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Cottager Liam McWilliams, 8, has a blast driving his bumper car. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

## Ambulance shortage a growing concern

**By Alex Coop**

While experiencing its highest emergency call volumes to date, Haliburton County's Department of Emergency Services was without an ambulance seven times in July, totalling more than 11 hours.

During the last county council meeting, service director Craig Jones called the situation 'concerning' but said their department is still achieving positive

response times to its most critical patients and exceeding expectations in other areas.

"I never like not having any ambulances and I don't think the community does either," Jones said.

When asked by County Warden Carol Moffatt how long it will be before the problem is too much for the services to handle, Jones said he wasn't sure, but at this rate, "We know it's coming."

The increase in seasonal residents has a "direct" effect on the availability of ambulances, Jones' latest six-month report says.

Haliburton's base continues to be the busiest, but that is largely due to the two ambulances that operate out of it, Jones said.

The average response time across the county was 12:37, while the total number of

patient interactions reached 1,137.

Jones' report shows that most calls across the county were met within the designated response times in 2016, except in Algonquin Highlands, where none of their targets for all severity levels under the Canadian Triage & Acuity Scale (CTAS) were met. A CTAS 1 call means patients have to be seen by a physician immediately.

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# Highlander news

## Challenges in AH and HE

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Geography and availability of resources in the municipality were the biggest reasons, Jones said, adding Algonquin Highlands has few residents in a large area.

For similar reasons, response time targets for CTAS 3, 4 and 5 calls were not met in Highlands East.

Ambulance response times for calls involving sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) were less than six minutes 28.6 per cent of the time, exceeding the service's 2016 prediction of 20 per cent. Ontario's designated response time is six minutes.

Jones stressed how patients 60 and older accounted for 75 per cent of their patient carrying calls in 2016. The majority of these calls relate to falls and trauma, he said.

"It's a scary demographic ... and we can see where our services are going," Jones said.

Extendicare-Haliburton relies on the HCPS a couple of times per month, said Barb Little, a registered nurse at the centre. She said falls are their number one reason for calling an ambulance.

Only 14 per cent of calls in 2016 were dispatched as a life-threatening emergency (Code 4), Jones said.

Dispatch codes are different from CTAS codes and are based on the caller's answers to protocol questions like "Is the person awake? Is the person breathing?"

Jones added the provincially-run dispatch system forces ambulances to commit to Code 4 calls when they are made, even if they aren't necessarily emergencies.



While experiencing unusually highest emergency call volumes to date, Haliburton County's Department of Emergency Services was without an ambulance seven times in July, totalling more than 11 hours. *File photo.*

"There are other dispatch tools available," Jones said, explaining how certain systems ask patients to elaborate about their emergency a little bit more before a code 4 is called.

"All of a sudden, a chest pain turns out to be something that happens all the time, and

we can commit our resources to the person choking," he said, adding the ministry has acknowledged the problem of false code 4 calls and is looking at alternative dispatch tools.

See editorial on p. 5

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# Highlander news

## After a decade of talk Minden to get new fire hall

By Lisa Gervais

The Township of Minden Hills will tomorrow put out a pre-qualification tender for the building and design of its new \$2 million fire hall.

At last Thursday's meeting, fire Chief Doug Schell updated council on what the fire hall building task force has been up to.

Schell and members of the task force did a site visit April 29 of fire halls in Port Sydney and Port Carling. The Town of Huntsville agreed to share the building plans for its Port Sydney fire hall with council and they were included with Schell's report.

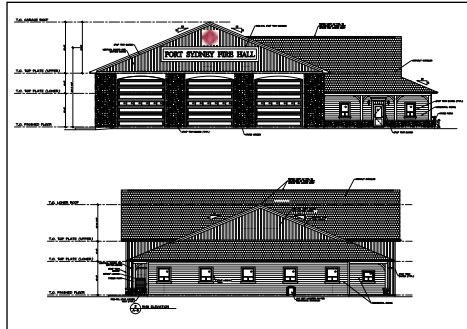
The task force has met four times: to discuss building design and review of plans, site plan, location of building on site, the pre-qualification tender and entrance requirements, the fire chief said.

Schell said the pre-qualification tender will close Aug. 19. He said once companies are pre-qualified, the township should be able to put the design and build out to tender in early September with council picking its successful candidate at the end of October.

"We've made great progress," Schell told council.

In an interview with *The Highlander*, Schell reiterated, "everything seems to be moving forward quite well."

Asked what the final cost of the design and build would be, he estimated \$2 million. He said the fire hall would have a minimum of three bays, and possibly four. "We want to make sure that when the time comes, there is room for all of our apparatus and for expansion into the future."



