in power get the lion's share of the federal largesse.

Which leaves local voters in a bit of a quandary: Vote for the best local candidate, or simply ignore the candidates as mere ciphers and concentrate on the national campaign and make your decision from that perspective. Vote for the party that will rule the country for the next four years or vote for the candidate who has the best understanding of our community and appears to be best equipped to take that message to Ottawa.

I sense most people have chosen to vote nationally and keep their fingers crossed, hoping for the best when our representative gets to the capital.

Editor's note: Candidates are invited to submit their response to Jack's column for publication in next week's issue.



By Jack Brezina

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Corrections

In "Maple Lake case highlights sewage issue" (The Highlander issue 199, page 7) it was reported that off-site odours were responsible for a Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) decision not to extend a permit for hauled sewage spreading on a property near Maple Lake. The MOECC has confirmed that the decision was made based on a finding that "odours from the site were adversely impacting neighbouring residents and odours were one of the reasons the application was not extended."

The ministry also confirmed that a quote from a ministry hydrologist's memo dated Oct. 28, 2014 "appears accurate". In that memo the hydrologist noted that the site "has caused groundwater impairment to the well water supplies located at [three addresses] due to elevated levels of bacteria" and that septage spreading from the site "is responsible for the majority of groundwater impairment observed to date". Incomplete information was reported originally.

In "Algonquin Highlands commits to Bear Lake study" (The Highlander issue 199, page 2) it was reported that the township voted in favour a resolution to fund a study this year. The township voted in favour of a resolution to defer the study to next year's budget deliberations.

The Highlander regrets these errors.

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Editorial opinion

Minden proposal short-sighted

Dear editor,

There are many arguments for and against the Orillian Power Generation (OPG) project at the Minden Wild Water Preserve, but I defy you to find one supporting it that does not have a financial aspect. Money will be made if this project goes ahead, by OPG, by those hired to do the work, by others, and likely by the Town of Minden. Fair enough.

I have failed to find even one argument against the project that has anything to do with money. Instead they centre around changes that will affect this precious resource; not only the waterway itself but also the lakes and waters both up- and down-stream. Those who use the white waters for recreation – the kayakers, the fishermen and women, even those who simply wander the banks of the river, explore the caves, watch the trilliums grow in the spring – enjoy nature at its best. There's no denying that these gifts will be affected if this project goes ahead.

As a photographer and an artist with ties to many outside the community, I often get requests like "I'm thinking of coming up to Minden Hills for a visit, what do you recommend that I see and do?" Number one on my list is to visit the Minden Wild Water Preserve, by far. The gnarly tree roots, the warblers and cedar waxwings flitting through the trees, the pristine trails along the water's edge, even in February! The rushing water, leaving filigreed caps of ice on the rocks (the original "Iced Cap"). Even before the PanAm Games, it was one of the few things that people knew about our area. "You live in Minden?



A family of deer strolls along a creek bed.

Photo by Ashlee Casey

Isn't that where that fabulous white water falls is located?" Now, after the event, it's a calling card for visitors from all over the world to come see our natural beauty.

Who has stood on the side of the Gull River and not thought, "Wow. This is a magical place."

And now there's a proposal to take it

all away, or at least make it less magical. Shame on Minden council if you approve this project which will affect our natural treasure for the sake of the almighty dollar.

Glenn Springer
Minden Hills

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Good ideas and bad toilet humour

What to write in my column?

This quandary is, obviously, a weekly one for me and as time draws closer to my deadline (of Monday evening) I usually get a little nervous, hoping that something, some event, some absolutely hilarious moment, will present itself... And, my life being what it is, most often a little gem of a story line does pop up.

However, there are times when I begin to wonder, 'is this the week that nothing happens', and I'll be left high and dry with not so much writer's block but more writer's brain freeze: that numbing headache brought on by the complete inability to think of anything to make a mockery of in my newspaper column.

On such occasions I have been known to go in search of advice, to ask others what they'd write about, and every once in a while someone comes up with a great idea. An idea like the blight of the advertising signs that litter the sides of our roads as we drive around the county. A colleague of mine suggested that and then backed up his idea with a rant worthy of an Oscar. But these instances come along only very rarely. More often what someone else thinks is a great idea I can't see any literary merit in whatsoever (by that I mean, no opportunity

to poke fun).

Take for instance the time a few weeks ago that a pal of mine suggested I write about the potential spreading of waste sewage on a field near Maple Lake. Now, his family lives nearby and he was seeking vocal and serious support in their attempts to stop the application. I, on the other hand, am just out to get a cheap laugh, and I opted not to write about the issue because I felt he might not appreciate my lame attempts at toilet humour, my quips about poop always rolling downhill (towards his house, no less!), my jibes about being up to his knees in the brown stuff. He may well have been upset, and he's quite a bit bigger than me, so I left it alone for fear of getting the s**t kicked out of me!

However, I did not learn my lesson about asking for topics to write about, and while I sat around a bonfire on Saturday evening I threw the question out there again. I did this because on two previous occasions this particular bonfire had been the venue of much hilarity, which I had only mildly mangled and turned into relatively amusing humour for my columns but, on this night the mishaps and mayhem were on hold. And so I asked.

What did I get? Nothing, not a sausage. A

few well-meaning topics but nothing that my menial literary verbiage could twist into a funny story. And so, I gave up and went inside to put Little Z to bed.

Now, I fell asleep next to him for what felt like minutes but which was actually a good hour and when I was woken by a swift kick to the groin from my lovely wife I debated whether to go back and join the party or curl up again. My manly pride got the better of me after a few minutes, however (I'm not going to be the first one to crash, I thought), and up I got. And mighty glad I am too, for as I stumbled through the dark trees to the bonfire I heard strains of a conversation that no red blooded male should miss.

The ladies were talking about the size of their boobs!

Two poor souls were even bemoaning the fact that theirs were too big!

Now, there are two problems with this kind of conversation. Firstly, as a fellow I find boobs fascinating but I cannot resist making fun of them whenever the chance arises, and as such, I feel it my job to make crude, often crass jokes about them – not a good thing to do at this juncture in a serious 'lady conversation'.

Second, when each of the ladies said their

piece about boobs – their size, their shape, their weight for Pete's sake – I was prone to look at the objects of conversation. It's hard not to. I mean, if I was telling you about a big, plump bass that I had just caught, one so big that holding it up made my back hurt, you'd look at the fish that I held in front of me, wouldn't you!

Thankfully, between the darkness of the moonless night and the smoke from the fire my occasional sideways glance at the subjects of our chat was hidden, I think.

However, the very second that one of the ladies grinned a wicked grin and mentioned the recent purchase of a 'toy', one of those toys that adults can buy for their, how shall I put it, 'personal pleasure' I stood up, bid my farewells and scurried off back to bed! I knew enough to get out while I was ahead, while I still had female friends. I ensured that any blushes were hidden by the wood smoke and I knew that I'd only feel a little shame about my naff boob jokes the next morning, when the party-goers drifted downstairs to nurse their hangovers and achy backs.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What issues should our local federal candidates be talking about?*



Angus Sullivan

Haliburton

I want there to be more focus on the environment.



Courtney Saunders

Brantford

Economy, number one. There needs to be more jobs so the youth stay around.



