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A group of young hip-hop dancers wrap up their performance during the Haliburton Dance Academy's 20th Anniversary dance showcase. See more photos on page 19.

Beirut to Haliburton, Syrian family en route

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A Syrian family of 11 is moving to Haliburton this summer and more than 80 volunteers are going to make sure they have the resources to start their new lives.

It's been a long time coming for the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, said committee spokesperson David Barker, and until the news about the family broke Friday, the wait-time was expected to last much longer.

"We heard it might be 18 months before we got a family," Barker said. "The flow of refugees into Canada has slowed down to a trickle, which is a concern for many

organizations like us across the country."

The committee has been raising money and planning for the arrival of a family for more than six months and has raised more than \$55,000.

"We didn't want to lose that momentum," Barker said.

The family, consisting of children ages two to 19, are currently in Beirut.

Ian McBride, executive director for the Anglican and United Refugee Alliance (AURA), said he couldn't yet provide additional details about the family.

What is certain, however, is that Canadians are eager to sponsor a refugee family, but Ottawa is having a hard time meeting that demand.

"There are thousands of churches and organizations who want to sponsor a family," McBride said, adding Haliburton's dedication to sponsor a family of any size put them in a position that ensured they would receive a family sooner rather than later.

AURA has been working with the local committee since last March.

"I think it's fair to say [the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee] was very pleased to receive my call," he said, referring to the moment he broke the news to Barker last week.

During previous visits and discussions with committee members, McBride said he was impressed with the amount of work

Haliburton had done to ensure a refugee family could settle comfortably.

"There are some outstanding individuals working on this in Haliburton," he said.

Students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are also assisting the committee.

The school's Interact Club, a student driven organization that raises money for international causes every year, has organized multiple events to raise money.

"We were excited about this before they announced the family was coming this summer," said Interact Club member and Grade 11 student Rachael Reddering.

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AH bylaw would restrict parking in problem zones

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands is about to get its first parking bylaw.

The proposal was to come to council today for a third review and Reeve Carol Moffatt anticipated it would be approved.

The bylaw would enable the township to install parking control signs and issue tickets. Fines of between \$15 and \$300 would be levied for infractions ranging from winter parking in a snow clearance zone to parking in a disabled parking space.

"We understand that putting a parking bylaw in place is at the same time a good thing and a bad thing," said Moffatt in an interview, calling the bylaw a "living document".

"[We] hope we can ... use it as a tool to clean up some chronic problem areas. However, at the same time it

could create more problems in terms of a greater cry for enforcement that we are then stretched to undertake efficiently. So we'll have to see."

Currently the Little Hawk Lake parking lot for boat-access cottages generates the most parking-related complaints, said Moffatt. Carved into Crown land, the lot also serves the head of an AH trail.

Years ago, a family would arrive at the lot in one car, said Moffatt, but now cottagers entertain more family and friends who arrive in separate cars along with watercraft trailers.

A second issue is parking in front of the township's new dry hydrants, used by fire service crews to draw water from a local waterway.

The staff plan is to first educate the public, advise vehicle owners that they are in violation of the bylaw and seek compliance. Tickets would be issued and vehicles towed only if compliance can't be achieved.

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Editorial opinion

Welcome back

There is a comforting rhythm to the change of seasons, but in cottage country there is nothing as dramatic as the arrival of Victoria Day.

In the space of a weekend the population of Haliburton County shoots from 17,000 to north of 45,000 give or take. Weekends only for a while, but the pace keeps picking up.

So it's nice to see all of you back.

To catch you up, we have a special edition of The Highlander this week. First, you will find our annual Handbook inserted in the paper; 90 pages of useful information about our county. There is also a 16-page real estate guide and we have a special calendar poster and a detailed summary of what's been going on over the winter while you have been gone.

This is also the season where Haliburton turns into two solitudes.

Those who make their lives up here and those who come to share this beautiful place for a season.

Life can be tough for many who live here full-time. Rural Ontario has challenges of jobs, poverty and lack of opportunity. The waiting list for subsidized housing is dispiritingly long, the long-term care bed list even worse.

It's a world that is barely visible to the cottage crowd, scattered across the county lake by lake.

But there are many easy ways to bridge that gap for those so inclined. Festivals, social clubs, charity fund-raisers are abound in Haliburton all year long, but ramp way up during cottage season and provide an easy way to mix and mingle. Theatre, music, film festivals, gallery tours, even world class opera, are all on offer.

Another way that seasonal folks can take full advantage of the county is to shop locally.

The time is long past when retail selection and local services reflected the county's isolation.

Skip just one Costco run this summer and you'll find it won't be nearly as expensive as you might think. And you will likely save time and money.

We're actually a pretty sophisticated place in many ways even as the county has kept its rural charms.

A fast count this week revealed 25 separate styles of olive oil at the Haliburton Foodland. Specialty shops continue to crop up (Haliburton has an independent butcher now) and farmers' markets proliferate. One favourite: Abbey Gardens, the non-profit complex on Highway 118, Haliburton's answer to Toronto Evergreen Brickworks.

Let's not forget the restaurants too.

Inspired cooking in Carnarvon, Thai in Minden, Italian in West Guilford, and brand new Korean in Haliburton are each a match for their high-end urban counterparts. And the country casual offerings at dozens of other spots retain their distinctive charms.

Beyond this naked appeal for more spending, there is another, pain-free way to boost the county.

Come more often, invite guests, don't just let the cottage sit empty for a month. (Rental agents are pros at screening tenants and making sure your treasures are safe from renters.)

The more people the merrier; it all helps drive the virtuous circle of more economic activity.

So settle in this weekend. Sorry about the bugs, but there are no surprises there. Have a splendid summer.



By Colin MacKenzie

A bridge over troubled roadways

Sometimes, as they say, these things write themselves. On the way home I was trying to determine what to write about this week and it didn't take long to figure out a worthy subject. I was travelling home Monday night and was stopped at the Head Lake Bridge which is currently in the second phase of rehabilitation. Last year they did the southbound lane and this year it's the northbound lane.

So like a patient *Highlander* I waited. And I waited. And I waited some more. Nobody moved. No one even came by as the light remained red to us. The line grew longer as more and more vehicles came to a stop behind me. "Luckily" this was mid evening so traffic really wasn't that heavy. Still it sucked to be one of the growing number of vehicles stuck at these lights.

Thing is, these lights weren't changing. None of the lights were changing. Admittedly it all seemed slightly amusing at first. The pickup truck in front of me – a construction vehicle no less – was inching forward a little bit at a time hoping to somehow catch the attention of the (non-existent) sensor to make the blasted light change. Again he popped forward a little further, a little more and still nothing happened. The light remained red.

At this point, after sitting there for at least 15 minutes (no lie, I watched the clock) with not one car rolling past us, our beloved pickup driver decided to start driving. I sensed he was going to chance it, but soon realized he was looking to turn around in a nearby driveway. At this point I started to see a line of vehicles headed our way from the other side of the bridge. That got me thinking that apparently at least one of the lights was able to turn green but, as the caravan passed by us, the truth about the lights and the bridge was revealed. Those in the vehicles headed our way stopped to report that they had had enough of waiting for the light on their side as absolutely no traffic was moving and had basically decided to go for it. Driver after driver stopped to let us know that was happening to us was also happening to them.

While I may have told this with a

touch of whimsy this situation is absolutely deplorable, disgraceful and downright dangerous.

The company working on the bridge – Carlington Construction – should be ashamed of itself for allowing this to happen. While you will no doubt hear someone eventually "explain" there had been a mechanical failure, that is still no excuse. While I wasn't a part of the event last year, I had heard reports from people driving into Haliburton that the same thing was happening in 2015 that was repeating itself here in 2016. At the time I really didn't believe it was happening or even possible. Truth is, it did and it is. A whole year and they still can't get a traffic light to work?

Again this is downright disgraceful. If the company can't even get a bloody traffic light to operate properly what does that say about the workmanship on the bridge? What if this had been midsummer and what if the drivers hadn't been so patient? What if someone from each side had simultaneously decided to go for it? While it might not be highway traffic speeds there is still lots of room for collisions and harm to drivers.

Like it or not this also doesn't reflect well on the municipality either. The bridge construction is entrusted to a company that can't even get a set of lights to operate safely.

Before I started writing this I wondered if maybe this would seem overly critical but, given the possible dire consequences (read: avoidable traffic collisions), this harsh criticism in my mind at least is fully warranted. Think of it this way: had this occurred at a different location with faster traffic and more volume, the repercussions could have, and would have, been worse.

Just because it happened on a road where the traffic volume was low given the time of day and time of year doesn't excuse how inexcusable this is. To paraphrase Ricky Ricardo, Carlington Construction, you've got explaining to do.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Editorial opinion

Concert series supports music students

Dear editor,

A slight correction is needed to Mark Arike's article *Few and Fewer deliver lots of entertainment* in the May 12 *Highlander*. He mentioned that the Haliburton Concert Series gave tickets to four scholarship students this year. In fact, a pair of tickets was given to each of 10 scholarship winners as chosen by the organizing committee of the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival. Four of these pairs were used at the *Few & Fewer* concert. We have already heard that at least three more pairs will be used at the *Michele Jacot* concert on Sept. 24.

The organizing committee for the Haliburton Concert Series was delighted to be able to provide the opportunity for local music students to experience professional classical musicians in performance, especially since such opportunities are rare in our community. This is an important part of any musician's development, and can be hugely motivating, and we are thrilled to see that the scholarship winners are using their tickets.

Elaine Bell
Haliburton Concert Series

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Jennifer Mills

ASES student Lily Sferazza takes a moment to listen to mindful relaxation at the Feed All Four family night on May 12.

Tired of horsing around?

Now, let's get one thing straight, I'm not actually talking about horses.

Definitely not, because I can't abide them.

Contrary to how many of you might feel about those gigantic beasts that sport rock-drummer haircuts, I have a distinct dislike for them.

I think it's their aloofness. Their ... 'I may trot or I may not,' kind of attitude. And the fact that they are big enough to trample me to death whenever the fancy takes them, which I kind of feel could be at any moment because they can sense that I don't like them.

I know all of this because of an incident when I was a kid, on a pony trekking day on holiday in Wales. But that's a tale for another time.

And then there are goats! They have the eyes of the devil, you know. Definitely don't like them. But I'm right off of topic now, sorry.

No, I'm talking about horsing around. You know, the rough, tough, stick-em-up, 'go on, I dare you' kind of tomfoolery that chaps get up to when they're together. The trouble is, I don't know whether I'm getting too old for it. Let me explain why.

As you may have gleaned from previous

columns, my day job as a carpenter has me working along side a bunch of good ol' Haliburton boys, and we tend to get up to the odd bit of foolishness. What begins as a "did you know that ..." conversation, soon turns into a "I bet you five bucks it ain't, or you can't ..." and that's when things start to degenerate.

It was like that last Thursday. Somehow, two of the guys got into a spat about which way you turn the handlebars on a bike, or motorbike, to go around a corner. I know, right! The answer was easy as far as I was concerned, but one fellow insisted that if taking a corner at speed on any two-wheeled vehicle you must turn the handlebars the opposite way – counter-steer - to counteract the lean of the machine into the corner. The other guy disagreed and that's where I came into the conversation, slap bang mid-stroke and far too gung-ho.

Now, I'm, how shall I put it? Middle aged. That is if I live to reach a ripe old age of just north of 90 years. And, being of this vintage I guess I should have steered into the corner, and, well clear of this argument but, being me, I jumped right on in.

Within five minutes of joining the fray,

I'd bet the first guy five bucks that you don't counter-steer on a push bike, and I'd volunteered to bring in a bike the next day to prove it. Bad move, great horseplay!

The next afternoon following work, with a beer inside me to bolster my resolve, I pedalled the bike up the hill beside the workshop. I was confident of my bet. Perhaps a little overconfident.

I turned at the top of the hill and free-wheeled down, gaining speed, quickly. I'd reached quite a clip as I banked the bike and turned into the driveway of the workshop, definitely not counter-steering.