Architectural drawings of the Port Sydney fire hall. *Supplied.*

While the tender will be council's choice, Schell said he personally likes the Port Sydney fire hall and said it would fit in nicely with its surrounds. The Township has already purchased land north of the county's EMS base on Highway 35 for the new hall.

Schell said the existing hall – located in Minden's downtown at Prince St. and Pritchard Lane – was built in the early 1970's and is showing its age and also sustained flood damage in 2013.

Schell is hopeful that the new fire hall will be built in 2017.

Reeve Brent Devolin said no money had yet been committed to the project but it would be front and centre during 2017 budget deliberations. He thought it would be similar in price to the EMS station, at \$1.5 to \$2 million and closer to \$2 million with four bays.

He said one of the advantages of the new station will be that access off of the highway will improve response times.



## Nearly there

With the roof complete, Greystone Project Management Inc. is working hard to wrap up construction on Newcastle Street's condo development site by the fall. Patrick Dube, owner of Greystone Project Management Inc., first presented council with draft plans for the 15-unit condo last January. The project is nearing completion while overcoming multiple challenges. Erosion at the condo development caused a retaining wall to collapse in November, while strong winds toppled over several trusses in June. *Photo by Alex Coop.*




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## Province has to help with ambulances

A source of mine, who used to be a paramedic in Ontario, told me an interesting story yesterday.

We were chatting about some of the challenges facing Haliburton County's department of emergency services namely, that the service was without an ambulance seven times in July, totaling more than 11 hours.

He told me about one call he had nearing the end of his career. In the early hours of the morning, they had to respond to a patient whose complaint was a painful ingrown toenail. They had to check the patient and transfer her to hospital where she was treated.

While there was another complication to the call, they were essentially out of service for two hours for the diagnosis and treatment of an ingrown toenail.

The Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs has written a discussion paper entitled 'Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care in Ontario'. They submitted it to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in February 2016.

For those who don't know, municipalities oversee the land ambulance system in a 50:50 cost sharing arrangement with the province.

On page 7 of the report, the paramedic chiefs say that if paramedics' scope of practice were enhanced, they could provide additional point of care testing or diagnostics without requiring the movement of patients to emergency facilities.

In other words, that two-hour call my source described would have been reduced substantially if they had been allowed to

treat the patient on-site.

The chiefs are also calling for a change in the way that the Central Ambulance Communications Centre (CACC) and its land ambulance dispatch technology handle calls. They had a look at some of the things that the Toronto EMS is trying. Basically, it is helping to ensure that patients are provided with the appropriate medical response delivered by the appropriate health care resource.

They want a better system to redirect less critical patients, and to provide more appropriate care, lower wait times and reduce costs, across the board.

The paramedic body says it is critical that the government take action on issues related to its directly managed ambulance dispatch system.

About three years ago, the Auditor General recommended an assessment of the effectiveness of the two communication dispatch protocols in use. Last year, the auditor general slapped the government for little progress in this regard. That is what service director Jones refers to in today's front page story when he discusses code 4 calls.

"Continued over-prioritizing of emergency calls places increased demands on the system by assigning more ambulances to life threatening emergency responses than is necessary. This can leave fewer or no ambulances to respond to new calls that are truly urgent," the discussion paper says on p. 8.

One simple example of what can be done is diverting low-acuity 9-1-1 calls to Telehealth Ontario.

As discussed in the report tabled at County

Council last week, Haliburton County has its challenges. We are inundated with visitors over the summer, which puts our service under pressure. Jones also addressed the nature of call-outs, - that our 60-plus age group using 75 per cent of the service.

There are a lot of calls for seniors falling. His report also addresses non-urgent patient transfers, from hospital to hospital, that can put ambulances out of service. The province has yet to find a good, long-term solution to the patient transfer issue.

So, yes, there are some worrying trends in Jones' report. If I were a resident of Algonquin Highlands or Highlands East, I would be concerned about ambulance response times in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. However, the statistics aren't so far from provincial benchmarks, considering the sparse population over such large areas.

Our local department of emergency services is actually doing a very good job but needs its provincial partner to step up its game.

It is hoped that when the Ontario Legislature resumes sitting in the fall it will listen to the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs and the Ombudsman to help them in their battle to put patients first, not only in Haliburton County, but across the province.



By Lisa Gervais

## Tarnished rings

There is little chance I will be spending any time in the next few weeks watching the Olympic Games.