Danielle and Carolyn Weir

Big Hawk Lake

Environment, big time. Climate change especially.



Janine Papadopoulos

Haliburton

I'm tired of all the bashing and negativity that goes on between each party. I just want to hear about what they can do to help us move forward as a community.



Nancy Cornish

Haliburton

I'd like them to look into bringing more recreational activities to the town, like a pool perhaps. And not just for the youth either, but health promotion for all ages.

Photos and interviews by Ben Davis & Rob Lowes

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Dysart council looking at crosswalks

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

As downtown Haliburton continues to get busier, Dysart council is looking at how they can ensure pedestrians are provided safe options when it comes to getting around town.

On Aug. 24, they reviewed the findings from a study conducted by Tranplan Associates. The company examined several possibilities for the intersection of Highland Street, York Street and Cedar Avenue.

"There are three things that are important to the study recommendations," said William Copeland, principal of Tranplan Associates. "The first is that the specific area that we're looking at is close to the business district, it's close to the Head Lake Trail, and of course it's close to Head Lake Park where the Farmers' Market is."

The study team collected traffic counts and pedestrian volume data at the end of July during a 12-hour period while the Farmers' Market was running.

"Tuesdays are considered to generate the overall peak vehicular and pedestrian traffic demand outside of summer holiday weekends," states Copeland's report.

The findings of two separate signal analyses indicated that traffic signals are warranted under peak summer conditions.

Consideration was given to installing a pedestrian crossing by the entrance to the government docks entrance from Highland Street, which is less than 100 metres away from the Highland Street and York Street intersection. If a signal were installed, a crosswalk at the government dock entrance would have to be removed to meet current Transportation Association of Canada and Ministry of Transportation guidelines.

Unless a light is installed in combination with a crosswalk,

pedestrians would still need to yield to traffic under the Highway Traffic Act, he said.

"We've suggested that a pedestrian crossing should not be located at the government dock entrance."

The preferred location for such a crosswalk is at York Street and Cedar Avenue.

Copeland recommended that before any decisions are made, traffic and pedestrian volumes should be collected at non-summer levels in September.

"The findings of this additional analysis would provide further information to be used to assess the potential timing of future signalization of the Highland/York-Cedar intersection," stated one of the recommendations.

In the interim, Copeland suggested setting up a courtesy crosswalk across Highland Street at the west approach to the intersection of York and Cedar.

Reeve Murray Fearrey raised the issue of drivers turning right and going up Cedar Avenue in the winter months if they are to stop at a traffic light.

Copeland's answer was that maintaining the road is generally a responsibility of the municipality.

"Cedar is already a challenge to some degree," said roads superintendent Brian Nicholson, adding that county roads crews usually salt that section of road.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts reminded council that the Business Improvement Area (BIA) has been asking for a crosswalk for quite some time.

"People will still jaywalk, no matter what," said Roberts. "But the majority stop at the courtesy crosswalk."

Nicholson suggested that council vote in favour of the September review.

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Highlander news

In depth: septic fields explained

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

With county-wide and provincial measures in place to protect our water sources, Highlands residents and visitors could expect to feel confident about the future health of our more than 600 lakes and numerous wetlands.

And yet a decades-old practice of spreading sewage on fields continues in the county and across Ontario.

Field spreading, or land application, generally occurs in two formats. The most well-known is the application of biosolids, or sludge, onto farmers' fields as agricultural fertilizer. Biosolids are what remain after raw sewage has been treated with chemicals in municipal wastewater treatment plants to remove pathogens such as bacteria and viruses, and the water content has been returned to the water source.

This practice is sanctioned by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Farming (OMAFRA) as a means to add "valuable" nutrients (chemicals and minerals) back into the soil.

The second format is the application of raw, untreated sewage onto fields, whether for agricultural purposes or not. In rural communities this is often the main option for disposing of septic system waste, which is known as septage once it leaves the septic tank.

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Farming works closely with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to administer both practices under the Nutrient Management Act. A Biosolids Utilization Committee (BUC) advises both ministries with support from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and from agricultural and industrial organizations, municipalities and service industries. These include the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS).

In the Highlands, Minden Hills and Dysart et al manage sewer systems and sewage treatment plants for central areas. Remaining property owners use septic systems. Algonquin Highlands operates a fee-based septage treatment lagoon and Highlands East provides a septage trench at no charge, but these options don't have enough capacity to absorb all available septic system waste.

This leaves all four municipalities to rely on field spreading for septage disposal.

Provincially, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario (ECO) works as an independent officer to monitor and report annually on the government's compliance with the Environmental Bill of Rights.

The ECO's 2000-01 annual report advised that untreated septage is likely to have much higher concentrations of live pathogens such as bacteria and viruses than does municipal sewage sludge.

This lack of treatment also means that medication residues and disinfectant chemicals may also be present in septage.

Locally, organizations such as the Coalition of Haliburton

Property Owners' Associations (CHA), which represents 50 lake associations on 100 lakes, are working to help property owners maintain healthy septic systems and to monitor lake health.

All four municipalities provide septic installation inspections, and are either developing or investigating formal septic re-inspection programs.

However, it appears municipalities have no real jurisdiction over field spreading. The MOECC is not required to notify property owners or municipalities when field spreading permits are requested or granted. Algonquin Highlands recently obtained a legal opinion regarding a current field spreading site application, in which the township was advised not to pursue a request for zoning and official plan amendments due to a recent, negative Ontario Municipal Board ruling.

As a result of residents' concerns over the Algonquin Highlands site application, groups such as the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association (MBC) have begun investigating alternative methods of septage disposal.

Their president, Andy Muirhead, contacted the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA) for support on Aug. 10, and later received permission from FOCA executive director Terry Rees to release his response.

Rees wrote in part that the MOECC has in the past asserted that it is "committed to a phase-out of land application of all untreated septage", although Rees said this has been deemed impractical "...based on not enough capacity at municipal treatment plants to meet demand, and lack of information about suitable treatment technologies for septage."

Having been "intimately involved" with development of the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Plan, which includes the Haliburton County watershed, Rees said the source water protection approach "...deals very peripherally with rural water issues, and almost not at all with anything beyond health issues related to municipal water systems."

So what options are available to concerned citizens?

Rees advised that municipalities, other provincial Planning Act approval authorities, developers and haulers working together can develop municipal septage plans and determine the amount of septage generated, the number of septage treatment facilities available, and septage management solutions.

For the MBC's part, Muirhead has released an information paper called "The Next Septic Issue: Where Does It All Go and What Do We Do About It?"

In it Muirhead recommends pressuring provincial authorities "...not only to make the application process for septic disposal sites more open and responsive to all our concerns, but to make it easier for our municipal governments to provide safer, better monitored sites with the capacity to receive and treat the wastes we produce."