The front wheel gripped the gravel strong and true, and carried me around the bend totally proving my point. The rear wheel didn't fare so well, however, and, as I sped triumphantly into the workshop parking lot it kicked outwards and the bike slid sharply away from me.

I continued in the desired direction. However, now my knees and elbows were traversing the rough granite gravel where bike tires should have been and my skin wasn't proving as resilient as I'd have liked. I came to a rather abrupt stop, my chin inches away from making a fifth point of bodily contact with the stones.

After the laughing stopped and I'd

been handed a pain medicating beverage

I assessed my injuries. Nothing broken, apart from my pride and the end of a rubber handlebar grip but plenty of gravel rash to both elbows and some severely scuffed knees in my best work pants.

I won my five bucks though and the bleeding stopped eventually.

The thing is, the next morning my five minutes of Friday afternoon horseplay had me feeling like I'd been trampled by a real horse (one of the many whom I've mistrusted in the past, I'm sure) and I began to wonder whether I am getting too old for this kind of rough and tumble? Should I be taking it a little more easy, letting the young bucks vye for the title of biggest dink in the pack?

The jury is still out on that question, as I'm still a bit tender from my bicycle crash and my lovely wife has me under house arrest. But, I bet you five bucks that against all sensible advice, I'll be back at the horseplay when I'm healed and feeling half my middle age once again.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What are you looking forward to the most this summer?



Lincoln Aleksander
Minden

Swimming at the beach with my friends.



Lilli Ramsdale
Haliburton

Going camping with my cousins.



Violet Humphries
Carnarvon

Exploring the forest.



Sonya Flatman
Haliburton

Work at a summer camp and work with children.



Zakery Reid
Haliburton

Working. I'm excited to continue on my glass blowing career.

Photos and interviews by Anabelle Craig

County in brief

Highland Yard ready for its 45th year

It started with two men racing each other from Camp Onandaga to the Rockcliffe Tavern in Minden 45 years ago.

Now, it's an annual event put on by Places for People which draws hundreds of people and raises thousands of dollars every year.

Organizers of the 2016 Highland Yard Jack Russel, Fay Martin and John Rogers showed up at Minden Hills council last Thursday to ask council for a \$1,000 grant.

The money would cover the expenses for an OPP presence and four portable washrooms.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said he personally supports the event but a final decision from council regarding the grant would come at a later time.

The Highland Yard is an annual run that raises money for affordable housing.

The event raised over \$12,000 last year. Councillor Pam Sayne described Places for People's housing model as "unique." "I've had the opportunity to work with volunteers on your projects," Sayne told Russel.

Residents can register for the 2016 Highland Yard and find more information about the race at highlandyard.ca. (Alex Coop)

Handlen trial progressing slowly

An accused child killer who once lived in Minden will make his next court appearance on Sept. 12 for a voir dire.

"That's a hearing within a hearing," a representative for the court told *The Highlander*. "It's probably going to be to determine admissibility over certain evidence."

Garry Taylor Handlen, who was 67 at the time of his arrest in November, 2014, was charged with first-degree murder

in the deaths of Monica Jack, 12, and Kathryn-Mary Herbert, 11. Herbert's body was found two months after she vanished while Jack's took 17 years to locate.

Handlen was in court for a pre-trial conference on Monday. The trial has not yet started. A publication ban has been imposed on the evidence in the case which prohibits the publication of details about the evidence presented against Handlen, representation made and the reasons given for denying bail.

The ban will remain in effect until the trial has ended. (Mark Arike)

Subway finds new Haliburton home

Haliburton's Subway restaurant, long a favourite for high schoolers and construction workers, is moving to a new home this summer.

The downtown fixture near the corner of Maple and Highland will relocate to

the Henwood's Variety at 117 Highland Ave. at the end of July.

The new location will be larger and feature a more modern open concept, according to owner Peter Shah, who has run the franchise for the past decade.

He currently employs 10 staff and is getting ready for the summertime seasonal boost of a couple more part-timers, he said in an interview.

The Haliburton location is one of 13 he operates in Ontario and it and his Minden store are among his busiest.

He was to sign his lease last week, and takes possession of the new location on July 21. Workers have already gutted the remains of the dollar store that was the last tenant.

Plans are to move in time for the Civic Holiday long weekend.

There is no word yet about plans for the current store, which shares a building with the Home Hardware. (Colin MacKenzie)



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From left, Rachael Reddering, teacher Paul Longo and Vivian Collings hold fundraiser jars.

Church rectory will be family's new home

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"We didn't expect to get a family so quickly, and when we found they were bringing several kids as well, it got us even more excited."

HHSS teacher Paul Longo recently stepped in to oversee the club after the former supervisor, Jennifer Patton, was hospitalized after a car accident.

He said the entire school is behind this year's initiative.

"These kids are so smart and focused, it was really easy for me to slide into this role," Longo said. "They're really stepping up to help these three or four kids who are going to be starting school next year."

The family will live at the St. George's Anglican Church rectory, located beside the church.

Usually home to the minister, the rectory is available because Rev. Anne Moore is living in her own house. The

church has held the building since November, knowing it could accommodate a large family.

Now that a family arrival has been confirmed, the push to finish minor repairs to the house is on.

Barker said the Syrian parents are expected to learn English during their first year, which will help them obtain jobs.

Additional support in the form of transportation and the purchase of household items and clothing will be provided by the committee with the funds raised so far.

A training session led by AURA will be held in Haliburton in the coming weeks, McBride said.

"We want to give [the committee] all the tools they need to handle certain situations," he said. "Sometimes, people are escaping very personalized terror and there are specific ways to approach those situations."

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Blazes in Algonquin Highlands keep firefighters busy

Brush fire spreads to nearly 7 hectares

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A 6.7-hectare brush fire was just one of the blazes firefighters had to deal with this weekend in Algonquin Highlands.

It began Thursday around noon at a water-access only property near Raven Lake before it spread to nearby trees, said Algonquin Highlands fire Chief Mike Cavanagh.

It took the entire weekend to control the blaze until it was finally put out Tuesday afternoon by firefighters from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

No injuries were reported.

Cavanagh and his department tried to tackle the fire at the source on Thursday before MNRF firefighters took over.

"We cleared out on Thursday and the MNRF has been looking after it since then," Cavanagh said Tuesday morning.

But it wasn't long before Cavanagh was called to another fire just after 12:30 p.m. the next day, this time at a cottage on Heron Landing Road.

The home was fully engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived.

"We received some mutual aid from the Minden fire department," Cavanagh said, adding the estimated damage is around \$490,000.

"We had it under control within an hour."

The cause of the fire is undetermined.

Taming a forest fire and a house fire require different strategies, Cavanagh said. "A house fire doesn't move on you like a forest fire does," he explained.

The province is well above last year's total hectares burned. At this time in 2015, there were 140 fires started burning 535 hectares across the province, said Shane McCool, a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry fire information officer for northeastern Ontario.

This year, that number has ballooned to 65,000 hectares burned and 123 fires started.

"One thing to keep in mind though, a lot of these hectares are represented by two larger fires that are in the north-west region right now by the Manitoba border," he said.

To date, the 10-year average for fires started and hectares burned to this point in the year is 155 and 4,307, respectively.

The forest fire season in Ontario runs from April 1 to Oct. 31, and though wildlife is always at risk during a blaze, McCool said animals have been able to adjust and are often able to smell a fire before it starts.

"They'll typically be long-gone by the time the fire reaches their habitat," he said.

Dry weather conditions contribute to fire season, McCool said, but human activity is a big factor as well.

Residents burning debris in their backyard, or not extinguishing fires correctly, can lead



Photo submitted by Tim Johnston

Firefighters battle a blaze at a cottage just off Heron Landing road.

to disaster.

The latest brush fire in Algonquin Highlands was caused by human activity, but McCool wouldn't provide additional details. He said MNRF's Twitter account,

@ONforestfires, is a good place for people to stay up to date about fire conditions. Residents can also visit ontario.ca/law-and-safety/forest-fires for more information.

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Highlander news

High school teachers display frustration at rally

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's a waiting game for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the local district of the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation (OSSTF).

Last month, the board filed an application with the Ontario Labour Relations Board to seek a decision on whether the union's demands are a legal negotiating position. The labour board held two days of hearings before the OLRB on April 21 and May 5, but has not issued its ruling.

"There was two days of legal arguments made and now it's in the hands of the vice-chair and we're awaiting his decision," said Colin Matthew, president of OSSTF District 15.

He is hoping for a positive outcome. "We're very interested in returning to local bargaining. We're very interested in a solution that sees business as usual," he said.

District 15 has been without a local agreement for 20 months. A central agreement was successfully negotiated last August. Of the more than 30 districts, only three are without a local agreement. The other two are Toronto and Rainy River.

The school board says the union has instructed high school teachers across the board to boycott traditional activities related to choosing scholarship and award winners, as well as preparing and participating in graduation ceremonies.

Matthew, however, says the board has



Photo submitted by OSSTF

About 200 high school teachers show their support for the union during a rally in Minden.

issued "inflammatory and misleading statements" to parents and the media.

"Our members remain fully committed to student learning and to a dynamic student experience. We have taken no action that jeopardizes credits or potential post-secondary admissions, or which impact student participation in clubs or sports," he

said.

About 200 high school teachers attended a rally at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden on May 10. Many carried OSSTF flags and held signs that read "On Legal Strike."

"On one hand it was upbeat because it's nice to connect with colleagues," recalled

Matthew. "But in reality, the mood was one of frustration because this has gone on too long."

The OLRB is an independent, quasi-judicial tribunal mandated to mediate and adjudicate a variety of employment and labour relations-related matters under a number of Ontario statutes.

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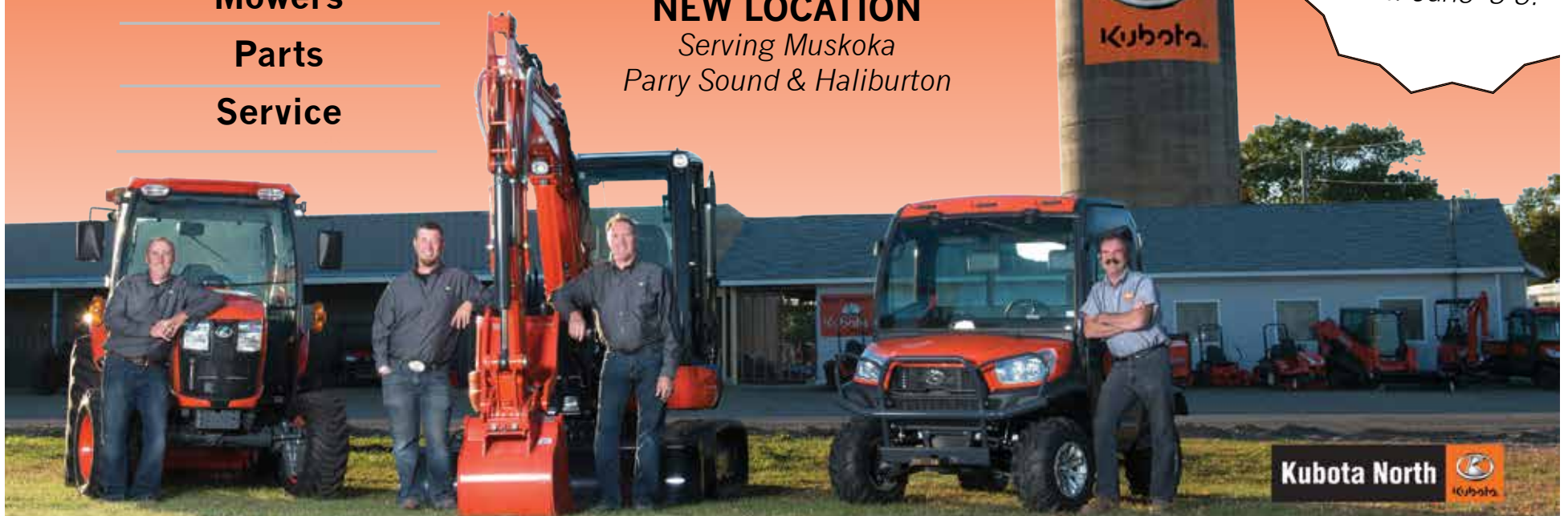
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Highlander news

OPP direct traffic after bridge lights malfunction

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Motorists weren't sure what to do when they discovered both sets of traffic lights on either side of Head Lake bridge were stuck on red last week.