Oh, don't get me wrong, I still am sympathetic to the underlying *raison d'être* for the games: amateur athletes from around the world competing in a variety of sports ... and I have a great deal of admiration for the passion the athletes bring to their efforts to succeed. But the modern Olympics has long left that ethos far behind, although the International Olympic Committee and its various surrogates around the world are quick to bring it up whenever faced with criticism. It is getting more difficult to maintain that charade when the Olympics come around every two years: to cloak what has gone so wrong with the games with this idea of the struggle of amateur athletes.

The Olympic ideal is crumbling from all sides, including the inside:

- The suggestion that competitors are amateurs evaporated decades ago as professional athletes were allowed to infiltrate the teams.
- The players and coaches have undermined the games as well with the introduction

of performance enhancing drugs. In some countries the use of these drugs is apparently a requirement for inclusion on the team.

- The games have become very much a part of geopolitics. Countries vie for medal counts and the prestige of winning the signature events. Some believe these wins can be interpreted as the reflection of a superior society.

- The Olympics have become a giant money spinning machine. Corporations pay the IOC big dollars to have their names associated with the games. Broadcast networks around the world bid to have the right to present the games in their home countries. All this loot flows back to the IOC where it fuels the organization. Some is spent to help the host country costs, some is distributed to athletic organizations across the globe to encourage their sports, but the management committee, 115 in all, plus staff, receive a large slice of the green, hundreds of thousands of dollars per annum/per person, in addition to expenses to manage the show.

- While cities vie for the "honour" of hosting the Olympics, few realize any

direct profit from the event. Some jobs are created in building the infrastructure and in operating the games, (although many of those "jobs" are handled by volunteers). But often, mega projects leave a legacy of buildings, some useful, others which crumble slowly from lack of maintenance or interest in using them. This year in Rio de Janeiro, the city and the country have spent \$11.5 billion on the games and related infrastructure, with more to come.

The Olympic ideal is tarnished and is rapidly losing its appeal each time the games come around. Perhaps it is time to abandon the circus altogether and let individual nations, who can afford to, host individual sporting events that showcase the world's athletes. If there is any redeeming value in striving for athletic prowess, let's return the glory and honour to those who deserve it: the amateur athletes.



By Jack Brezina

## Correction

The July 28<sup>th</sup> issue of *The Highlander* stated that new registrants in the Highland Storm's local league receive a \$100 rebate. The \$100 is actually the reduced registration cost for brand new players. *The Highlander* apologizes for the error.



# Editorial opinion

## A word of thanks

Dear editor,

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**Lion Mary Lawr**  
President, Haliburton Lions Club

## Writer invites premier for cup of tea

Dear editor,

Premier Wynne is welcome to join me next time I spend 12 hours waiting for two client videos to download. We will have a lovely long chat. I will even make her a nice cup of tea.

The chamber is correct to call for provincial investment to improve our internet. The Highlands is potentially ideal for location-independent businesses whose owners and employees could escape the city for life by the lake, bringing money and jobs into the county. Fast internet is the Highway 35 of the 21st century: it makes our distance from the GTA manageable.

But when we talk about high-speed Internet, we need to define what we mean because one person's sprint is another person's crawl. At my home on a Bell connection, I get 4Mbps - enough for a lot of things, even Netflix with the occasional pause. At my office in

downtown Haliburton, with just me on the connection, I manage about 12Mbps - sufficient for most of my day-to-day business needs. But true high-speed internet desired by IT and creative industries (and indeed for offices full of people) requires more muscle - maybe 100Mbps. It's these types of businesses and solo professionals that we need to serve. What's more, we must account for the summer peak of seasonal residents, all bringing their laptops to hang out by the dock.

So let's make sure that the investment we request is for real high speed internet that reaches deep into the county. Internet superhighways that reach people where they want to live and work is an investment that will secure the Highlands' prosperity in the decades to come.

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## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The folks at Pioneer Baptist Church in Norland have a sense of humour. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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## Taking a whacking from the weeds

'Letting it go back to nature...' It sounds somehow quite generous, even sort of charitable maybe. Like I'm a big hearted soul who is willingly allowing something to step out from my shadow, spread its proverbial wings and fly of its own volition. Sounds great but in truth it means I give up. Give in. Admit defeat. I'm thoroughly beaten and I can finally see that the only way to go is that of the weed.

No not jolly Justin's marijuana! I'm talking about my veggie garden. Or the tangle of weeds from which a few decrepit tomato plants and a line of thoroughly naked bean canes are poking out of. The scene is tragic, to say the least. The withered leaves of a rhubarb plant, which is slowly being strangled by the wiry tendrils of wild hops, perfectly capture the essence of the battle that I have waged and lost this summer in my vegetable patch. My beets are beaten, my squashes squished, the radish has vanished and my kohlrabi, well, I never did really know what that was so it may still be here but I can't find it.