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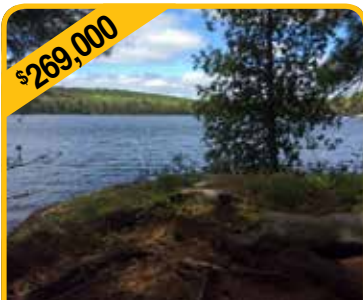
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2. *The Murderer's Daughter* by Jonathan Kellerman
3. *Speaking in Bones* by Kathy Reichs

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Very Good Lives: the fringe benefits of failure and the importance of imagination* by J.K. Rowling
2. *Glaciers: the politics of ice* by Jorge Daniel Taillant
3. *The Nuns of Sant'Ambrogio: the true story of a convent in scandal* by Hubert Wolf

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Another Day* by David Levithan (YA)
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1. *Suite Française* (DVD)
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LIBRARY NEWS

The Haliburton County Seed Library has grown! Visit our locations in Dorset, Minden and Wilberforce to find seeds that are suited to Haliburton County. Were your plants successful? Collect the seeds and add them to the library for others to try! Join us for a workshop at our Dysart branch on Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. to learn how to save seeds for growing plants adapted to Haliburton County.



Photo by Mark Arike

From left, curator Tiffany Howe, manager Barb Taylor and gallery owner Wayne Hooks.

Curry gallery celebrates two decades

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Ethel Curry Gallery has been showcasing and selling the work of artists from Haliburton County and beyond for the past 20 years.

Gallery owner Wayne Hooks celebrated the recent milestone with his staff and a few visitors on Aug. 22.

"We just thought that 20 years is pretty good for a private gallery," Hooks told The Highlander.

Gallery curator Tiffany Howe added that it was also an opportunity to thank the artists and customers who have shown their support over the years.

Hooks said that the work of over 200 artists

has been featured at the gallery over the years.

Within the gallery space, located at 94 Maple Avenue, visitors will find Canadian art in various mediums.

Initially, only local artists could display and sell their work at the gallery. However, that changed when instructors from the Haliburton School of the Arts expressed their interest to join.

"We just grew and grew. Now, we've been 'full' for 15 years," said Hooks, adding that he receives 30-40 new applications each year.

The gallery is named after the late Ethel Curry, an artist from Haliburton who painted with The Group of Seven.

"She really liked to help young artists, so that's one of our mission statements," he

said. "Another thing we want to do is to raise Ethel's profile in the art world to where it belongs."

When Hooks and Jody Curry got the gallery up and running, they weren't sure if it was going to take off. Up until 2008, when the recession hit, "it grew very encouragingly," he said.

That's the year Curry retired and Hooks took sole ownership of the business.

The anniversary party included live entertainment from flute player Taya Rosenberg, cake, snacks and refreshments. Draws were also held for art donated by Hooks, Tom Green, AJ VanDrie, Caryl Marcellus and Greg Pichnej.

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Highlander arts



Photo submitted by Victoria Ward

Selene Yuen paints in plein air during the 2014 Highlands East Plein Air Festival.

Art in your backyard

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Group of Seven captured the imagination of locals through their plein air paintings of the Highlands.

Now, decades later, another group of artists will attempt to do that same through the Highlands East Plein Air Festival from Sept. 10-13.

The participating artists will travel throughout Highlands East to areas of magnificent beauty or cultural relevance. Through their work, they will try to capture the essence of these places on canvas. And those works will be on sale at an art show in Wilberforce on Sept. 13.

“This year, we’ve changed half the locations from last,” said Gary Blundell, the festival’s organizer. “We’ve new and exciting locations for people to come to.”

Locations include flowing waterfalls, creeks and lakes, and cultural sites that include barns, two century-old churches and a mill.

“Local folks, whether cottagers or ones who live here year-round, can see work that’s been made in their community,” said Blundell. “That’s the real selling point. It could be a painting of something you recognize, that you’re familiar with or that’s just up the road from you.”

The artists will showcase their work, which must include at least three pieces that were completed during the three-day festival.

They are able to showcase up to six pieces, which can include plein air work completed elsewhere.

“What’s good about it for people is that for those who cottage or live locally, you’re going to get an opportunity to see some artwork made by a number of different artists.”

Blundell has travelled across the province and into Quebec promoting the festival and sale. He said already the number of artists participating is greater than last year’s, and he expects to have some last-minute registrations as well.

“The sale was good last year, but I’m hoping it’s going to be a lot better,” he said. “Already we’ve had way more sign-ups for the event.”

People interested in attending should expect the bulk of the work to be acrylic paintings, though there may be some oil and water colours. They can also attend the sites and watch the artists in action.

“The public is more than welcome to visit all of the sites and go around, take a look at what the people are doing,” said Blundell. “There’s no guarantee if you go to a site that somebody will be there on that given day.”

“It’s a really good opportunity for people to come see work that’s been made about their community.”

The sale runs on Sept. 13 at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, visit <http://highlandseastpleinair.wordpress.com>.

Tickets still available for Mozart classic

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Opera lovers can expect to let out a few chuckles at the Highlands Opera Studio’s production of Le Nozze Di Figaro (The Marriage of Figaro). Performances will be at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion from Aug. 30 to Sept. 3.

“It’s a funny opera,” said general director Valerie Kuinka. “It’s all about situations that people are getting into that are human, but silly ones.”

Originally composed by Mozart, Figaro continues the plot The Barber of Seville. The local production will be set in Hollywood in the 1970s and will veer away from the traditional count and countless characters from the 18th century.

Kuinka said that even non-opera fans will

find this three-hour production entertaining.

“It’s a very accessible story. It’s about a guy that is married that is then trying to chase every other woman that comes his way,” she said.

He winds up expressing his remorse and vows to change his ways.

When it was originally written, Figaro represented a change in the political and social environment in Europe, and it served as a precursor to the French Revolution.

The production is double cast and will feature the participants in this year’s Opera Studio.

Tickets are \$37.50 each and can be purchased by calling the box office at 705-457-9933.

All shows are at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of the Aug. 30 performance, which is at 2 p.m.



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Minden Subaru takes top dealer prizes

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

If you see a Subaru everywhere you turn in Haliburton County, it's likely because the area has a higher rate of Subaru drivers than the nation's average.

Minden Subaru owner Tran LaRue estimated the national average of Subaru drivers at three per cent of the population and the average in Haliburton County of eight to 10 per cent. To celebrate the popularity of the car in the area, the Minden Subaru dealership was presented with awards for sales excellence and customer loyalty on Aug. 20 by Jeff Wan of Subaru Canada and Paul Ova, district area sales manager for the central region.

"The product is great," said Tran LaRue. "It really suits the Haliburton Highlands with the all-wheel drive system."

Minden Subaru was awarded the prizes based on market share and satisfaction scores rated by customers who bought a Subaru in Minden, as well as those who had their cars serviced by the dealership.

"It was fantastic," said LaRue. "It was quite a nice accomplishment to be recognized as being at the top of the class of Subaru dealerships."

LaRue was quick to acknowledge his staff as being the people on the front lines who really made an impact by focusing on clients.



Photo submitted by Tammy LaRue
Pictured from left are Jeff Wan of Subaru Canada, Tammy and Tran LaRue of Minden Subaru and district area sales manager Paul Ova.