But communication between drivers and assistance from police prevented any accidents.

The lights, located at the construction site about two kilometres north of the Village of Haliburton, brought traffic to a standstill on the evening of May 10. When people on one side of the bridge realized there was a problem, they flashed their high beams as they crept along the only open lane of County Road 21.

In many cases, the first driver in line informed people on the other side that there was a problem.

An overheated controller system was to blame, according to Craig Douglas, director of public works for the County of Haliburton.

"The light manufacturer was up to Haliburton and made some changes to the system," said Douglas. "No problems since Tuesday."

The lights run on a timer and are powered by a solar-charging battery.

This is the second phase of construction to repair the 53-year-old bridge. The \$1.65 million project started last September.

Douglas wasn't sure how long it took for the lights to be repaired, but said once the



Photo Alex Coop

Traffic wasn't sure what to do when both sets of traffic lights on either side of Head Lake bridge were stuck on red last week.

contractor is contacted after-hours it will take them about five minutes to arrive.

Haliburton Highlands OPP received a call from the public just shortly after 9 p.m. that evening, said OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee.

"There were several calls made after the initial call for the same complaint," said Dauphinee.

Police notified the contractor and officers arrived to conduct traffic control until the lights were working properly.

Although some motorists took matters in

their own hands last week, they are asked to obey the lights at all times.

"The lights are a solid red. Motorists are not to proceed," said Douglas.

For future issues, the public is encouraged to call the public works number at 705-286-1762. The number is posted on two signs, both of which are more than a kilometre away from the construction site.

The contractor will be notified and will "fix the situation 24/7," said Douglas.

During the first phase of construction, there were problems with the rate at which

the lights changed colours. They changed too slowly when there was low traffic volume, but it was the opposite during high volume.

"The county is very appreciative of the public's patience with the one-lane situation. We are aware that the up-coming long weekend will be a further test of patience. Signal timing will be monitored closely," he said. The construction is expected to be finished toward the end of next month.

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Highlander news

County library continues to grow

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

It's another quiet afternoon at the Haliburton County Public Library's Dysart Branch, but in the middle of the hushed bookish atmosphere Victoria Fraser is hard at work, chipping away at a long line of customers.

"It's funny, some people still go, 'oh the library is dying, and who goes there anymore?'" "But the truth is this place is busy," Fraser says as she takes a short break.

Every available computer is occupied. A pair of children talk excitedly about a book nearby.

Others are on their laptops replying to emails, writing or surfing the web.

This is a normal day, says Fraser, and it's only going to get busier as the summer draws closer.

And that has been the trend across the system, according to the library's annual report, which was released last week.

Circulation was up overall, by almost 13,000 items in 2015, a nine per cent increase.

The Dysart branch continues to have the highest circulation among all eight branches in 2015, with a total of 20,070 items loaned. And more than 6,000 county residents have a library card, about a third of the population.

Branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning holds up some of the library's items.



Photo by Alex Coop

Branch services librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning holds up some of the library's items.

Berning is unsurprised.

"When I first started three years ago, we were in a period of growth," Berning said. "And since then, everything keeps going up."

The annual influx of new items, which range from books, audiobooks and movies, have been put to good use.

Kernohan-Berning points to a pile of graphic novels next to the window. It's a collection that's been growing quickly over the past year, and includes various Marvel and manga titles (comics created in Japan).

"They're becoming a lot more popular among all our readers," she says. "They

can also be a great entry point for kids when it comes to reading."

But the library isn't just about reading anymore, she adds.

People park their cars next to the building to access the Wi-Fi after hours. It's not password protected, explains Kernohan-Berning.

More than 10,000 people accessed the Internet using one of the library's public access computers.

That's over half the population of Haliburton County.

"Even if you can afford [high-speed], you might not be able to get it," she says.

North Frontenac Telephone Company's plan to bring fibre connection to Haliburton (and Minden and Bancroft), a proposal that was made to the county in March, would be a huge benefit to the library during the summer when the traffic nearly triples, says Kernohan-Berning.

She compares the increased Internet usage in the summer to Glamorgan Road packed with thousands of cottagers.

"It gets crazy," she laughs.

Some visitors visit the library to print or scan documents, while others come in regularly to sign out DVDs and audiobooks.

Fraser, who has worked at the library for 17 years, says people are beginning to understand the library is a community hub.

"It's also great for seniors who are alone, because it gives them an opportunity to go somewhere each day where they can feel welcome."

Kernohan-Berning agrees, and says visitors don't have to read a book or access the library's resources during each visit.

"Books are still popular, but there's more of a focus on how we use this building and the programs that we run," she says, referring to the over 280 programs and events the library organized in 2015.

"People also come here during the winter to stay warm, and during the summer they can drop by to cool off."

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Opening night at new Korean restaurant

Haliburton's newest addition to the main street is serving up some Korean flavour. Hankook E Korean Cuisine opened its doors to the public on Wednesday. It's the second venture of Andy Oh and Sunny Park, who also own Maple Avenue Tap & Grill. Above: Chris Kim puts some ribs on a portable barbecue during an invite-only event on Monday.



File photo

A mechanical room at the Wilberforce Curling Club will house a new compressor in about four weeks.

Few bids for curling club upgrades

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Only one bid came in for the construction of a mechanical room that will house the Wilberforce Curling Club's new compressor.

Highlands East council awarded the job to Highland Creek Builders in Wilberforce for \$33,000.

"I would like to move forward with this, starting tomorrow," property supervisor Jim Alden told council on May 9.

The 16-by-20-foot structure will be an addition to the club's main building, located downtown off Essonville Line.

The tender was advertised for two weeks in local newspapers, on the municipality's website and Facebook page. It wasn't advertised beyond that.

The structure, along with the compressor, is being paid for with funds from a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant the club received late last year.

Asked about the lack of response, Alden said many contractors are busy at this time of year with cottages and other projects. The municipality's policy is to advertise tenders in local papers and the website, he said.

Last month Alden contacted two companies on his own accord after the tender closed for the installation of a new concrete floor at the club. There weren't any bids.

Construction on the mechanical room should take four weeks to finish. The compressor is expected to arrive the second week of June.

This past December, the club's executive cancelled the second half of the season because of a major breakdown in the cooling system. With the help of the municipality and fundraising, they plan to be up and running by the fall.

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Highlander health

Healthcare referendum gives locals a say

By Jennifer Hughey
Contributing writer

In just over a week, Haliburton County can have a say when it comes to saving local hospitals.

The Ontario Healthcare Coalition (OHC) announced plans for a grassroots protest in late April and have organized a volunteer-led referendum for May 28.

The organization's mandate is to protect rights to healthcare for citizens of the province and it is asking local businesses to host voting stations outside their stores allowing the community the opportunity to vote yes or no to the following statement: Ontario's government must stop the cuts to our community hospitals and restore services, funding and staff to meet our communities' needs for care.

OHC executive director Natalie Mehra said hospital cuts over the past nine years mean that the only other places in the world with fewer beds and nurses than Ontario are Mexico and Chile.

"Hospitals are overcrowded with very high readmission rates," Mehra told *The Highlander* in an interview. "Ontario has the fewest hospital beds per person in Canada and the least amount of nursing care per patient available."

Mehra said budget cuts can affect hospitals like Haliburton and Minden because they create endless pressure to centralize services to the cities, forcing residents to drive further.

"We have already seen that with the

integrated health services plan for the Central East Local Health Integration Network, with services centralized into Scarborough," she said, "and Minden, which has already lost a lot of services over the years."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) interim president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said she and the board are aware of the referendum and that they are looking forward to hearing the results.

"I would like to take this opportunity to say that there are no plans to close any HHHS facilities," said Plummer in an email. "In fact, we are exploring ways to further our journey towards becoming a rural health hub ... to enable our community to receive comprehensive healthcare close to home."

Former HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said last year that "having two sites with

two uneconomical long-term care homes, two uneconomical emergency departments, and very small in-patient units can't be

sustained as is."

But Mehra said transforming Minden into a long-term care facility would be "nowhere near" the same level of service and, further, would not be based on need but only more budget cutting.

"We are trying to save local services and local hospitals from being cut," she said. "While it's Minden today, there is no question it could be Haliburton tomorrow."

However, Plummer says the HHHS budget and services have actually been growing over the

last few years.

"The government of Ontario is increasing global funding for hospitals by one per cent

Hospitals are overcrowded with very high readmission rates.

Natalie Mehra
OHC executive

Hospital Beds Per 1000 (population) By Province 2013-14	
Newfoundland & Labrador	4.6
New Brunswick	3.8
Saskatchewan	3.6
Nova Scotia	3.4
Manitoba	3.3
PEI	3.3
British Columbia	3
Alberta	2.8
Ontario	2.3
Average other provinces	3.5

in 2016/17," Plummer said. "The Central East Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care recognize the vital role HHHS plays in providing healthcare and services to the residents of Haliburton County."

Plummer said these funds represent increases to base funding, as well as one-time funds to allow the enhancement and expansion of services.

The goal of the referendum is put pressure on Queen's Park.

"We are calling a volunteer-led referendum to try to make the public's overwhelming opposition to the cuts to their local community hospitals so visible, so impossible to ignore, that the Ontario government is forced, finally, to listen," Mehra said.

"We know that if we can pull off a huge vote, that the provincial government can not ignore it."

The OHC represents more than 400 member organizations and a network of Local Health Coalitions and individual members. Some members include seniors' groups, patient organizations, unions, and nurses and health professionals' organizations, to name a few.

They are still looking for volunteers in Haliburton County to drop leaflets off around their neighbourhoods and communities, and asking for volunteers to help staff voting stations.

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Chaulk owner says culture of respect key to business success



Left: Jill Lauterbach joined Chaulk Woodworking in April. Right: Tamara Nesbitt will complete her high school equivalency certificate this year.



With skilled tradespeople often hard to find in the Highlands, there's one question Trevor Chaulk is getting a lot these days: how do you find and keep employees?

The answer, he says, comes down to one word: respect.

"The most important factors for employees are stability and decent pay. We provide that, by deliberately organizing our business for year-round activity and by ensuring our wages are at or above the national scale," says Chaulk.

There's more to an environment of respect, of course. The fast-growing company has deliberately built an open, progressive culture. A clue to Chaulk's HR strategy is in his answer to what makes him proudest: watching two of his employees buy homes recently.

"We spend more time together than we do with our families. If millennials need their social media and it doesn't interfere with their work, that's fine. We can deal with someone's family obligations; we actively support our employees' personal goals like volunteering in the community. Every single person here has a purpose. They know they're valuable as individuals and team members."

Some may see that kind of ambition and passion as having the potential to create a high pressure environment, but Chaulk's employees don't see it that way. Twenty-four year-old Tamara Nesbitt, into her second year at the company, is a good example of why.

When she applied to Chaulk, Nesbitt had no college or high school diploma. Her welding experience wasn't of much use in cabinet-making either, but there was a spark of enthusiasm – a

potential even she didn't know was there.

"I've learned something new every day here," says Nesbitt. "I didn't know I had these abilities before I started this job." Starting in assembly, Nesbitt has now learned nearly every step in the process, including design.

And how does that feel as an employee? "It means, no matter what anyone says, you can do anything you want if you try hard enough," Nesbitt states confidently. "They want to see the best in me and I feel 100% supported. They want me to succeed."

Jill Lauterbach, the company's newest employee, has similar views. "Being part of the process means a lot more than just getting a paycheck. The atmosphere is close and we're all on the same wavelength; we can resolve conflicts quickly because we're open with each other."

And, says Lauterbach, "working for a company that encourages us to grow and succeed makes us feel part of the growth happening here. I can see there's a future."

Chaulk admits that not everyone can adapt. "We're flexible, but they have to buy in." Fortunately, most employees quickly rise to the challenge.