The thing is, it all began with such hope. My lovely wife, Little Z and I tilled the soil, spread manure and picked stones from the large rectangular patch that, for the entire winter and spring, I had wrapped

in a black plastic comforter. On throwing back the covers in late May, my earth looked well rested and ready to burst forth with goodness. And so we planted. We raked trenches, dug holes, pushed fingers into the cool damp earth and scattered, sprinkled, dropped and buried seeds - the adults making sure to plant with the required spacing. Little Z tasked with covering the seeds over as we went.

The anticipation was all too much for my young boy. For the first week, he'd leap from his bed each morning and race out to the garden to see if there was any sign of his plants, to check if anything was coming up. And, after just a couple of days, there were, but not where we'd planted them. Small green fronds began to appear around the edges of the garden. "Are they leeks, daddy?" asked Little Z after checking the packets to see which veggie looked most like the swiftly sprouting blades of grass. Then the milkweed began to pop up. Robust shoots that quickly sprouted broad leaves, again getting Little Z excited. Peas maybe, he thought.

I began to weed regularly before work. In the early mornings of June the bugs weren't too bad and I was still almost as excited as Little Z about the potential of our garden. And things did begin to grow.

Things in lines that we were certain were our veggies. A row of multi-hued green leaves signaled the emergence of our lettuce, while more tentatively the pea shoots uncurled from their hard kernels and pushed their heads above ground.

The weeds seemed manageable, too, at first. Ten minutes each morning and I felt that I was - if not beating them - at least staying on top of the situation. Bring on the home grown produce, I thought. But then summer kicked in properly. The days got hotter and the rain never came. I rigged up my pump from the river and watered the veggie patch each evening. But the veggies didn't grow. They seemed to just stop. While the weeds stepped it up a notch or five, really showing how a plant should take advantage of whatever the weather has to offer.

Grass, hops, milkweed, perslane and lambs quarter (both of which I'm told are edible but neither of which I planted and so I refuse on principle to harvest), bindweed, curled up dock leaves and many more varieties took hold and soon took over my veggie patch.

Little Z lost interest. It happened when, on checking his pea plants one morning, he found that some dastardly critter had fancied a green snack for supper and

mown them to the ground, the chewed stumps of stems poking forlornly skyward, leafless and pretty much lifeless.

"Gardening's rubbish, daddy," said Little Z. "It takes too long and you planted all the wrong things."

I shouldered that blame without complaint, and in doing so the thought that perhaps he was right and perhaps I wasn't meant to fight nature for this plot of land began to germinate inside my head.

I ventured out and made one or two more half-hearted attempts to weed the garden over the next week but by now the squadrons of deer flies were in attack formation and the going was tough. And then, one day not too long ago, I came to my very generous decision. Albeit I also realized I had no choice. I gave my garden back to nature.

"Go on, have at 'er," I muttered in my best Haliburtonian and I turned my back and walked away. The weeds had won. Long live the weed and thank God for the grocery store!



By Will Jones

TheOutsider



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: What do you enjoy most about the Rotary Carnival?



**Samantha Pamplin**  
Haliburton

I kind of like that everybody gets together for it. It's really cool.



**Rhys Poole**  
Orangeville

The games.



**Kevin Gnat**  
Toronto

I like the Gravitron. It's the first thing I did.



**Joan Chamberlin**  
Maple Leaf

I just came to watch. It's beautiful.



**Zoe Cooney**  
Kennisis Lake

I like the ones (games) where you get these.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike



Emergency services treat a woman involved in a three-vehicle collision on Wednesday. Photo by Mark Arike.

### Three-vehicle crash sends two to hospital

By Mark Arike

Two people were transported to hospital following a three-vehicle collision on Highway 118 in front of Sears in Haliburton.

Dysart firefighters, Haliburton County Paramedic Service and OPP responded to the crash around 5 p.m. on Wednesday. All of the three vehicles involved were trucks.

Both lanes were closed for a short time while paramedics tended to two female passengers.

"I suspect minor injuries," said fire Chief Mike Iles. "It's probably more of a precaution."

It is unknown at this time if charges will be laid.

More information will be posted to thehighlander.ca when it becomes available.

## County in brief

### Man dies after rollover in Highlands East

A 28-year-old man from Oshawa died Saturday after his tractor rolled over in Highlands East.

Bancroft Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a tractor that had rolled over on private property Saturday afternoon.

When officers arrived, they determined that the tractor's operator, Thomas William Sanders, had died due to his injuries.