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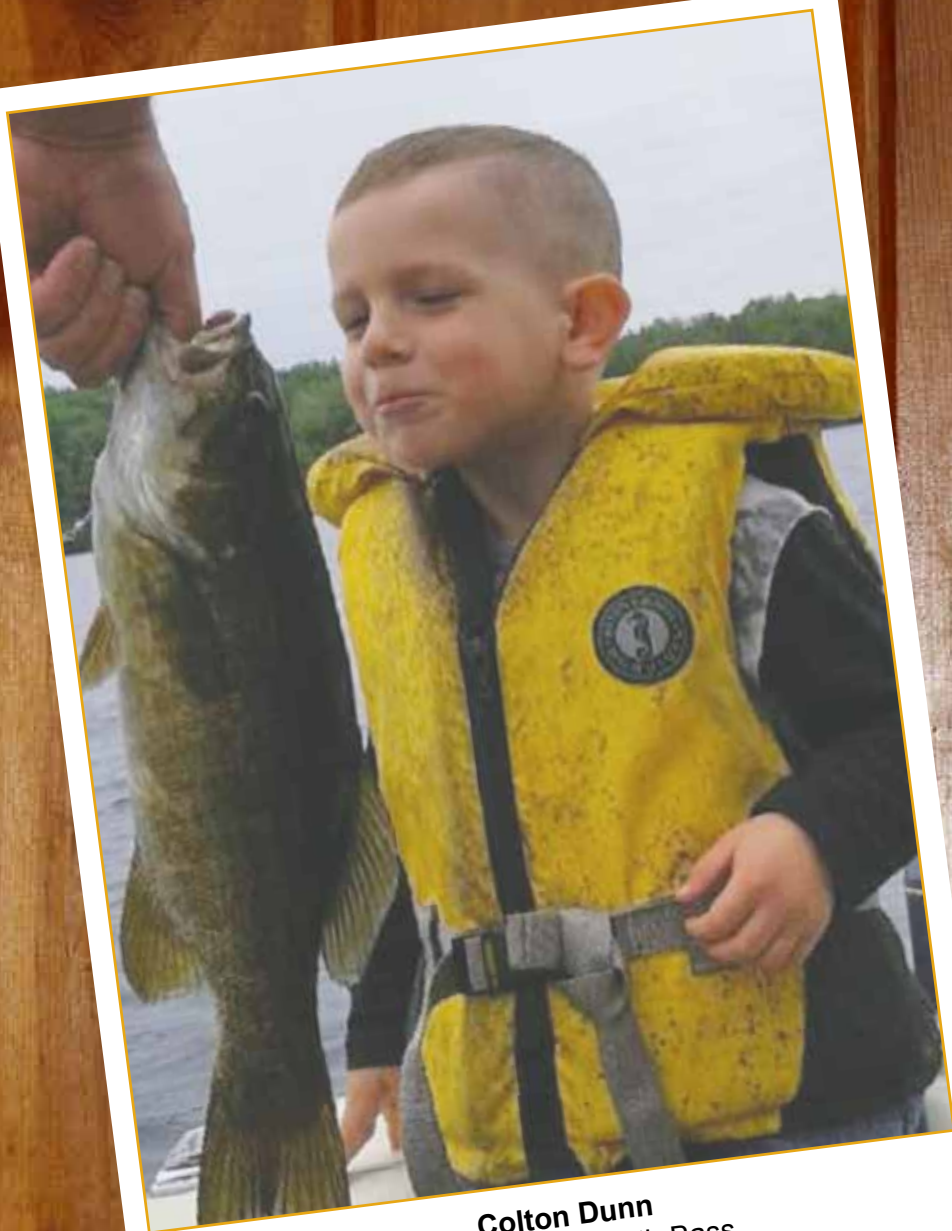
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Highlander life

Lucky loon gets a second chance

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Despite a severely damaged leg, Luna the loon has a fighting chance thanks to a team of volunteers.

For several weeks, the injured adult female loon was spotted on Balsam Lake in Coboconk. She wasn't flying, and she didn't seem capable of diving for long periods of time.

When she swam into the Gull River in Coboconk, residents tried to catch her but she eluded their grasp. She was welcoming, however, of the fish that two teenaged boys caught and fed to her, and before long, she swam close enough to them that they could rescue her from the water.

Immediately, a volunteer group sprang into action to help save the loon. A volunteer driver transported her to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden to be cared for by sanctuary owner Monika Melichar.

"Because of the efforts of those teenagers, she was in really great condition outside of her broken leg," said Melichar. "She was a good weight and really healthy in all ways."

Luna's broken leg was making it impossible for her to hunt, and because loons need to be able to run off the water to fly, she was unable to go far. A vet told Melichar the loon's prognosis was poor.

Melichar didn't give up and consulted with Dr. Sherri Cox, a volunteer veterinarian with the National Wildlife Centre.

"I begged her to do what she could for this loon because the loon is incredible," said Melichar. "Luna knew she was getting help, and she was a fighter but not defensive. Just a beautiful spirited animal."

Cox agreed to perform a three-and-a-half hour surgery on the loon that would potentially give her a second chance. Though Melichar said the surgery and post-op care likely cost about \$3,000, Dr. Cox performed it free of charge.

To get the loon to the Shades of Hope wildlife refuge in Pefferlaw, Melichar turned to her list of volunteer drivers. She sent an e-mail out, and Minden resident Kim Switzer quickly responded. Switzer and her kids have been long-time supporters of the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary and have collected acorns to feed the shelter's guests, collected donations of animal feed from

local businesses and transported animals in the past to help.

"I do it simply because we don't own this land, nature does," said Switzer. "And I want to teach my kids to respect nature and to help wildlife."

Switzer said transporting animals is a simple way to make a lasting impact on the lives of creatures that need care, and volunteer drivers are essential to help non-profit organizations like Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary and Shades of Hope so they can continue running smoothly.

"That's what makes it work," said Switzer. "You don't have to drive hundreds of miles – you can be that one short pit stop that makes a difference. Even a small effort brings everyone one step closer to having a healed animal. You're not wasting anyone's time by making an effort to help. I don't have to go out of my way, but I will."

With her kids in the backseat, Switzer drove Luna to Cox in Pefferlaw where the surgery took place on Aug. 22.

"A lot of people were involved in this, it was really a town effort," said Melichar.

"Without intervention, she would have no chance at survival," wrote the National Wildlife Centre on their Facebook page. "She is not out of the woods yet, but now she has a chance."

Melichar said the loon will need extensive rehabilitation and it is essential the bird has recovered in time for migration, which is generally around September. She hopes Luna will steadily recover at the Shades of Hope facility, which has an indoor swimming pool, and then return to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary for practice in the outdoor pond. The plan is to release the loon back into Balsam Lake where she likely has a mate.

Melichar has rehabilitated many loons at the sanctuary, most which she said have been entangled in fishing line. Thanks to calls from watchful residents, Melichar knows there is a loon on Kennisis Lake with fishing line around its beak, and a loon on Catchacoma Lake in Gooderham dragging fishing line and sticks behind it. She does what she can to help rescue the birds, but very often relies on the public to capture the loons and bring them to the sanctuary for help.



"It's sometimes an effort of futility, because they are very elusive animals," said Melichar. "They do understand though that humans aren't necessarily all that bad, and they know they sometimes need human hands to help them."

Melichar warns would-be rescuers that loons use their beaks for defence, but believes loons understand that humans might help when necessary.

"There are people on these lakes who are really attached to their loons – the loons might have lived on the lake for 20-30 years so they look for them," she said. "I think the loons know this, and so when they become hurt, they will actually ask people by getting close to people in their boats."

The Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary is always looking for volunteer drivers. The fourth annual Loonies for Loons lemonade stand fundraiser that earns donations for the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary will take place on Sept. 5 at the boat launch at Hillside drive and Birch Glen drive in Kawartha Lakes.



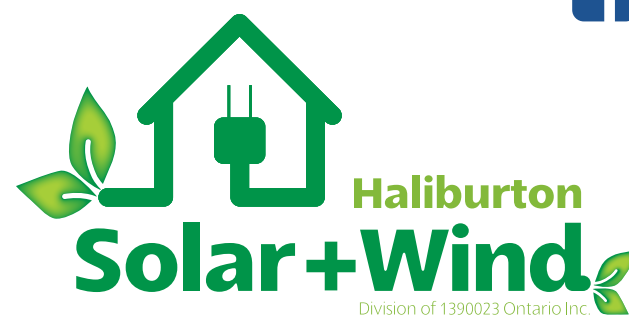
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Top: Luna the loon was caught in Coboconk, stabilized at the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden, and transported to the Shades of Hope refuge in Pefferlaw. Above: Luna's leg required a complex surgery in order to heal the injury so she might be able to migrate this fall.



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Golf drives in \$40K

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Dental care can be prohibitively expensive.

But thanks to another successful Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) golf tournament on Aug. 20, the charity organization can continue to provide free dental care to families in need through the Highlands.

Board member Lisa Kerr said the tournament raised around \$40,000, but donations are still coming in. The tournament went off despite some poor weather.

"The rain added a few new challenges," said Kerr. "We were all soaked but it didn't dampen our spirits."

She said 139 golfers played during the day, and 155 participated in the lunch.

"Our sponsors and private donors are incredibly generous and most of them continue to support the VDO every year," she

said. "The base of our support is growing for what we are doing, and people are realizing that with the VDO, hundreds of patients would have no means to obtain dental care."

To date, the organization has provided over \$1.37 million in free dental care.

Activities during the day included a beat the pro challenge, a raffle draw for a canoe shelf with books written by local authors, and they sold mulligans. Blue Jays tickets were sold via live auction, as well as a kayak.

On Aug. 22, musician Tom Kovacs played a concert to also benefit the VDO. The concert raised over \$3,000.

Kerr said the response from golfers was positive.

"Many of the golfers have already said they will be back next year because the tournament was so well-organized and the enthusiasm and passion for the cause is apparent."

Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Professional golfer Sue Ertl was featured in this year's beat the pro challenge. Above right VDO founder Bill Kerr and board chair Janis Parker welcome golfers to the fifth annual event.

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Highlander news

A final farewell

This is a goodbye to all my readers, friends and family.

I want to thank the community for giving me the chance to prove that underneath my rigid and stone-like exterior, I am just a person, fragile, but a canvas for my own potential.

I want to thank Ron and Roxanne at Canoe FM for helping me find my calling. I want to thank the local business owners who were always welcoming, for giving me support both big and small. I would like to thank Dr. Smolen's office for mending what I sometimes slack on, my teeth. I would like to thank Jeff at the Bulk Food store for letting me buy candy en masse to satisfy my sweet tooth and always being there to talk to. I would like to thank the community for supporting me through thick and thin.

A special thanks to Point In Time for helping me de-cloud my mind of the storm that had filled it in the dark times of my life. I would also like to thank the local hospital for patching me up when I have had grievous accidents. I would like to thank Solid State for helping build the computer I have envisioned in my dreams and for being full of smiles and encouragement.

But I cannot forget the source of my success and my confidence, my grandmother. She introduced me to The Highlander, and I was met with friendly faces and those faces have pushed me to go beyond any goal I had ever set for myself. I would like to thank – no – I would bless the Highlander and its folks, Bram, Simon, Ashley, Heather, Cheryl, and my best friend and editor, Matthew Desrosiers, for helping

me realize that life has a place for me.

I am like Icarus, only I don't fly for the sun, I fly for the glory of distant shores and away from the one place I have ever wanted to call my home. But my wings are not fashioned of feathers and wax, they are fashioned of hopes and the courage that my community has instilled in me by its bounty of support.

Whatever deity you look to for guidance, may they bless you all a thousand times over. I have long considered my return to this oasis upon completion of my education, but even if I should not return, then I will visit whenever I may and I will retire in this town, happy and with life long-lived, tired of my unending journey, but not longing for a friend to be close. I wish you all the best of luck in your lives as I would have you wish me the same.

Through my eyes



By Austin McGillion

I used to think that people are just people, but in a small town I now realize we are so much more than that. Haliburton is not just a name of a town. The people that live here, Haliburtonians, are courageous, strong, and free, as we should be. We won't let anyone crush us under a boot of iron, because we are too strong to be held down, we are too wise to be lured into a trap, and we are too courageous to back away from a threat.

We are Haliburton, we are proud of who we are, and I am proud to be considered a part of that family. Farewell my friends, farewell.



Photo submitted by Lana Cole

Subaru supports mission

Tammy LaRue of Minden Subaru presents an \$800 cheque to the Haliburton Friendship Mission. Following the mass murders recently at a church in South Carolina, the group sent a Canadian flag and messages of goodwill. They have been invited to visit and are departing on Sept. 11.

From left are Janice McGee, Lana Cole, Lynn Roche, Tammy LaRue, Patty Brydon, and Judy Davis.

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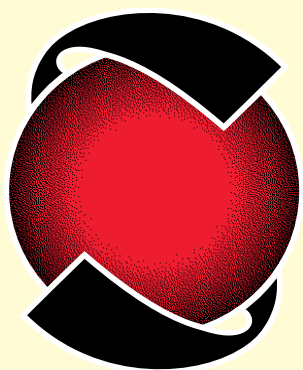
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Above: Players screen the goalie during a drill at the Aug. 21 Highland Storm Bantam tryouts.

Tryouts underway for Storm rep teams

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Tanner Crang is one of a group of young bantam players hoping to make this year's Highland Storm rep team.

The left-winger has played for the Storm in the past, and hopes to make the team again this year. After his first tryout on Aug. 25 at the A.J. LaRue Arena, the young player said he was feeling a little tired, but he was doing his best out on the ice.

And that's all that the team's coach, Travis Walker, is looking for.

"[I'm looking for] hard work and heart," he said after the team's first tryout. "We've got to be able to skate and not quit. We've got to be able to handle the puck and be aggressive, too, not be afraid to go into the corners. Battle."

This is Walker's first year as head coach of a Highland Storm rep team, but it's his fourth year with the organization. Last year he was an assistant coach.

Walker said it's too early to tell what kind of team he's going to have on the ice.

"Honestly, I don't know yet," he said. "It's still early, this is the tryouts. That's something I'll have to discuss with the

coaching staff, what kind of team we want to have and system want to implement."

It will take a few practices, and hopefully some exhibition games, for the team to find its identity, he said.

Before that, he and his staff first have to narrow the field down to two goalies, six defence and nine forwards. So far, Walker feels good about the players he has to pick from.

"I feel fine," he said. "It's the first skate. I know the first skate is always the roughest skate. It's always good to get the first one out of the way. They'll get better as the tryouts go on. You can't determine your team after the first tryout. If they had one bad day today, they still have a few more."