"Listen," says Chaulk, "we wouldn't be here without our employees. They're as important as I am in building our company so when they tell me I'm wrong – and they do – I respect that. That's teamwork."

"We're not just building cabinets here. We're building a company. We're building families and community. Everyone has an important role in those objectives."

Hiring & Managing A Winning Philosophy

- When hiring, character and attitude are often more important than experience and skills. People can usually be taught; rarely can they be changed.
- Share your big picture goals with your team, invite their input and take it seriously, and they'll take them on as their own.
- Supporting your employees' personal and professional development generates loyalty and motivation.
- Flexible hours and rules help employees integrate their jobs with their lives and lead to greater commitment.
- Many people have skills and talents they don't even know they have. Helping employees to explore their abilities builds their confidence and commitment.
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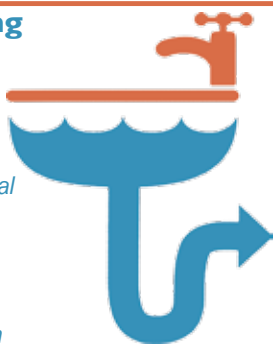
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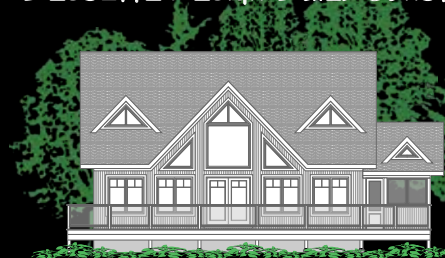
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How we got here

Most of us who live in the county have come from somewhere else and collectively we've all contributed to the cultural fabric of the area. The following is a précis of my own family's reasons for coming here, and some of the contributions of my mom and dad.

Jean and Stanley Farrell, with young George in tow, came to Canada in 1955, as part of a planned round-the-world cruise. Dad was quite the lad at the racetracks and at the snooker tables in the Midlands of England. He'd had a lucky run and his earnings were enough to take us on a lengthy trip. Unfortunately shortly after our arrival in Toronto I proceeded to step on a rusty nail while looking for snakes in a vacant lot near High Park, and I contracted osteomyelitis, an infection of the bone.

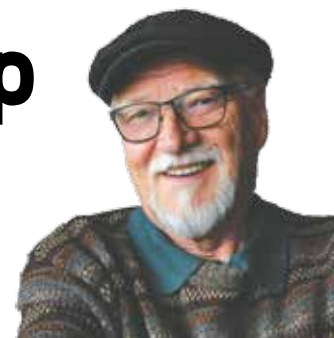
It was serious stuff in '55. There was talk of amputation of my foot, but constant injections of penicillin eventually restored me to health. As we were not then Canadian citizens dad's winnings were quickly gone in paying for my lengthy stay in Sick Kid's hospital, so mom and dad both had to find work quickly. To compress the following years Dad formed a business as a painting contractor, while mom worked as a slimming beautician with an American outfit called Slenderella.

After getting back on their feet financially they discovered that they'd fallen in love with Canada. They became citizens, and after looking around for a good place to settle down we all moved to Don Mills, Canada's first planned subdivision. That was the location of the family home until, sometime in the 1970's, Mom and Dad moved to their cottage on the Drag River in Gelert. But, to back up a bit, one of dad's paint suppliers in Toronto was Bill Douglas, who had roots in the Highlands.

Douglas, who has since passed away, had a cottage on the Drag and he invited my folks up to one of his famous weekend parties. While fishing dad caught a huge bass, so right then and there he decided that the Highlands was the place for him and mom. Surprisingly the glamorous Jean concurred. They quickly put up a cottage, and for years they'd come up from Toronto on weekends to party, and to admire the tranquility of the natural surroundings.

During this time I'd left our Don Mills home to move to downtown Toronto where I became a hippie, attended classes at Ryerson, and became addicted to blues music. But I had always loved nature and I spent many a lovely weekend at the cottage with mom and dad. Eventually

What's Up

**By George Farrell**

they retired to the cottage where they were quite happy until dad got a bit antsy and wanted to go back to work.

I was working as a set dresser and property master in the film business at the time. Toronto film crews desperately needed painters and scenic artists. Dad, as well as being a house painter, was also skilled at faux finishes such as graining and marbleizing. I asked him whether he'd like to become part of the film world. He jumped at the opportunity and the union snapped him up immediately. He made enough money in the subsequent years to make his second retirement more pleasurable, and I made enough to build our own cottage in Gelert. Michelle and I moved up in 1987 and our two boys grew up here.

Fast forward to the present.

It finds mom and dad relocated from the Drag River to a bungalow on the Gull in Minden. Mom is 90 now and dad 93. Dad is still a raconteur and many of his stories are about the war years, his life as a gambler and his days with the painting crews on the movies. Mom spends her time reading, exercising (she refuses to use her walker), and puttering in the garden on sunny days. They both have had full lives and they share memories with each other and with me on occasion.

Mom was quite active in the nascent arts scene when they first moved up, and until recently was a member of the spinners and weavers group. She wove some truly lovely scarves and shawls which people covet to this day. At one time she was a member of both the Rails End and the Agnes Jamieson galleries. She exhibited there and at the Ethel Curry gallery as well. Dad's contributions were more behind the scenes, but for years he donated his painting skills to theatre groups in Haliburton. Today their social activities are confined to the occasional meal at the Minden branch of the Legion, where they've been members for many years.

When I go to see them now there are more poignant moments than ever before. I listen to them reminisce about their youth in England, and their stories about their lives and friends in the Highlands. And I smile inside when I think that it was a rusty nail and a great big fish that brought me here.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

2. *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo
Lloyd (Picture Book)

3. *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Chris Cleave

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Joy* (DVD)

2. *For The Glory: Eric Liddell's Journey from Olympic Champion to Modern Martyr* by Duncan Hamilton (Book on CD)

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Highland Knits: Knitwear Inspired by the Outlander Series* by Interweave editors

2. *Fifty Places to Camp Before You Die* by Chris Santella

3. *The New Milks: 100-Plus Dairy-Free Recipes for Making and Cooking with Soy, Nut, Seed, Grain, and Coconut Milks* by Dina Cheney

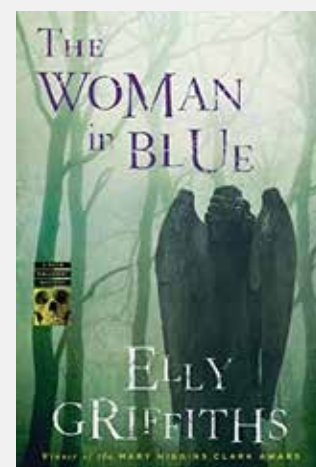
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HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Theodore Boone: The Scandal* by John Grisham (JF)

2. *Finding Wild* by Megan Wagner



HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Woman in Blue* by Elly Griffiths

Highlander arts



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Dancing the night away

The Haliburton Dance Academy's 20th Anniversary dance showcase at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion drew a large crowd.

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Highlander life

Malcolm MacLean laughed often, loved much

By Colin MacKenzie

Acting Editor

When Malcolm MacLean saw a need he was the first in line to help.

Crawling under a sound board at CANOE FM to fix a wire, catering events at the Minden Legion, teaching kids about paddling, serving as a charity auctioneer, his was a life of nonstop good-humoured activity.

That life came to an end last week as the 65-year-old succumbed to esophageal cancer.

The former teacher and principal leaves a broad legacy in Haliburton County.

President of Canoe FM, former president of the Minden Legion, a Rotarian and all-round volunteer, MacLean was a highly visible member of the community with his bushy beard and pony tail. And his prominence was heightened by his weekly radio show.

"When he saw something needed doing he would dabble at it and then if he could help he'd jump in with both feet," said John Neving, a brother-in-law and friend for 19 years.

MacLean was a welcome addition to every organization.

"He certainly earned my respect in a hurry," said Roger Dart, the radio station treasurer who joined the board 18 months ago. "He was the leader and a very good one."

MacLean was born in Glasgow in 1950 to Len and Nan MacLean. The family emigrated to Toronto in 1953 and MacLean grew up in East York and Scarborough.

After attending the University of Guelph and getting his teaching certificate he joined the Scarborough Board of Education.

Along the way he spent three years on secondment to the main Canadian Forces base in Germany where he taught and spent his spare time touring Europe with his family in his beloved Volkswagen van.

After his return, he served as the director of the Scarborough board's outdoor learning



File photo

Malcolm MacLean (middle) with his wife Lee, receives a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from MP Barry Devolin.

centre in Kearney, on the west edge of Algonquin Park.

Back in the city he served as a principal until his retirement.

By that time he had married Lee, his wife and constant companion in his volunteer activities.

MacLean's brother Gordon had a cottage on Kushog Lake, and Malcolm had been a frequent visitor, and the couple bought a cottage on Big Brother Lake, a secluded spot north of Hall's Lake. And this became their base when they retired.

One of MacLean's first projects was the Minden Legion, where he helped recruit new members, oversaw renovations, often pitching in to build display cases himself.

He initiated and acted as chef for the Legion's popular Friday night fish fries.

So it was more than appropriate that his memorial service last Saturday, which drew more than 100 people, was staged there.

For the last seven years MacLean's focus was Canoe FM, first on-air and then as a board member and president. He had an appetite for technology and was always on the lookout for new broadcast and sound equipment along with the grant money to pay for it.

The human touch, however, is what station staff and volunteers were the first to mention in conversations this week. He was a gentle coach to new volunteers, and a wise voice around the boardroom table.

"Such a gentleman, warm, funny and smart," said station manager Roxanne Casey.

He was all of those things said Gord

MacLean this week.

But not beyond offering a bit of brotherly fashion advice back in the hippie era, Gord recalled at the service last weekend.

Malcolm adopted the styles of the times, wore the ponytail and even made his own belts and other leather goods. An admiring Gord tried to follow suit, but his brother warned him off.

"Sorry Gord, but you just look like a rich kid slumming it," he said.

"That ended my hippie days," Gord told the crowd.

Beyond his brother, and sister Marian, MacLean is survived by his son Shawn, and former wives Bernadine and Heather.