The investigation is ongoing. (Alex Coop.)

### Fixing Whitewater Ontario

Whitewater Ontario is applying to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry for a work permit to fix the kayaking portion of the Gull River and Rapids after flooding.

Vice president David Gillespie asked council at its last meeting to approve access to township property so they can do the site improvements for tourists and group users.

They said the approval would be included in the MNRF application for shoreline work and access. (Lisa Gervais.)

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# Highlander news

## Volunteers can't work in Minden recycling tent

By Lisa Gervais

Two Minden Hills women, who volunteered to work in the Scotchline landfill recycling tent last summer, say they are “disappointed” by a council decision that they cannot continue this year.

Nora Paisley and Brenda Butterfield were also told that their ideas to improve recycling at the landfill will not be implemented now as the township has embarked on a 25-year strategic plan for its landfills.

During a delegation to last Thursday's council meeting, Paisley asked outright if they could continue and Reeve Brent Devolin replied, “the short answer is no.” As for their recommendations, which included using the proceeds of empties to pay for a permanent recycling structure, he said they would not go forward at the moment but be considered during the strategic planning phase.

Paisley and Butterfield said local and seasonal residents encouraged them to help out with the recycling tent so they approached the township and contractor for permission to volunteer their time, “which we happily did.”

They said that over a four-month period, they cleaned and organized, educated and



Brenda Butterfield and Nora Paisley will not be allowed to work in the Scotchline Landfill re-use centre this summer. They are pictured here after their delegation to Minden Hills council last Thursday. Photo by Lisa Gervais

encouraged residents in the appropriate use of the tent and “unburdened the landfill site employees of this responsibility in the process.”

Paisley said when books were dropped off, which were not appropriate for recycling, they collected them and brought them to the Minden TD Bank and Foodland for sale to fund community-based programs, such as the school breakfast program and the food bank. Books also went to high school students and community members in need.

With unacceptable objects, such as clothing and bedding, they took items in clean and good shape to St. Paul's Anglican Church for their ‘born again’ resale program.

They also took items to SIRCH and the Lily Ann and they assisted local community members and neighbours by giving reusable things away.

The two said they also helped pull beer and liquor bottles and cans from the dumpsters and helped to keep an eye out for bears.

They told council that they are concerned with the state of recycling in the township. They said some visitors from the Yukon last summer were appalled, saying they don't waste anything there. But, “We're a little backwards when it comes to recycling. We love to throw junk in the landfill and make it bigger and it doesn't have to be that way. Our landfill site is expanding at a staggering

rate. Ours is the only landfill without a permanent recycle building and the recycle tent is only open four months of the year. We can do better. It is our hope that as volunteers we may be able to assist in a meaningful way to decrease that expansion and increase services to our community.”

They asked for help in creating a volunteer program for the recycling, to be reimbursed for out-of-pocket costs; and that all liquor and beer containers be brought for refund on a weekly basis – with the money going to a permanent recycling structure.

Reeve Devolin said landfills face some of the most rigorous sets of rules in Ontario so their requests were “more complex than it might look.”

He said with work on a 25-year-strategic plan, ad hoc items, such as what the ladies were suggesting, were “probably not going to happen.” He added that despite their good work, they required equipment and training due to the hazards of the environment. The township must also answer to the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB).

At the meeting, he told the women “your inputs and thoughts will be considered in the process.”

A disappointed Paisley said after the meeting, “Where don't you need a volunteer in this township?”

### Farmers market traffic

Concerns have been raised with the community services department about the volume of parking and pedestrian traffic in the area of the farmers and artisans market in Minden.

In a report, director of community services Mark Coleman said that residents around the two Saturday markets had expressed concern about people crossing Milne, Pritchard Lane and Prince streets.

Reeve Brent Devolin said there was talk of keeping vendors in the back parking lot, barriers, defined pedestrian walkways and looking into additional MTO regulatory traffic signage warning of pedestrians.

### Work on Scotts Dam Bridge

In what Reeve Brent Devolin calls “a good news story,” Parks Canada has offered to fix the Scotts Dam Walking Bridge as part of its \$3 million retrofit of the Canning

Lake Dam.

According to a staff report, the bridge was built in 1930 and used as a single lane bridge. While it is of historic value to the township, the cost of repairs exceeds the cost of replacement, including the walking bridge.

“The structure has several pieces of rebar and metals protruding from (it) and staff feel this is a significant liability to the township,” roads superintendent, Travis Wilson said.

Parks Canada recently announced a \$270 million investment in the Trent Severn Waterway, with a portion of the investment, \$3 million, including rehabilitation and possible replacement of the Canning Lake Dam.