Some of the players worked in the off-season, he said, including renting some ice for scrimmages. Others did some exercises, but Walker said he doesn't expect his players to do any kind of heavy weight training. Instead, he recommended core strengthening workouts like running, sit-ups and push-ups.

There are three tryouts remaining for the Bantam team, and players in other age groups are also competing for spots on their respective rosters.

Highland Storm



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Top: Coach Travis Walker looks on as players skate through a series of drills during the Highland Storm Bantam tryout. Middle: Two players skate hard, competing for the puck during the tryouts. Bottom: A player breaks away to the net.

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One racer pursues another on Head Lake near the bandshell.

Boat races make a splash in Haliburton

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

After an extremely successful weekend, the organizers of the inaugural Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races are looking forward to bringing the event back to Head Lake next year.

According to event coordinator Barb Hammond, over 120 racers, including some from the U.S., took part in the event held from Aug. 22-23.

"[It was the] best turnout in over 10 years of registered racers for our club," wrote Hammond in an email.

An average of 80 riders have participated in other races hosted by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC).

"All [of the] racers want to come back next year," she said.

Throughout the course of the weekend, hydroplanes, runabouts, T-boats and drag boats could be found racing at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour around a 3/4 mile course.

In addition to the high-speed action, a food booth was set up by the Haliburton & District Lions Club.

"[The] Lions Club served over 500," Hammond pointed out.

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary raised about \$1,200 through the sales of raffle tickets for prizes, she said.

While most aspects of the event ran smoothly, the schedule ran late on Saturday for a few reasons. Hammond noted the races started later than planned, there was an accident on the course, boaters got in the way of the course, and the action had to be stopped to accommodate an incoming float plane.

On Sunday, the schedule was pushed back

half an hour to respect local church services.

Nearby businesses appeared to be happy with the traffic flow that the event created.

"Finally, finally something that was good for everybody," said Diana Gomes, owner of The Head Lake Grill. "The customers were happy, the boat racers were happy, people were stopping. Everybody made a little bit of money because they were willing to spend it."

Her business was one of the event's 38 sponsors.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey also said he heard nothing but good things about the races.

"I know that some of the restaurants did very well," he said, adding that the Silver Maple Motel on Highland Street was full and rooms were booked at the Pinestone Resort.

"There's definitely an economic spin."

During a council meeting on Aug. 24, Dysart councillors discussed the event and approved

Hammond's request to bring the races back to the venue next year.

"I think it was good entertainment, and lots of people having a good time," said councillor Derek Knowles.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts reported receiving one noise complaint.

"It's hard to have something that pleases everybody," she said, adding "it was a really well-organized event."

On Saturday, Hammond thanked the community, sponsors and spectators for making the event possible.

"The whole community of Haliburton supported us from day one," she said.

It was "nice to see people supporting us, standing there clapping. We like to perform for them."

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Haliburton Lake cottager Brandon Sutton dominated the podium.

Team Sutton dominates powerboat races

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A couple of Haliburton Lake cottagers proved their worth at the Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races on Head Lake. Twenty-three-year-old Brandon Sutton finished with six first place finishes in three classes while his good friend, Wesley Hammond, came second and third in two categories on Saturday.

“I had some good starts, was driving well and everything worked out,” said Sutton after his first day of racing on Aug. 22.

Sutton, who also came third in one category on Saturday and Sunday, was enjoying his time at the event.

“So far, it’s been great,” he said. “It’s always nice to go to new places.”

Sutton began racing at the age of nine, but his father gave him his first boat for his fifth birthday. He spent a couple of years away from the sport to pursue downhill ski racing.

He decided to return after attending a race with Hammond in Crystal Lake, New York.

Sutton says he enjoys the camaraderie and social aspect of the sport.

“Everyone helps each other out,” he said. Hammond got into the sport because of Sutton. He’s been a competitive racer for the past four years.

“Brandon had a boat,” recalled the 19-year-old. “I bought it off him a long time ago and fixed it up. It had a fishing motor and I’d just drive it around the lake for the longest time.”

After entering a race in Crystal Lake, he was “hooked.”

Hammond enters approximately five to six races per year.

He was rather impressed with the local venue and the racing conditions.

“I love it. It’s a good course. The water is great – it’s probably the smoothest water we’ve had all year.”

Just like Sutton, Hammond is fond of the opportunities he’s had to connect with other racers.

“I like the social part,” he said. “I’ve got a lot of friends in racing. It’s fun to get out there and race your buddies.”

After competing at events in Waterford, Gravenhurst, Erinsville and Haliburton, Sutton dominated the leaderboard with the most points in four classes. Hammond came first in the BCH class.



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EVENTS

Minden Skating Club REGISTRATION

S.G Nesbitt Memorial Centre
Sept. 9 and 10
5-6:30 p.m.

Registration forms available to download at: <https://sites.google.com/site/mindenskates/>

Skating season begins September 21.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Paula and Tim Reid of Minden, ON are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter **Brooke Emerald Lillian Reid** to

Larry Alexander Reynolds son of Kelly Reynolds and Troy Briggs of Haliburton, ON

A wedding date of August 6, 2016 has been set.
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EVENTS

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

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EVENTS

HIGHLAND GROVE HERITAGE DAY, Sat. Sept. 12 from 10 to 3pm. Come see if we have your family roots, Flea Market-rent a table \$5 call Joanne 705-448-2218 or Zoe 705-448-9317, Log Sawing demonstration, Spinning, music with Northern Jam, BBQ Bring a picture and we will put it on a mug.

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EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 am. to noon. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 16, 10 a.m. to noon. (TFN)

YARD SALES

Fri. Aug. 28 & Sat. Aug. 29 – 9:00 am-3:00 pm. 1004 Scarlet Oak Lane 8.5 km. north of Norland off Hwy. # 35 - east side. First driveway south of bridge at Moore Lake sign. Look for the garage sale sign and drive straight in towards the lake. We'll have a good mix of everything. "Rain or Shine" it's in our garage! Please no early birds. Looking forward to seeing you!

Big Garage Sale - 1017 Summerville Rd 1.5km west of Glamorgan Rd. on County Rd. 503 or 2.5 km. east of TTT Transmission off County Rd. 503 Thurs. Aug. 27th; Fri. 28th; Sat. 29th; 9 to 4 daily.

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 3, 2015, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Lands:

Roll No. 46 24 012 000 39600 0000; 17 Sunnyside Street aka Maple Avenue, Haliburton; PIN 39177-0007(LT); Lot 4 Block 2 Plan 1 Dysart, United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde; File No. 14-08

Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,254.16

Roll No. 46 24 030 000 40805 0000; PIN 39157-0107(LT); Part Lot 21 Concession 4 Harcourt as in H71718 S & E of Part 4 Plan 19R1004; Dysart et al; File No. 14-21

Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,644.83

Roll No. 46 24 030 000 61410 0000; PIN 39155-0302(LT); Part Lot 27 Concession 10 Harcourt as in H154966 SW of York River; Dysart et al Except forfeited Mining Rights, if any; File No. 14-22

Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,739.19

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the Municipality of Dysart et al and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes, HST if applicable and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender visit www.dysartetat.ca or if no internet available contact:

Cindy Watson
Tax Collector
The Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al
PO Box 389
135 Maple Avenue
Haliburton ON K0M 1S0
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Township of Algonquin Highlands
Public Works Department

**Employment Opportunity
MAINTENANCE WORKER**

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting applications for a permanent full-time Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard). The preferred applicant will possess a general knowledge of plumbing, electrical, heating and maintenance duties to assist with all aspects of municipal summer and winter maintenance programs.