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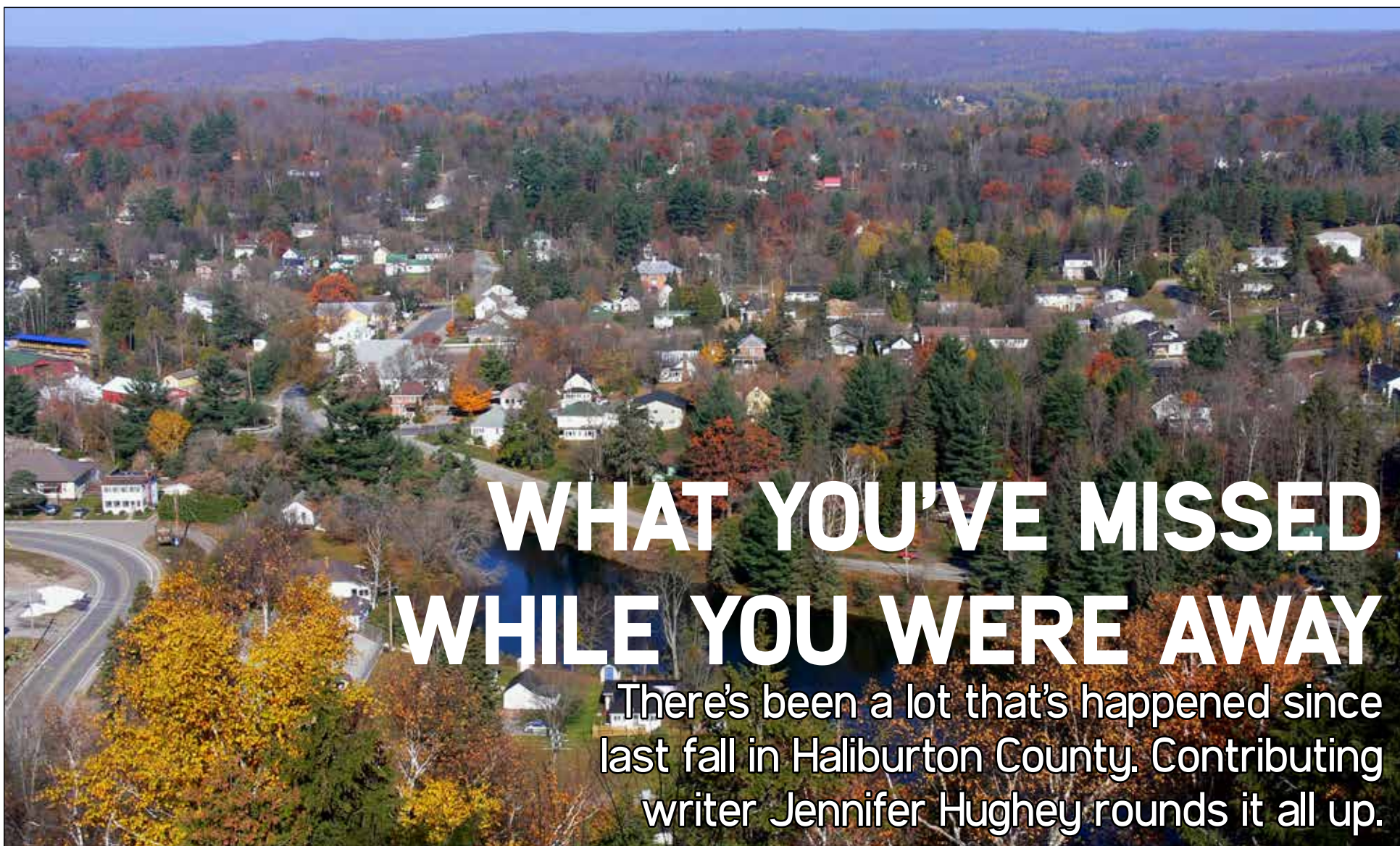
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The provincial and federal governments announced some major funding for infrastructure and Haliburton County will most definitely see some benefits. A \$17 million portion of a \$285 million investment in the Trent-Severn Waterway is already sliced and diced, some being used to repair the Kennis Lake dam *see thehighlander.ca* and to rehabilitate Head Lake bridge in Haliburton, which is down to one lane until the end of June.

More than \$1 million has also been set aside for newer technology to monitor water levels, and it couldn't come at a better time. Minden Hills saw the Gull River watershed reach and surpass capacity again this year. The continual increase of outflow on Horseshoe Lake caused water levels to increase and remain high for the better part of March and April.

The funding will also be influential in counteracting the Ontario Provincial Police service increases that each municipality faces under the new OPP billing model. Minden Hills face a 6.2 per cent increase, while Dysart et al will see about a seven per

cent increase – or just over \$1.8 million – accounting for 14.1 per cent municipality spending.

Seniors' in-home health services received a boost from the province along with the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN). More than \$1 million will be injected into these and other health care services. The Dorset Health Hub nurse practitioner's office opened and the Bancroft Health Team secured the Wilberforce health clinic as a satellite office for nurse practitioner services in Highlands East. The new county Emergency Medical Services base opened on Highway 35 in Minden Hills.

Several area businesses, accommodators and experience providers experienced significant development. These included Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, which hired a local general manager, came under new management and announced plans for a mini plaza on an adjacent lot (and the purchase of Wigamog Inn in 2016).

The Haliburton Chamber of Commerce launched the Young Professionals Network, a thriving enterprise designed to ensure younger residents can work and live in the place they call home.

Highlands East received accolades for reaching the top spot on the Geocaching

Capital of Canada Tour within three months. YMCA Wanakita announced that its 1,000-acre activity camp on Koshlong Lake will get \$8 million for upgrades by 2018.

The Haliburton County Farmer's Market is back in the swing of things for 2016 after adding Minden to the list of locations last year. Haliburton's first market day was Tuesday in Head Lake Park, Carnarvon's will begin June 17 beside Rhubarb Restaurant and Minden on June 18 in the municipal parking lot.

Artists, athletes and business owners won too many awards to mention (skating and surfing golds among them). We enjoyed our 15 minutes of fame as cottager Kurt Browning brought his Stars on Ice crew to Minden for rehearsals and a young family hit the stage on CBC's Dragons Den. Colin and Justin of Cabin Pressure renovated a Highlands cottage (and are again in 2016) and a local glassblowing studio was invited to provide products for the luxury gifting suite at the Emmy Awards.

The county hosted the Ontario 55+ Winter Games in February and Haliburton made the top 10 list for the annual Kraft Hockeyville contest, receiving \$25,000 for upgrades to the A.J. LaRue arena.

While the majority of Canada turned red in the federal election, county voters in the county and across the riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock remained true blue as retiring Conservative MP Barry Devolin was succeeded by his former executive assistant, Jamie Schmale.

With only a few weeks left in 2015, Highlanders came together and created a formal committee to sponsor a refugee family. The Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee, with the support of the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA), began their mission to raise money in the hopes of bringing a family to Haliburton.

After six months of fundraising, the committee announced a family of 10 – two parents and eight children, ages two to 19 – who had fled Syria and are currently in Beirut, Lebanon, will be coming to Haliburton as early as this summer. *See page 1 for story.*

That's just scratching the surface, folks. There's much more news to catch up on. To read about what happened while you were away, visit thehighlander.ca and check out the archives from September until today or see the calendar on page 50 to find out more.

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File photo

Sand bags were made available by the township of Minden Hills as several sections of Minden's Riverwalk were submerged

Gull River flood brings memories of 2013

It was deja vu for Minden Hills residents this spring, with water levels reaching or exceeding record levels during the last week of March and the first part of April.

A quick onslaught of warm weather, rain and high water levels caused the Gull River watershed – connecting to the Trent-Severn Waterway – to increase to 2.5 metres. And every lake level gauge in the county was flirting with historical highs.

The Gull River watershed is made up of 17 lakes, but the river itself represents roughly 10 per cent of the total drainage area of the Trent River, according to Parks Canada.

Sand bags were made available by the township of Minden Hills as several sections of Minden's Riverwalk were submerged, and there were many road closures. The water levels in the Burnt River watershed peaked and stayed above normal for several days.

In Dysart, the roads department were also kept busy. Workers and private contractors teamed up to repair several roads that were affected by washouts.

(Jennifer Hughey, with files from Mark Arike)

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Don't let your home or cottage go up in flames

In the past year, there have been a number of devastating fires in Haliburton County. And fire conditions in the country are very dry, so extreme caution should be used when open burning, fire officials warn.

Some fires were small, but others big.

Highlands East (HE) lost the 50-year-old Harcourt Community Centre in November. It took more than 30 firefighters to put it out.

A cottage on Redstone Lake burned two weeks before Christmas, causing \$1 million damage. The fire was not suspicious and the owner had insurance.

A fire on Whispering Pine Trail in Minden Hills levelled a house and caused a propane tank explosion in the process. No one was home but the family lost its pet dog.

A barn belonging to Lorrie McCauley on Eagle Lake Road also burned to the ground in February. McCauley's tenant lost four of seven dogs.

More recently, a nearly seven-hectare fire at Raven Lake off Highway 35 in Dorset had fire crews busy and required a water bomber. Investigators say the fire was caused by a contractor who was burning during restricted hours and that charges are now pending.

To learn more about your municipality's burning regulations, visit their respective websites and to know and understand the Forest Fire Danger rating, call 1-877-847-1577.

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New regulations for docks and boathouses

In case you missed it, Ontario introduced a new application process in April for the installation of docks and single-story wet boathouses over 15-square metres.

The changes are the result of judicial ruling last summer that ordered the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF) to update the application form for the construction or placement of a dock or boathouse on shore lands.

The province defines shore lands as anything below the high-water line, so anyone planning to build a dock or boathouse floating above, resting on or physically attached to or coving more than 15-square metres of this space – will now require a permit under the Public Lands Act.

OMNRF Minister Bill Mauro said the new dock permitting requirements will remain in place for all of the 2016 season, if not longer.

County Warden and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said it will only cause headaches.

There are multiple concerns about the new rules, said Moffatt.

The MNRF is working to make the application form available online, but until then, it can be obtained upon request through local district offices. To view a list of those offices, visit ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry-regional-and-district-offices.

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Buzz, buzz, buzz

It's the weekend Canadians have all been waiting for – the May 2-4.

It cues businesses to get ready for the busy season and generally, people are happy as the sun is shining and the snow is finally – dare we say – gone.

However. However. Here come the bugs.

Did you know that there are 161 species of blackflies in Canada, but only two bite? Most come out mid-May until late June, depending on the weather. And, unhappily, this weekend will be perfect for their emergence. Temperatures in the 20s will raise water temperatures to the five-degree threshold which triggers the larvae to leave the swift-running, clean water where they live. The blackfly lifespan is only three weeks, but there a several generations a season.

Mosquitos should make their first appearance this week as well,

You can find out about insect repellent safety guidelines, at healthycanadians.gc.ca and make sure to thoroughly read the directions on your repellent. But the rule of thumb for adults is the more DEET the better. Kids, however, should avoid the chemical.

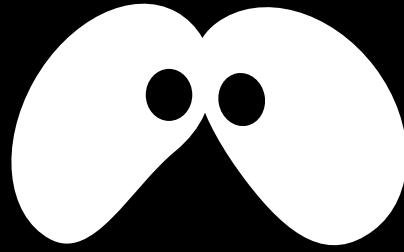
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Highlander environment

New team seeks voice in TSW management

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Two key groups have joined forces to ensure equitable, long-term water management practices for the Trent-Severn Waterway, in which Haliburton County lakes play a critical role.

The new Upper Trent Water Management Partnership was proposed by the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) to include the CEWF and the six municipalities in the Upper Trent watershed: the county's four municipalities, the municipality of Trent Lakes and the township of North Kawartha. All six have now confirmed their participation.

Operated by Parks Canada, the 386 km Trent Severn system connects Georgian Bay and Lake Ontario near Trenton. It's fed in part from the Haliburton sector of the Upper Trent watershed, which consists of 35 reservoir lakes and several flow-through lakes, rivers and creeks.

The volunteer-based CEWF was formed in 2006 to represent the interests of taxpayers who own residential shoreline properties in the Haliburton sector. The CEWF's main goal is the implementation of an equitable water management policy for the entire navigation system.

The six municipalities share that goal, but unlike their southern counterparts, they don't have conservation authorities that can engage Parks Canada in watershed and water management planning. The new partnership will work to fill that gap.

Parks staff has managed the system's water flow for more than 100 years using dams and locks, working to maintain necessary system water levels while avoiding floods or unseasonably low water levels in the watersheds. That isn't always easy as demonstrated by the 2013 Minden flood.

Carol Moffatt, the Algonquin Highlands reeve, co-chaired the working group that developed the new group's charter and operating principles. She noted the "huge, long history" of lake associations and other groups attempting to have a political say in water management in their regions.

"We are at a place where so much community has been built up around these reservoir lakes that our voices need to be heard," said Moffatt. "We have a series of communities and an economy here that just can't be ignored, and so our hope is to work with the powers that be to continue to look for better or different [water management] models" that better suit those communities."

Moffatt's co-chair was Ted Spence, CEWF chair and professor emeritus in environmental studies at York University. Spence cottages on the Mississagua River

north of Peterborough.

Spence said the CEWF believes it has had "some considerable success" in working collaboratively with Trent-Severn managers and that Parks Canada has generally done well in recent years and has a "pretty good" flood plan in place, having learned a great deal from the 2013 flood. However, the CEWF is concerned about the need for a long-range planning, especially a low-water plan to cover multi-year droughts.

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Carol Moffatt

Reeve, Algonquin Highlands

lakes such as Kennisis are at or above 30-year highs. This year the rain arrived a month early compared to 2013, and while operators have kept the Gull River right at the top of the bank since mid-March, it is still holding more flow upstream to avoid flooding.

The new partnership's primary goal is to "advance the concept of integrated water management" to ensure equitable consideration in related policies for all communities in the full watershed. The partnership will also seek a consultation process that includes Parks Canada, the four southern conservation authorities and the MNRF.