Wilson said that “through this replacement/rehabilitation, Parks Canada has offered to remove the structure, and in return, to provide a safe walkway across the new dam.”

He said the 2014 OSIM inspection indicated that approximately \$70,000 in work was needed to be performed on the

bridge within the next couple of years to make it safe for pedestrians. In addition, removal of the existing structure, as offered by Parks Canada, will result in a savings of approximately \$600 every two years, through the elimination of legislated OSIM inspections on the structure.

Devolin said he recently visited the site and it is in “terrible shape” with chicken wire sticking out of parts and it is a large liability for the township.

“Go ahead and remove it, as long as there is a pedestrian walkway, we're happy as clams,” Devolin said.

He added that people had built “a lovely little parkette” at the site and he wanted to ensure that it was not disturbed by works.

### Township upgrades

Council approved awarding a tender to K Enterprises for exterior improvements to its administration building at a total cost of \$40,171.27.

Another \$15,171.27 will be taken from a fund earmarked for paving the rear parking

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area to put towards the work.

Work includes strapping the back wall of the administration building, installing board and batten aluminum siding, flashing, eaves and fascia, the installation of three-quarters of an inch insulation board, painting of the existing exit doors on the lower level of the building and the replacement of painting of the fire exit door on the upper level and the installation of snow jacks on the existing steel roof.

### Francis Road bridge repairs

All Services Inc. has been awarded the tender to the delivery, removal and replacement of the Francis Road Bridge.

The cost to the municipality is \$98,000 exclusive of HST.

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(Briefs by Lisa Gervais)

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## 'Crawling' towards a renewable energy plan

Minden's renewable energy committee hopes to see its policy roll out across county

By Alex Coop

After passing the township's first-ever renewable energy policy earlier this summer, members of the renewable energy taskforce in Minden Hills presented the policy to county council to see if there was any interest in rolling it out across all four municipalities.

Although councillors last Wednesday praised the hard work done by the taskforce, similar 'meaty' policies likely won't be implemented in other townships for a long time, says County Warden Carol Moffatt.

"I don't think there is anyone here who doesn't support green energy," Moffatt said after Wednesday's meeting. "The easiest thing would be to ask municipalities to adopt this policy while ensuring it reflects their official plans. But we don't want anyone to do something too quickly that you will have to reverse when the provincial direction comes down."

The provincial carbon tax framework and the federal government's carbon reduction strategy have not been ratified but contain ambitious long-term goals for reducing greenhouse gasses. Details about Ontario's cap-and-trade plan, which will take effect in January when Ontario joins an existing carbon market with Quebec and California, are also unknown.

Jumping the gun, and implementing this new policy across the townships without proper planning, could have a significant financial impact on municipalities, Moffatt said.

"If a group of well-intentioned and knowledgeable people say let's do A,B,C around green energy and spend money on A,B,C, we can go, 'Yes, that sounds logical, let's do it.' But then the province might say we require you to do spend on B,C, and D. Well, now we spent money on A that we didn't have to," she explained.

Minden Hills councillor and renewable energy taskforce director, Pam Sayne said that she hopes townships set aside some time this August to absorb the same presentation made by taskforce members, Mike Johnson and Mark Bernier at last week's county council meeting.

Although some information is still missing from upper levels of government when it comes to clean energy, Sayne said Minden Hills' blueprint for how to approach topics relating to renewable energy is critical, and will be a valuable tool for the future.

"There is a lot of misunderstanding about rural issues from policy makers," Sayne said, adding there is a lot of complicated overlap across provincial and federal guidelines relating to renewable energy production. "So when companies or members of Queen's Park come to us, we will have the ability to put our issues and main priorities front and centre of the discussion."

The policy drafted by the task force includes key topics that relate to renewable energy proposals, such as road access, storm water issues and concerns from the general public.

It also includes various guidelines for the best ways to stimulate public discussion about renewable energy and a flow chart that highlights the economic impact potential renewable energy projects would have on different parts of a community.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said once taskforce members make the pitch about their policy, that information will go to the municipality's Environment and Conservation committee for processing.

But according to Tamara Wilbee, Dysart's chief administrative officer, that won't happen anytime soon.

"We had a couple of resignations within the committee ... so we're taking a break and looking to regroup," Wilbee said,



Townships in Haliburton are preparing to hear a similar presentation about a renewable energy policy similar to the one that was made at county council last week. *File photo.*

adding the committee has not been terminated.

She said scheduling conflicts forced some of its volunteer members to step down.

Algonquin Highlands is having trouble getting its recently formed Environment Committee to meet for the first time.