The successful applicant must have a clean driver's abstract along with a proven ability to operate small equipment such as lawnmowers, weed eaters, lawn tractors, chainsaw, snow blower etc. WHMIS and chainsaw certifications are preferred.

Employees are required to be energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individuals who take pride in their work and have a demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a MUST as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

Salary Range: \$20.79 - \$23.40/hr for a 40 hour work week

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Visit our website at: www.algonquinhighlands.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your cover letter and résumé in confidence by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 02, 2015** to:

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Operations Manager
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The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Post-Secondary education, with a discipline in finance or accounting, or related combination of education and experience;
- Successful completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting course(s);
- Successful completion of the Municipal Administration Program is preferred;
- Minimum of three (3) years of previous municipal experience and solid understanding of local government finances;
- Working knowledge of Municipal taxation;
- Strong knowledge of generally-accepted accounting principles;
- Current working knowledge of payroll regulations included in the Employment Standards Act and other applicable law;
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical and communication skills.
- Proficiency in the Office Suite of products or equivalent, as well as Township-specific programs.

Salary Range: \$25.35 – \$28.53/hour (35 hours/week)

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Visit our website at: www.algonquinhighlands.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your cover letter and resume in confidence by **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2015** to:

Tammy McKelvey, Treasurer/Deputy-Clerk
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
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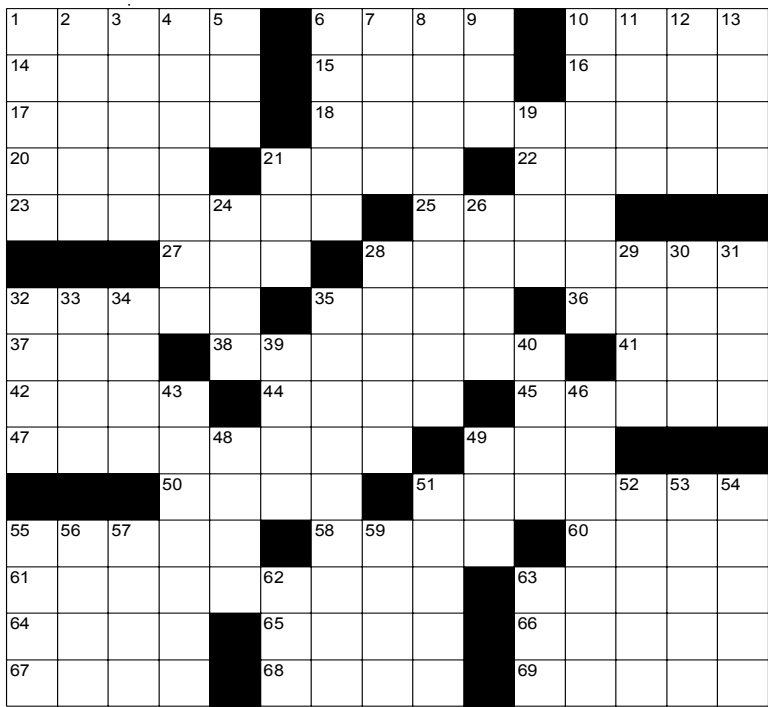
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55. Lions' cries

58. Rave

60. Fish feature

61. Helper

63. Mr. Claus

64. Merriment

65. Elects

66. Gold bar

67. Fly

68. Those people

69. Pioneer Daniel ____
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11. Pub beverages

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13. Permits

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24. Famous loch

26. Writing fluids

28. Honeydew, e.g.

29. Back

30. Blunders

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32. Musical sound

33. Honolulu's island

34. Move slightly

35. Text section

39. Juvenile

40. Tiny branch

43. More regretful

46. Italian herb

48. Free ticket

49. Picnic intruder

51. Fidgety

52. Jargon

53. Singer ____ John

54. List of candidates

55. Scraps of cloth

56. Nordic capital

57. Between continents

59. Initial bet

62. Tiny child

63. Bro or sis
- AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

Fitness at Five - Head Lake Band Shell - 5:00 pm-6:00 pm

Shout Sister Choir Haliburton – 7:00 pm-9:00 pm – Haliburton United Church – All are welcome

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FRIDAY

Astronomy Program - Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve - Preregistration is required

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

Haliburton County Farmers' Market in Carnarvon - Corner of Hwy 118 & 35 - 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

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SATURDAY

Haliburton County Farmers' Market Minden - Municipal Parking Lot - 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Tungsten On The Patio - Red Umbrella Inn - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Minden Churches Doors Open - 2:00 pm-5:00 pm- Drop in to Minden Bible, Minden United, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic & St. Paul's Anglican Churches open houses

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SUNDAY

A.J. LaRue Arena - Shinny - 10:00 am-11:00 am - \$5

Public Skating - 11:00 am-12:30 pm - \$2

Highlands Opera Studio - The Marriage of Figaro - 2:00pm - Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Call 705-457-9933 for tickets

Dragon Boat Practice - Patient News Publishing Docks - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm - \$15

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MONDAY

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

Haliburton Pick-Up T-ball - Head Lake Park - 6:00 pm-7:00 pm - Free

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TUESDAY

West Guilford Community Centre – 7:00pm – Euchre. All welcome

Dorset Craft Connections – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:30 am-11:30 am

Haliburton Farmer's Market - Head Lake Park - 12:00 am-4:00 pm

Stand Up Paddle boarding - Rotary Beach - 10:00 am-11:00 am

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WEDNESDAY

Dorset Yoga with Ingrid Bittner - Dorset Rec Centre - 11:30 am-12:00 pm

Dorset African Hand Drumming - Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00 am-11:00 am

Highlands Opera Studio The Marriage of Figaro - 7:30 pm. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Call 705-457-9933 for tickets

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THURSDAY

Highlands Opera Studio The Marriage of Figaro - 7:30 pm. Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Call 705-457-9933 for tickets

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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

Legion Week Ontario – Sept. 20-26

John Briggs dart tournament, Sept. 26 10 a.m. start. \$60 per team, \$1,000 payout

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.

General meeting, first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Big euchre, first Sunday of the month, noon, \$12

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

Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant

Golf tournament, Sept. 15, four-person best

ball, \$50pp inc. cart

Junk in the Trunk sale, Sept. 19, 9-1 p.m., Reserve sport for \$15

Minden Cemetery Decoration Day, Sept. 19

Wilberforce Branch

Community Support Services lunch, Friday at noon. Call 705-448-2106

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.

Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Long weekend horseshoe tourney, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. start. \$10 pp

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Highlander events



Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Celebrity chef Jeremy Capone, left, provides a live cooking demonstration along with author Peter McClusky. Right: Todd Grainger holds a garlic bulb as he chats with a potential customer.

Garlic delights at festival

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

From live cooking demos to garlic-themed children’s activities, the eighth annual Haliburton County Garlic Fest had something for everyone.