"I think it's a step in right direction," said Moffatt. "I don't think any of us are under the impression that we're going to change the world. I think our voice needs to be a little more focused and that's our intention – focus our voice to represent our specific problems."

Last year the federal government announced TSW funding of \$285 million over five years for infrastructure improvements that can greatly assist TSW staff in balancing water level requirements. However, Moffatt said change at that level is "like turning the Queen Mary – it's very, very slow, it's very incremental."

Moffatt, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey recently met with MNRF staff to request a designated local staff person as the "go-to person" for the new group. She said the ministry's new partnership-based model may mean some money could be available for select projects.

The group's council will feature one representative from each of the six municipalities and three CEWF representatives. It will be co-chaired by one municipal and one CEWF representative. The County of Haliburton will provide administrative support and management for financial matters and grants.



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New ball diamond almost complete

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Local baseball players will be able to try out Haliburton's new ball diamond at the end of this week.

The new diamond in Glebe Park has been under construction for two weeks.

"It will be useable by Thursday or Friday," said Andrew Wilbee, the new director of parks and recreation.

The only minor difficulties have been securing rental equipment and digging holes deep enough for the fence posts.

"This is Haliburton County, so you've got lots of rock," said Wilbee. "Everything else has been going through very nicely."

Last fall, Dysart council chose to move the municipal diamond to its new location. The previous diamond was located between A.J. LaRue Arena and the municipal building. Its disadvantages included poor drainage, and balls hitting parked cars and buildings.

"It's just more user-friendly," said Wilbee of the new diamond.

The outfield fence is 200 feet from home plate, which is similar to the former

diamond.

Players running the bases will be able to enjoy authentic baseball diamond sand mixture, which will "give it a better look and play."

The project costs \$7,000. A few municipal staff, including Wilbee, have been carrying out the work.

"We've talked about it for probably five years now," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "We're really tight in the existing site and every year the use has gone down."

The fate of the old site is yet to be determined. But council doesn't want to simply turn it into a paved parking lot, said Fearrey.

"We want to do some creative things with it," he said, adding it could offer some green space and activities such as shuffleboard.

The old site had lights, but that's not part of the plans for the new location. It's too costly to install and power, said Fearrey.

"It's not only cost, but it's about use. It's thousands of dollars in hydro."

The municipality's other ball diamonds are located in West Guilford and Harcourt.

Above left: From left, Ryan Akey, Ritchie Lyddiatt and Andrew Wilbee work on finishing the new ball diamond. Above: Ryan Akey digs around the fence posts.

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Highlander outdoors

Forest research produces broad results

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Many people might not know it, but the Haliburton Forest isn't just a tourism destination; it's a hub of activity for researchers doing some very important work.

Several recent university graduates and forest staff opened up about their discoveries and ongoing projects during the 17th annual Celebration of Research last weekend.

"Scientific research, especially in the forestry sector, has a reputation for being a little bit cerebral and potentially useless," Malcolm Cockwell, general manager and PhD candidate, told those in attendance.

Foresters often feel that in order to get their most pressing questions answered they need to spend money for further research, he explained.

"A lot of practicing foresters have an attitude that research is just this scientific stuff that happens and from time to time a good recommendation is made. But there doesn't necessarily need to be a very close relationship."

However, the management at Haliburton Forest embraces research and incorporates the findings in their business practice. For many years, graduates from institutions such as the University of Toronto have been coming to the forest, the 90,000-acre, privately-owned property complete with lakes, rivers and streams.

"All of these research partnerships have resulted in boots on the ground work in which data has been collected, and often, recommendations have been made," he said.

"Researchers can give us advice to make sure we're being sustainable about it."

The forest itself is the property's key asset and researchers have undertaken studies on stand structures and utilized computer modelling to determine the optimal structure for forest growth in the area.

In another study, German researchers from the University of Freiburg came to the conclusion that trees with fully released crowns are more likely to grow and prosper during droughts, and throughout the entire year, said Cockwell.

"We now implement the silviculture regime that they more or less invented on a somewhat wide scale." Silviculture is the branch of forestry concerned with the growing and cultivation of trees.

This winter, the forest harvested about 100 acres with this method. A section of the property, known as the Blue Heron Demonstration Forest, is used to compare numerous harvesting methods within a single managed forest.

"We're doing all this to try to answer the basic question of 'should we cut this tree?'" said staff member Thomas McCay.

"What we're discovering is we still have a huge amount to learn in hardwood forestry in central Ontario."



Photo by Mark Arike

Courtney Jackson, a Fleming College graduate and staff member, talks about in-house silvicultural research projects.

This project will hopefully give the forest and future foresters more confidence and data to work with, he said.

Another significant project could help control the population of beech trees, which are currently being infected by beech bark disease. A total of 850 trees—half of which are shagbark hickories and the other half red oaks—were planted last week.

"We're hopefully going to get some

actionable results soon," said McCay, explaining the idea is to create species diversity.

The disease is caused by a scale insect that bores through the bark, creating an opportunity for fungus to suffocate the tree.

Some of the other topics presented at the symposium included biochar, small mammal coexistence, and ice and snow formation in central Ontario.

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New vendors Susan Winch and Tom Brien are excited about this year's farmer's market season. Right: a pile of meat at the D&D Meats booth.

Haliburton farmers market opens

By Colin MacKenzie
Acting Editor

Farmer's market season started rolling this week as vendors set up in Haliburton's Head Lake Park.

More than 570 people strolled past vendors on a breezy afternoon, a good start, said Marla Force, market manager of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market.

Business was brisk around lunchtime, especially for the food vendors among the 25 stands that were open.

The only greenery so far was a selection of early-season herb and vegetable

seedlings, but that will change.

The market seeks to maintain a plurality of food producers among its 38 regular vendors, said Force. The vendors apply for their spot every year, and preference is given to those who commit to a full season.

They pay \$15 a market day for the right to set up or \$315 a season for Haliburton and \$255 for the shorter Carnarvon and Minden seasons.

They operate under a detailed set of rules that include everything from a prohibition on undercutting each other's prices, requiring insurance, and maintaining an

attractive sales display with clearly visible prices.

Among the new vendors this year are Susan Winch and Tom Brien, a couple from L'Amable who are selling organic specialty mushrooms.

They had five species on sale Tuesday, but more warm weather varieties will be along. The couple raise their crop in a barn on their property and use red oak sawdust as the principal growing medium. They very pleased with their first outing of their new career.

"It went extremely well," said Winch.



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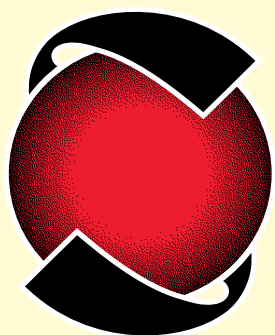
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New additions to the Storm family

Above: Ritchie Mills, left, and Shannon Walker help out at the registration booth. Right: Mac Prentice holds a pair of Jump Start flyers during hockey registration at the S.G Nesbitt Arena last Saturday.



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Photo submitted by Joannie Ransberry

Joannie Ransberry prepares the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers' dragonboat, the Susanna Foo.

Dragon boaters get ready for the summer

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

A wooden dragon boat belonging to the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers glistens in the sunshine waiting for action.

It recently got a new paint job and a varnish finish.

The refurbished 42-foot-long boat is entering its third year and it hasn't let the Paddlers down yet.

"She's a pretty heavy boat, but she's very sturdy," said Jane Boyd, the group's membership coordinator, who said that 56 members have signed up for a summer of dragon boating.

Many returning registrants are on the list, she said, some of whom have taken additional paddling courses at Trent

University.

Others are attending a workshop in North Carolina.

"They wanted to gain some more experience and improve their technique," Boyd said.

A tiny increase in male participants is a positive sign, but not the jump the group was looking for.

There's also an absence of young rowers, she said.

The minimum age is 14.

"That's another group we want to tap into," Boyd said.

But the number of registered paddlers is nearly more than they can handle, and the interest has grown every year.

"Considering the fact that we're a bit of an aging group and we've only been doing

this for three years, I think we've done very well," she said.

She pointed to the paddlers' gold medal finish in Christie Lake and their bronze finish in Point Perry in 2015.

Boyd said the group works hard with coaches to succeed in the multiple competitions they enter, but the group of 20 that competes each time - the boat holds a maximum of 20 people - is always changing, and winning at these events isn't top priority.

"Our schedule is very flexible and no one has to compete," she said. "The point is to have fun."

Registered participants are only required to bring a CSA-approved life jacket.

Rowing coach Scotty Boyd, who became a certified coach last May, said he's seen

many friendships form on the water.

"The friendships and camaraderie has really stood out," he said. "People are making friends, working hard, and it's still enjoyable because their fitness levels are also going up and they can see they are improving."

Drop-in opportunities are available and cost \$15.

Morning practices for the season are Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. and are dedicated to basic skills training. All start behind the Patient News office on County Road 121 just south of the Head Lake bridge.

The season begins on May 30 and, depending on the weather, wraps up near the end of September.

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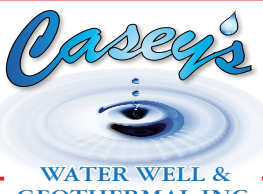



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Highlander sports

Photos by Mark Arike

Bowlers enjoy year-end banquet

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two Monday night bowling league teams rose to the top this season.

With 7,612 points accumulated points after three nights of playoffs at The Fast Lane in Minden, the Hemlock Hurlers (Norm Goldenberg, Linda Evans and Sandra Glecoff) won the championship. The Weeping Willows (Nancy Charlton, Wendy Bolton, Liz Cowan and Mark Arike) took the consolation title with 7,752 points.

Standings during the regular season determined whether teams played in the championship or consolation division.

All six teams celebrated the season with a buffet dinner at The Peppermill in Carnarvon on Tuesday. Cash prizes were given to the top teams, individuals and those who had their name drawn.

The weekly league started in September and finished earlier this month. Playoffs were held between April 18 and May 2. Each team was named after a tree because it was this year's theme.

Players from the top two teams will face off against other league winners in a tournament on June 5 at the Fast Lane.

Pictured left: Norm Goldenberg, Linda Evans and Sandra Glecoff of the Hemlock Hurlers won this year's championship.



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Shaking off winter

Above: Natasha Willemssen, Brittany Deroches, Jasmine marshall and Emily Negent dance at the Shake off Winter spring dance at the A.J. LaRue Arena on Friday. Right: Kate Boothby and Jamie Guenther work the registration table.



Photos by Mark Arike

A brisk breakfast

Rain, snow and single-digit temperatures made it impossible to host a successful fly-in breakfast at the Stanhope/Haliburton Municipal Airport last weekend. The two-day event was cut to one when Saturday's festivities were cancelled due to rain. But, the airport committee's volunteers braved the cold and a few snowflakes to serve up pancakes, sausage and peameal on a bun to the few who showed up on Sunday. The breakfasts have been a fixture for more than 30 years, said volunteer Marlene Maxwell. Proceeds from the event go to the committee's budget and funds raised through the drink fund will be donated to local food banks. The committee run several events at the airport in Algonquin Highlands, throughout the year. The next event is Young Eagles Day from June 10-11. It gives children the opportunity to fly with volunteer pilots. Pictured left: Volunteers Marlene Maxwell, Clinton Maxwell and Una Maurice help out at the fly-in breakfast.



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Highlander events



Photo by Jennifer Mills

Matt Hamilton and son Jaydn are feeding their mind by playing a strategy game called Rush Hour at the ASES Feed All Four family night.

Thinking outside the lunch box

By Jennifer Hughey
Contributing writer
(With files from Sue Tiffin)

It takes more than what is in the lunch box to feed our minds, body, spirit and emotions.

That was the message that more than 100 Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) families learned during the Family Feed All Four Fun Night at the school last Thursday evening.

More than 400 kids of all ages participated in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on May 12 – all encouraging families to have fun while learning more about feeding all four.

“Feed All Four incorporates Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs,” said Catherine Shedden, TLDSB manager of communications. “Knowing that you need to make sure you have fed your body, mind, emotions and spirit before you’re able to learn.”