"They were supposed to have met by now, but now it looks like they will be meeting for the first time in September," she said. "[The renewable energy policy] is a pretty big document for them to look over when they

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**Carol Moffatt**  
county warden

haven't even met."

Moffatt said that there is a chance that townships might decide to not adopt or build upon the taskforce's policy.

"No one will reject this policy because they don't support better management of green energy," she said. "I would imagine it would be about not being

ready, and about timing.

"I think we are all going in the right direction, but at a crawl as opposed to a run."

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People had to use sand bags to fend off floodwaters this spring. *File photo.*

## Brochure to help landowners with flooding

By Lisa Gervais

Council has approved a drainage study for four areas known to have drainage issues in the Township of Minden Hills.

The decision came at the last council meeting following a report from roads superintendent, Travis Wilson.

"Staff believe that a drainage study in problem areas would clarify what the township and landowner obligations are, in regards to surface water and natural water courses that involve riparian and non-riparian land owners," he said. Riparian refers to rivers.

Council has committed to spending \$60,000 to investigate drainage in Moore Lake Estates, Peck Street to Spring Valley Road, Prince Street and Beaver Creek.

Wilson said the study would assess elevation, define natural water courses, provide recommendations of possible easements or provide riparian land owners with a recommendation of work that may be completed to help mitigate flooding issues, estimate for proposed works, provide proof of due diligence for flood prevention in this area, provide council with the best solution for these other drainage problems going forward and assist the affected ratepayers with ongoing flood issues.

The study will begin this fall and be completed next summer.

Wilson said the project would be tendered and include the creation of a brochure of drainage facts and common questions which could be given to property owners who are

experiencing drainage issues.

In supporting the recommendation, Reeve Brent Devolin said it was "a good start but not the end of the conversation." He added that it was the beginning of the process to bring about some resolution to the problems.

Coun. Pat Sayne said that people in the areas had been combating spring flooding for years, annually renting water pumps to try to keep their properties from being under water. She considered the project a priority.

In another report, Wilson said the roads department had an estimated \$64,000 in additional costs thanks to last spring's flooding. Money from the roads reserve will be used to cover the shortfall.



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# Highlander volunteers

## Volunteers remember meeting Terry Fox

By Alex Coop

The seemingly impossible task of running across Canada didn't seem to trouble the determined Terry Fox, says Camarvon resident Dana Manning, who met the Canadian icon during a neighbourhood barbecue when she was 17.

While stopping in St. Mary's, during his Marathon of Hope in 1980, Fox joined Manning's mother and neighbourhood friends at a barbecue during a lovely summer evening July 19.

He quickly became one with the community, Manning says.

Before Fox left to continue his journey, she shook his hand and gave him a hug.

Manning says it's a moment she'll never forget.

"He thanked everyone for their support before he left," she said. "Kids ran after him for a while as he took off. He was such a determined man. The marathon didn't scare him."

The encounter was a pivotal moment in her life, Manning said, and it motivated her to further-integrate herself with the Terry Fox Run, which has raised more than \$650 million for cancer research since its inception.

Her mother was a dedicated volunteer for the cause before she passed away due to cancer.

Since 2009, Manning has been a committee member of the Minden Terry Fox Run. Prior to 2009, she was involved with the organization in Georgetown.

"It meant so much at the time," she said about her encounter with Fox. "After all these years, I think it means even more now."

The Terry Fox Run is close to many people's hearts in Haliburton County, and since the Minden chapter opened in 1993, more than \$250,000 has been raised by local residents.

The milestone was reached on Saturday at a fundraising booth next to Canadian Tire in



Terry Fox (sitting in centre) is surrounded by friends of Dana Mannings and other neighbours in 1980, during a stop on his Marathon of Hope run. Photo submitted.

Minden.

Committee chair and Lochlin resident Diane Peacock said the amount of money Minden raises annually turns heads every year.

"The foundation's offices can't believe what a community of our size does every year. For a few years, we were beating Peterborough," Peacock said. "And for the past five or six years we've consistently been raising around \$15-16,000 ... that's incredible for a town our size."

As with many who participate in the Terry Fox Run, the drive to raise money is fueled by a personal story.

Peacock's great niece from Ennismore was diagnosed with kidney cancer when she was nine months old. The now-12-year-

old is still alive. A young boy who passed away from cancer in 2010 is also close to Peacock's heart.

Peacock echoed the words of Doug Alward, the driver of the van during Fox's cross-country journey, who told her after a presentation in Toronto, that once you join the Terry Fox Run, you are part of the family.