Held on Aug. 22 on the grounds of the Stanhope Community Centre, the event brought garlic experts and growers from across the county together at one venue.

“We thought we had a really good fest,” said Sheila Robb, past president of the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA).

Robb estimated that about 1,000 people attended the event.

In addition to the many vendors who were on site, the fest included live entertainment and cooking demonstrations with wellness chef Jeremy Capone.

“The cooking demos were very, very popular,” she said. “Both of them were packed solid.”

Capone is a chef at the ELLICSR Health, Wellness and Cancer Survivorship Centre in Toronto.

Peter McClusky, founder of the Toronto Garlic Festival, also attended the event to promote his new book “Ontario Garlic: The Story from Farm to Festival.”

In its first six years, the fest was held in Carnarvon at the intersection of Highways 118 and 35.

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William MacCallum – Green Party of Canada
David Marquis – Liberal Party of Canada
Mike Perry – New Democratic Party

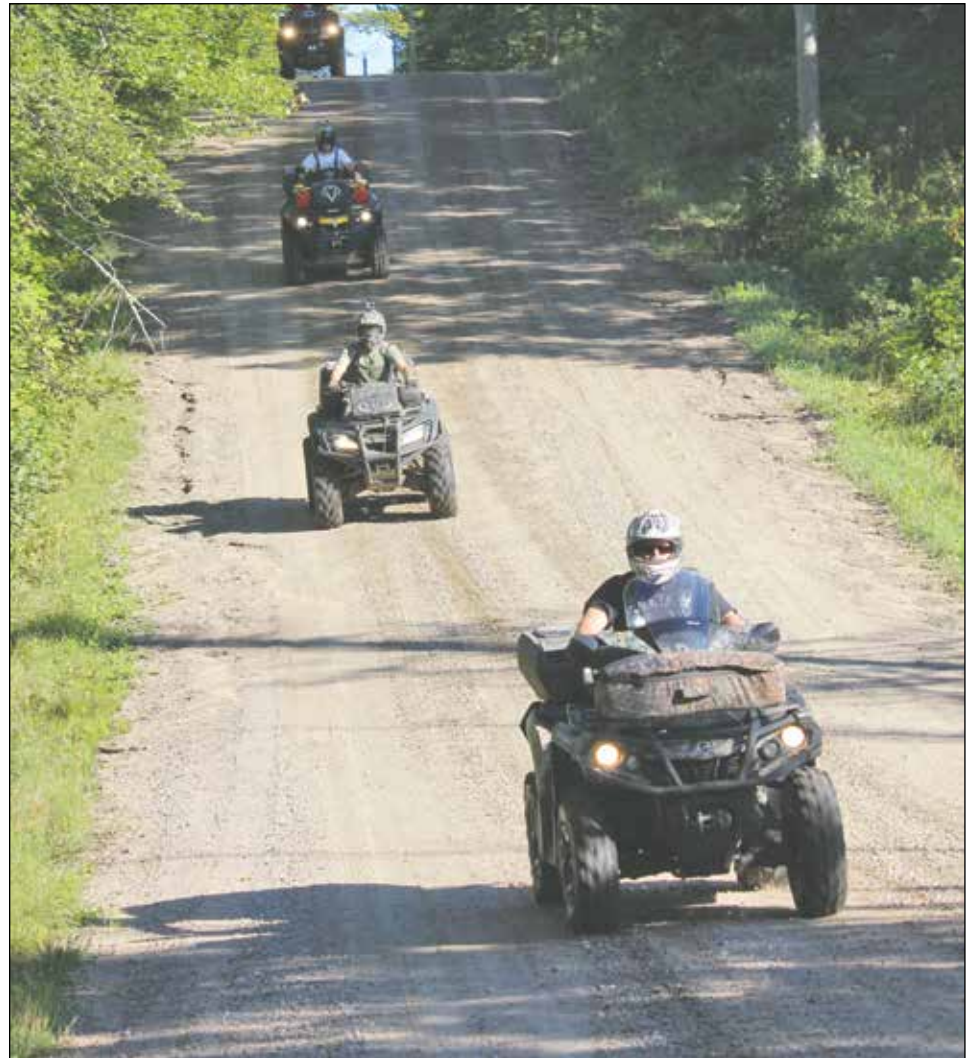
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Highlander events



Poker run pulls in funds for youth curling

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

ATVers explored over 100 kilometres of trails in Highlands East during the third annual Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) Poker Run on Aug. 22. The all-day event raised about \$2,200 for the Wilberforce Curling Club's youth program.

"This is one of our main summer fundraisers," said Darrell McQuigge, vice president of the curling club. "Without this, we'd be struggling pretty hard."

A total of 50 riders, including four HATVA guides, participated in the run, which was hosted by the curling club.

McQuigge said the event continues to grow each year.

"Our target would be somewhere between

75-80 bikes over the next few years. If we can get up to that number it will be a great event for the whole area, not just the club."

Through the curling program, a group of trained volunteers introduce elementary school students to the sport. The funds raised are used to purchase brooms and protective headgear, "so that they just [have to] show up with clean running shoes," he said.

Riders received a breakfast, dinner and had the opportunity to win cash prizes for the best poker hand. A prize table, with items donated by local businesses, was also set up at the curling club.

The Highlands East fire department operated a pumper truck for riders to wash off their machines in exchange for a donation.

McQuigge thanked all of the sponsors for their support.

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Left: Highlands East firefighters were on hand to clean off muddy ATVs after the ride. Right: Fifty ATVers embark on their full-day ride through Highlands East.

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Dates

Tuesday, Sept 1st, 2015-Last Names A-F
 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - **closed 4:30-5:30**
Wednesday, Sept 2nd, 2015-Last Names G-N
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The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting, if necessary.

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File photo

A family enjoys one of the rides at last year's Kinmount Fair.

Kinmount Fair promises weekend of fun

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

It might mark the end of the summer, but that doesn't stop crowds of fun-seekers from looking forward to the Kinmount Fair.

The exhibit hall begins accepting exhibits on Sept. 2 and the fair closes after a busy few days on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.

Within those days, a packed schedule highlights classic fair favourites like a dog

show, talent show, demolition derby and midway.

New this year is a classic championship wrestling event, a concert by Liquid Midnight and an online deal for a discount on unlimited rides.

Children are welcome to join a kid's lawn tractor pull on Sept. 3. Children's Day at the fair is Sept. 4, a day when preschool and elementary school children can enter with

free admission. A petting zoo, pony rides, a science show, and children's races take place on each day of the fair.

Adults will be entertained by a Friday night dance featuring Montana Sky and a Saturday night dance featuring Sidewinder. Multiple Canadian Country Music Award and Juno Award winners Doc Walker will perform during the Saturday grandstand show at 2 p.m. and up-and-comers can participate in the

talent show at the pines bandstand on Sept. 6.

A full program of events is available on the Kinmount Fair's website at kinmountfair.net. The cost of admission is \$12 for adults, \$2 for public school children and \$6 for cars. Pay one price tickets for midway rides can be purchased online on or before Sept. 3 for \$25, or at the fair on Sept. 4 for \$30. Fairgoers interested in camping at the trailer park can call 705-488-2871 to reserve a spot.

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