ASES Grade 7/8 teacher Jennifer Mills took on the planning with funding and support from the parent council, along with other teachers Lauren Alleway and Cheryl Patterson.

“Many teachers at ASES oversaw the

students in their classes run the various activities,” Mills said, adding some of the Grade 7/8’s and the school’s Feed All Four team were student leaders at each of the activities. She said events like this one brings families into the school to see what the kids and teachers are doing.

“It gives them an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of what their children do everyday and how they can continue the same practices at home,” she said.

Mills noted that some of the feeding of the spirit activities focused on helping others.

“Mrs. Kernohan’s class made a display to help Fort McMurray with a donation jar, Adiya Mills was collecting milk bags to weave bed with her Grandma to send to Haiti, and Charlotte Moynes and Sofie Mills were collecting donations for the food bank,” Mills said.

Feed All Four was developed in Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) out of “an ongoing need to align teaching and learning with safe and accepting schools, mental health, healthy active living, and student well-being”, according to TLDSB’s website.

To learn more about the Feed All Four initiative, visit the TLDSB website at tldsbo.on.ca.

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Highlander events

Ducks Unlimited banquet a huge success, again

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The Minden Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada raised about \$30,000 last week at its 11th annual banquet and auction.

More than 200 people showed up at the Minden Community Centre on Friday to enjoy some wine, eat dinner and socialize.

"This year was definitely the biggest one," said treasurer of the Minden branch, Mike Hamilton.

In February, Hamilton was asked to fill his brother's shoes and help organize this year's event. If he had not, the banquet wouldn't have happened. So the 10-year committee member took on the mantle of treasurer.

He was very glad he did, said Hamilton.

"This chapter has had a great following for the past 11 years," he said.

Since 2006, the Minden branch has raised a total of \$230,000.

Ducks Unlimited is a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wetlands. The Minden Chapter was the most efficient chapter in the Lakes District, Hamilton said, with a 95 per cent efficiency rating, meaning \$95.50 of every \$100.00 raised is reinvested in conservation of wetlands.

"People have this event marked on their calendar, so we always expect it to be a good turnout," Hamilton said.

An additional \$713 was raised for Fort McMurray evacuees during the banquet.



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Several guests look at items available at the silent auction during the Minden Chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada's 11th annual banquet and auction.

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ATTENTION SEWERS & QUILTERS. Spring clearance sale to make room for new fabrics. 20% off all polar fleece. Large selection of cottons at \$5/yard. 1167 Woods Rd. 705 457 1214.

COLEMAN GENERATOR, 6HP, 3750 watt - \$350. New Michelin 245/70/R17 on Dodge wheel, \$75. Roper 20HP tractor 42" mower - 3 sp. transmission with high & low range, with winch, \$800. Husqvarna E-tech 353 chainsaw, 16" bar, \$325. CALL KEN - 705 455 3213.

CRAFT SALE. West Guilford Community Centre Saturday May 28 from 9 am to 2 pm. Watkins and Rawleigh products will be available.

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EVENTS

HALIBURTON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET: Haliburton at Head Lake Park, Tuesdays 12:00 pm – 4:00pm (May 17 – Oct 4). Carnarvon: Hwys 118 & 35 Fridays 12:00pm – 4:00pm (June 17-Oct 7). Minden Saturdays in the municipal parking lot 10:am – 2:00pm (June 18 – Oct 8)

Saturday May 28 FREE CONCERT by Highlands Chamber Orchestra. Dress Rehearsal at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion 10 am to 12 pm. Organized for seniors who are unable to attend the evening performance. Transportation may be available for those in need. To register or more information contact Sean Pennylegion 705-457-1174 pennylegion@gmail.com

Up coming events at the Coboconk Legion. Sunday June 12/16. Country Jamboree 1 til 5 PM. Open Mic. Cost \$8:00 Light Lunch Available. Every one Welcome.

MAY 5 TO THE LAST WEEK IN JUNE. The Food Hub at Abbey Gardens is Open Thursday-Sunday, 10am-6pm 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton. We are 10 minutes from the village of Haliburton, towards Carnarvon- just off the 118 highway, fronting on Green Lake

HALIBURTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS PLANT SALE - June 4th – Village Green downtown Minden. Pick up entrance #'s 9:00 am. Sales starts 10:00 am until sold out. Quality plants at great prices!

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon.

EVENTS

ATTENTION SEWERS & QUILTERS: Spring clearance sale to make room for new fabric. 20% off all polar fleece. Large Selection of cottons at \$5/yard. 1167 Woods Rd. 705 457 1214. (06.02)

LOCHLIN COMMUNITY CENTRE Outdoor Sale. July 16, VENDORS WANTED. Please call 705-286-6078

GORD KIDD & FRIENDS. Saturday May 21st Minden Legion 1-4. Saturday May 28th Sears, Haliburton. Food for Kids 11am-2pm. Saturday May 28th Dominion Hotel. Places for People 7pm.

THANK YOU

Special Olympics

On April 16th Haliburton County Special Olympics held a very successful Dinner/ Dance fundraiser. Thanks to the generous donations from the following businesses, artists and individuals \$4400.00 was raised. These funds stay in our community and provide uniforms, equipment, rental of sports facilities and transportation to weekly games as well as tournaments.

- Jake Fowell
- Molly's Bistro & Bakery
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- Highland Trio
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- Haliburton Bulk Food Store
- Barbara Joy Peel Pottery
- Maple Moon Winery
- Motors
- Wintergreen Maple Syrup & Pancake Barn
- Country Rose, Haliburton
- Mill Pond Restaurant
- Canoe FM
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- Conference Centre
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- Roger Danilko
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- Minden Legion Branch 636
- Haliburton Legion Branch 129
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- The Shapiera Family
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- Minden Home Hardware
- Paulmac's Pets
- Minden Mercantile Feed
- Sears Minden, Rawn Moore
- John & Marie Lennard
- Chancery Lane, Bracebridge
- 50's Diner
- Peppermill Steak & Pasta
- House, Carnarvon Just My Size, Minden
- Rhubarb Restaurant, Carnarvon

AUCTION NOTICE

Antique Auction
11 am – Saturday, May 21st at
Castle Antiques – 123 Maple Ave., Haliburton
This auction will be held in a large tent.

Partial Listing: Sewing box, tea caddy, tea wagon, copper bowl, art deco bar, hall stands, wooden cradle, mirrors, cigar/smoker cabinet, square bar table, fall front desks, marble bookends, mahogany sideboard, art deco stool, mahogany inlaid games table, small glass front cabinet, assorted chairs, assorted tables – gate, drop, inlaid, side, assorted wardrobes, assorted scales, vases, small wine cooler, glass lantern, advertising items, urns, and much more. There will be approximately 200 – 250 lots.

For information or to list your auction call
Norm Mills, Auctioneer/Appraiser 705-754-0555

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EVENTS

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00–3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.(TFN)

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

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VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility. Minden on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Hyland Crest auditorium and in Haliburton on Thursdays at 1:00pm at Echo Hills. For more info contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 (TFN)

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Request for Interested Parties

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for individuals and/or companies for the clean-up of properties as per Property Standards By-Law 11-61.

Interested Parties would be required to perform any or all of the following duties:

Clean up or Removal of:

- Household garbage.
- Miscellaneous debris.
- Building materials.
- Rubbish.
- Brush/long grass/growth and noxious weeds (as defined by the Weed Controlled Act).
- Unlicensed/dismantled/wrecked/discarded vehicles/trailers/boats/machinery/
- Dilapidated/collapsed or partially constructed structures.

Proof of Liability Insurance and WSIB are mandatory.

Please submit letters of interest, in writing, to:

Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor
Township of Minden Hills, Box 359, Milne Street,
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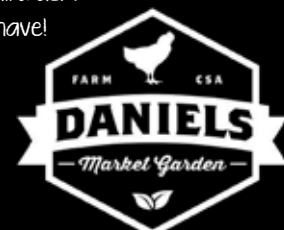
We estimate the average size of the Chickens will be about 5 - 6 lbs. and the average size of the Turkeys are 13 - 20 lbs. Our Chickens are priced at \$6.50 per pound & Turkeys at \$5.75 per pound. Because numbers are limited, a \$10.00 deposit is required per Chicken and a deposit of \$20.00 is required per Turkey.



We process our Poultry at Morrison's Poultry Processing in Omemee. Morrison's is a small family run business which is a government inspected facility and ensures safe food practices are being upheld.

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31. Playground game
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35. Chef's unit (abbr.)
36. Awaken
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46. Glitch
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49. Boxing contest
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70. Goody
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1. Slip
2. Model
3. Distinct times
4. Some tides
5. Washington city
6. Byron's "before"
7. Phone bug
8. Secretly marry
9. Fight back
10. Guitar device
11. Remain
12. Streamlined
13. To the point
21. Savor
23. Commence
25. Stand up
27. Teen's dance
28. Possess
29. Like some tea
32. Leaves
34. Musician ____ Clapton
37. Coffeepots
38. Embossed emblem
39. Irritable
41. Burn with hot water
42. On top of
43. More faithful
45. Side by side
48. What Moses parted (2 wds.)
50. Formal agreement
52. Double curves
53. Mink wrap
54. Remove
56. Church feature
57. Beach
59. Impersonator
61. Space
62. Night twinkler
63. Sombreros
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MUSKOKA MAID is hiring housekeepers for the Haliburton area. Rate of \$16.00 an hour. Own transportation required. Please forward your resume and current criminal reference to muskokamaid@hotmail.com

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STAFF FOR A SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM. SIRCH is hiring energetic staff to prepare and distribute delicious snacks and lunches. Friendliness and attention to detail is critical. Location: Haliburton Monday – Friday 7am to 1pm. June 29 – August 12. Please send resume to info@sirch.on.ca. For more information call 705-457-1742.

HOUSEKEEPING POSITION. YMCA Camp Wanakita. 1883 Koshlong Lake Road, Haliburton ON K0M 1S0. Duration of Contract: May 2016 through to the end of October 2016 including weekends. Applicant must have a valid Driver's License. Rate of pay: \$16.50/hr., with a premium of \$17.50/hr. on Weekends (Sat and Sun)

CABINET MAKER/WOOD WORKER.

Growing business in Harcourt requires a person skilled in cabinet making or wood working. Full-time position. Minimum 3-5 years experience preferred. Entry level will be considered for the right candidate. Send resume to cottagehill@sympatico.ca.

MAINTENANCE POSITION. YMCA Camp Wanakita. 1883 Koshlong Lake Road, Haliburton ON K0M 1S0. Duration of Contract: May 2016 through to the end of October 2016 including weekends. Applicant must have a valid Driver's License. Rate of pay: \$13.00/hr. Interior and exterior painting, garbage removal, mowing and trimming lawns.

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SUMMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITY AT 100.9 CANOE FM PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

As the Promotions Coordinator the main focus of your position will be to ensure that Canoe FM is represented and visible at summer community events.

You will be required to work with volunteers in the coordination of events, promotions and remote broadcasting

The applicant must be between the ages of 15 and 30 years of age, has been registered as a full time student within the previous academic year. This is an 8 week position, with a pay rate of \$12.25 per hour.

This position does require working on weekends and you must have a valid driver's license.

A complete job description can be found by going to our Canoe FM website. Please email your resume with a cover letter, explaining why you would like to work for Canoe FM to canoeadmin@bellnet.ca or drop it off to the station which is located at 739 Mountain Street in Haliburton by midnight on Tuesday May 31st, 2016.

www.canoe100.9.com
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Attention All Automotive Technicians

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HELP WANTED

Position: Cleaner

The Role: Camp Kandalore is looking for a hard-working, dedicated and positive individual for a Cleaner position. The Cleaner will be responsible for a variety of duties as outlined by the site manager.

Deadline: June 10 2016

Apply: Please submit your resume and cover letter to Colin Leonard – Director – colin@kandalore.com

Please contact the Site Manager with any questions Gerry Solmes at 613-334-9399



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The Municipality of Highlands East Is Currently Seeking An Information Centre Student

The Municipality of Highlands East is currently accepting applications for the position of an Information Centre Student. Reporting to the Economic Development Coordinator, this position is responsible for assisting with the operations of the Information Centre. Will market, promote & provide information about the Municipality including travel directions, accommodations, restaurants, local events & places of interest i.e. Geocaching sites, mineral claims, trails & lake access points. Perform various administrative tasks including retail sales and responding to public inquiries.

To apply, general skills & qualifications preferred include:

- Familiar with the Municipality of Highlands East including local businesses, events and places of interest i.e. Geocaching, mineral collection, trails & lake access points
- Possess excellent written and verbal communication skills including interpersonal and customer service skills.
- Ability to problem solve and provide attention to detail
- Ability to work independently
- Experience with MS Office Suite and general computer proficiency including social media.
- Valid class "G2" driver's licence in good standing
- Students must be between 15 and 30 years of age and intends to return to school in the fall

Typical hours of work will be 10:00-4:00 p.m., varying throughout the week. Weekend work is required.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Information Centre Student"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Wednesday, June 8th, 2016 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
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THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, May 30, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

To consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016027** and **PLMV2016028**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016027 - Part of Lot 24 & 25, Concession 4 & 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1025 Peacock Lane; and located on Moore Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of an 8.7m² (93sq.ft.) addition to a non-complying dwelling which is located within 15m. (49'3") from the High Water Mark, together with the relocation and enlargement of the existing deck. The proposed dwelling addition would extend to a distance of 10m. (32'9") from the High Water Mark whereas portions of the existing dwelling extend to a distance of 8.2m (27') from the High Water Mark.



PLMV201628 - Part of Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1272 Grierson Trail; and located on Gull Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing deck attached to the dwelling with a new sunroom which is proposed to encroach further towards the High Water Mark, and into the required Side Yard. The proposed sunroom would be 23 m² (256sq.ft) in size which is 156% larger than the existing 9.3m² (100sq. ft) deck; would extend a further 1.8m. (6') towards the High Water Mark; and result in a 0.23m. (9") encroachment into the required 4.5m. (14'9") Side Yard setback and a 12.8m (42') setback from the High Water Mark.



HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications are welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclendening@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

MORE INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhills.ca.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

Highlander yard sales

SATURDAY MAY 21,

8 am – 4 pm. 29 Cattail Road, Haliburton – end of Riverside Drive. Pine table/chairs, corner cabinet, deacon bench, limited edition art, 2-single four poster beds, garage items, quilt frame, household items and much more.

1004 SCARLET OAK LANE, E. side Hwy 35 just S. of Moore Falls bridge, Friday noon to 6, Saturday 9-3, Sunday 9-3. Look for signs.

MAY 24 WEEKEND from 8 am. Contents & house for sale. 1025 Glamorgan by 503. Tools, antiques, piano, high end stereo, guitars, amps, household, sporting goods, boats, atv's, vehicles.

SATURDAY, SUNDAY and MONDAY starts at 8 am. 4693 County Road 21 – ½ way between Calico & Wonderland Road. Variety of almost new items.

FURNITURE FOR SALE, quality, solid wood coffee tables, end tables, antique chests of drawers, school desk, single leather pull out sofa, leather office chair, wing back recliner. All like new condition. Saturday & Sunday 8 am – noon. 1103 Red Umbrella Road, Minden.

LARGE INDOOR BARN SALE Saturday May 21, 8 am. 1039 Busy Road near Stanhope Airport. Antiques, vintage, household/kitchen goods, tools, hardware

MOVING SALE. Furniture, antiques, tools, etc. May long weekend May 21 – 23 from 7 am to 5 pm. 1019 Anderson Road, Tory Hill.

ST. GEORGE'S YARD & BAKE SALE - 9 Cedar Ave. on Friday, May 20, 4pm - 9pm and bake sale continuing on May 21 from 9 am - 4 pm. Fundraiser for the work of St. George's Church.

MULTI FAMILY NEIGHBOURHOOD

SALE! Halbiem Crescent, Glebe Road, Farmcrest Avenue. Saturday May 21, 8-4, RAIN OR SHINE! Camping equipment, household goods, electronics and more!

YARD SALE - Saturday May 21. 8 am - 6 pm. Many items including 4 burner electric stove. 1016 Eighth Lane, Minden.

GARAGE SALE 1344 Hamilton Road, Minden, Hwy#35 at lights, South Lake Road to Hamilton Road. Friday May 20 2pm-8pm and Saturday May 21 8am-2pm. Kitchen cabinets, chinaware&kitchen items, metal and wood shelves, children's games&toys, too much to itemize.

MOVING SALE Saturday May 21st from 8-4. 1059 Suburban Court, West Guilford. Furniture, framed prints, books, stuffed toys and lots more

SATURDAY MAY 21st. 8 am to 12 noon. 1124 Fader Rd. Algonquin Highlands. Household items, new octagon cedar picnic table, chairs, dresser, records, electronics, much more.

YARD SALE. THREE FAMILIES. Friday/ Saturday/Sunday May 20/21/22 8am-4pm. 2263 Kennisis Lake Road. Antiques, housewares, tools, large canoe, portable shelter/shed 10X10, salamander kerosene heater 40,000 BTU and much more.

SATURDAY MAY 21 HUGE YARD SALE! 8-3, 2685 Kashagawigamog Rd. Kitchen items, household items, clothing, outdoor furniture, toys, electronics, and much more!

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE - Saturday May 21. 8am-2pm. 1621 Reynolds Road. Snowboard & boots, bread maker, household items, and everything in between!



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Lisa Kerr, Board Member

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Highlander events

Anniversary tea raises \$3,200 for hospital

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Filly hats, biscuits, tea and good company are all it takes to keep an annual tradition going.

Close to 100 people, mostly women, packed the upper level of the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's 45th Anniversary Celebration and Tea.

The event raised \$3,200.

"It's nice that everybody comes and supports us here every year," said auxiliary president Tracey Lear.

Now in its third year at the curling club, the fundraiser formerly known as the Geranium Tea got its start at the Haliburton Funeral Home's Community Room. It was relocated because it outgrew that space.

The event featured a loonie and silent auction, quilt raffle and gift shop items for sale. A prize was awarded for the best hat. Dame Beatrice, played by Canoe FM personality Mike Jaycock, made a special appearance. Beatrice, along with Lorraine McNeil (Elf), host the annual Highlands Christmas Shindig.

Volunteers prepared the treats and looked after all other aspects of the event.

This year's tea was bittersweet for Lear, who attended a celebration of life for long-time volunteer Bob McKay earlier that day. McKay was the event's auctioneer and his wife Donna was the model.

Last year's fundraiser brought in more than \$2,000, which was used to purchase a bariatric chair for the Haliburton hospital's triage.

The auxiliary has committed to raising \$40,000 for hospital equipment this year. Their priority is a compassionate care suite at long-term care facility Highland Wood. It will cost about \$12,000 to retrofit the current space.

"We're still working on what the auxiliary is going to be responsible for [fundraising for] from the capital list," she said.

The auxiliary's next fundraiser event is Tag Day on July 15.

This year also marks the 20th anniversary of Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the foundation, the 50th anniversary of Hyland Crest and the 80th anniversary of the opening of the original Haliburton hospital.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Jane Johnston adjusts her hat. Above: Haliburton resident Carol Bowker wears a hat she got at a Scottish wedding 15 years ago

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12pm – 4pm

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MAY 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY
MAY 19

THE FOOD HUB AT ABBEY GARDENS IS OPEN Thursday-Sunday, 10am-6pm 1012 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton

Stuart Baker Elementary School is having a **WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN** Evening from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

FRIDAY
MAY 20

TAOIST TAI CHI CLASSES. Carnarvon - Zion United Church 10:00 am – noon. taoist.org/peterborough 705 457-5829

SATURDAY
MAY 21

INGOLDSBY UNITED CHURCH – 1741 Ingoldsby Road. Pie sale- 9:00 am until sold out. Variety of homemade pies, tarts, meat pies and crisps

GORD KIDD & FRIENDS Saturday May 21st Minden Legion 1-4.

VICTORIAN LUNCHEON AT MANSFIELD'S, 16 Highland Gate Blvd., Minden. 11:30 & 1:00 sittings. \$20./person. Tickets can be purchased online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438

YARD SALE - COBOCONK HISTORICAL SOCIETY Saturday May 21st from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Set up Friday May 20 from 2:00 -5:00 pm Donations of saleable items would be appreciated. Please no upholstered furniture or large appliances. Phone 705-454-1405 if you need more info or a pick up.

COMMUNITY BBQ DINNER from 5-6:30 pm. Pioneer Baptist Church

FRIENDS OF THE HALIBURTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY GIANT BOOK AND BOOK BASKET SALE Minden Hills Branch Library, Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

KATE REID ON TOUR – 'All Aboard' in support of Haliburton LGBTQ+ Youth. - 7:00pm - Haliburton Curling Club

SUNDAY
MAY 22

HALIBURTON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC HALIBURTON LEGION - 719 Mountain St. 1:30-6:30pm **special need for donors** To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

MONDAY
MAY 23

TAOIST TAI CHI CLASSES. HALIBURTON - United Church 9:30 am–11:00 am (Health Recovery Class 11:00 am – 12:30 pm), Kinmount – Galway Community Centre 10:00 am – noon, More info: taoist.org/peterborough, Wilma 705 457-5829

TUESDAY
MAY 24

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

General Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester
Howse, MC
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.
Friday Fun Darts, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 Draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, doors open 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month.
RCL Haliburton Branch 129 Annual General Meeting/Election of Officers and Executive on Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. All Legion members encouraged to attend and membership cards are required

in order to vote.

Live entertainment featuring Haliburton County's own Scotty Gartshore at the Haliburton Legion Club Room on Saturday, May 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy beef stew prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Plus for just a Loonie, don't miss out on our 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover charge for non-members.

MINDEN BRANCH

General Meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start
Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed Darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.
Lunch Menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver Lovers' Special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m.

(full menu also)

Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time. Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Community Care 55+ Lunch, Friday at noon; Call Gwen Otto to reserve; everyone 55+ welcome.
Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday
Jam Session, 7:30 p.m., Friday
Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Fish Derby, Saturday, \$15/person with a one fish limit – participants must be present to win cash prizes and tickets available at the Branch or at the Wilberforce Bait Shop (Bamford's).
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.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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What's on



File photo

Last year's Haliburton Highlands Summer Festival singalong featured the musical Grease.

Mamma Mia! It's a festival fundraiser

By Jennifer Hughey
Contributing writer

"Mamma mia, does it show again? My, my, just how much I've missed you ..."

ABBA may have stopped singing Mamma Mia a long time ago, but that doesn't mean you have to.

In fact, this Saturday, you can pull out those fringed wrap dresses, platforms and flared jeans and belt out favourites like Dancing Queen, Take A Chance On Me and Waterloo at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

Following the success of the singalong gala fundraiser last year, the Highlands Summer Festival (HSF) is hosting another one – this time showing the musical film, Mamma Mia!

Festival board member and organizer, Sean Pennylegion said the planning of this event has been a group effort.

"It involves all of us, including the general manager, Ken Loney," Pennylegion said. "If memory serves, I think it was Jack [Brezina] who came up with the idea for a singalong movie for a fundraising event."

He added in the spirit of The Sound of Music singalongs and the fact that the showing of Grease was so successful last year, Mamma Mia seemed perfect.

"[We] decided that the universal appeal of the music of ABBA, and the fact that this was a well received film, would be

perfect."

The romantic comedy, released in 2008, is pieced together by the hit songs of the iconic Swedish pop band. It includes lyric subtitles so audiences can join in to sing their favourite tunes.

Pennylegion said money from the event has not been allocated to any particular purpose, but will be used to further the work of the HSF.

"We're hoping that this event will help to showcase our fast approaching, five-show season," he said, adding that Sticks and Stones will be looking after the production.

There will be Greek inspired hors d'oeuvres and décor, a cash bar and, best of all, all-you-can-eat popcorn. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. with a meet and mingle and the movie starts at 7:30.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at highlandssummerfestival.on.ca or by calling 705-457-9933.



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