Peacock has also met Terry's other family members (except his mother) including his oldest-brother Fred. She said she would like to bring Fred to Minden one year for the Terry Fox Run as a guest speaker.

Minden's committee consists of 20 members. Three of them are cancer survivors.

The money raised across the world through the Terry Fox Run has led to

some significant breakthroughs, the most recent one coming in 2015, when doctors discovered a way to make pancreatic cancer cells more vulnerable to cancer-killing viruses.

Pancreatic cancer kills approximately 4,400 Canadians every year. Only six per cent of people diagnosed with pancreatic cancer live longer than five years, according to the Terry Fox Research Institute.

Minden's 23rd Terry Fox Run Sept. 18 will include a 10 km run that is open to anyone of any age, a silent auction and a barbecue.

Peacock said everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy the day, and even participate in the run at the very last moment. Others can simply make a donation and not participate in the run.

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# Senior highlanders



Horseshoe Lake resident Mabel Brannigan, 93, gets ready for an afternoon cruise in her new Chevrolet Cruze. Photo by Alex Coop.

## New car ‘changed my life’ says 93-year-old

By Alex Coop

There is no one on Earth who can keep Horseshoe Lake resident Mabel Brannigan still.

Not even the number 93. “I’ve always been very independent and didn’t listen to others,” the Second World War veteran said with a smile during an interview at her home.

A plaque not far away describes Brannigan as a “Woman ahead of her time.”

It was given to her by the Minden Legion Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 last January.

Mabel’s accomplishments have wowed family and friends her entire life so she couldn’t help but do it again this summer by successfully renewing her driver’s license and buying a new car.

Her children couldn’t believe it, she laughed, when they found out about her new 2016 Chevrolet Cruze.

“I called them one day, and said, ‘Oh, I forgot to tell you that I got a new car the other day’ and they said ‘A new car? Are you crazy?’ I told them I wasn’t.”

After suffering a knee injury three years ago, Brannigan had to give up driving for a while. She relied on friends and family to get around.

But being the determined woman she is, she became increasingly frustrated to have to rely on others.

“I was making a sandwich one day, and I was missing some ingredients but I couldn’t just get up and drive to the store, so I said ‘that’s it, I’m getting a car,’” Brannigan said.

She called her son (who luckily works at Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC in Minden) and together they went car shopping.

Brannigan’s eyes lit up when she saw the blue Cruze.

“I didn’t ask any questions about the engine or anything. I was drawn to the beauty,” she said.

Living more than 10 km from Minden, without a car for almost three years renewed her passion for travel and volunteer work.

Judging by the stack of certificates and awards on a table (Brannigan was rearranging some stored items) she does a lot of volunteer work.

Don’t let others tell you what to do, she stressed, adding age is just a number.

“Some people want you to believe that you are too tired, that you need to be in a retirement home and that you need to pack it in ... don’t be afraid to say no!”



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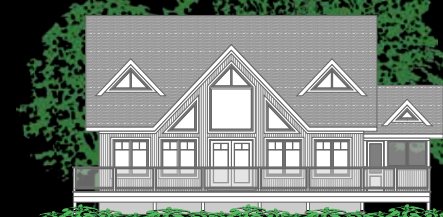
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Fay Wilkinson, centre, receives a cheque from Canoe FM volunteers and staff. From left, vice-president Ron Evans, bingo coordinator Pat Barry, board member Tim Hagarty, volunteer Bob Stiles, president Lorne McNeil and station manager Roxanne Casey. Also from Visible Voices are facilitator Marc Shroetter and outreach coordinator Stella Voisin. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Radio Bingo sets fundraising record

By Mark Arike

Fay Wilkinson gleamed with joy when she was told just how much money Canoe FM raised for Visible Voices Open Arts Studio.

"Oh my God!" she exclaimed.

"This is the most we've raised for anything," said station manager Roxanne Casey, who showed Wilkinson a cheque for \$6,092.50.

The funds were raised through Radio Bingo over a six-month period, from January to the end of June, and represent half the proceeds.

Members of the station's board of directors and other volunteers gathered for a cheque presentation on Tuesday.

Visible Voices is a non-profit organization that was founded by Wilkinson, an expressive arts consultant and educator, two years ago. It facilitates "community projects, co-creations and intergenerational programming" at its studio on Industrial Park Road and off-site.

The money will be used for programming and to heat the space during the winter months, she said.

"People who perhaps wouldn't be able to come will be able to come. We can sponsor them now."

Several community groups already use the space, including Community Living and the mental health unit.

Visible Voices reached out to the station for support, according to Casey.

"A couple of things we talked about was they there were really supporting Community Living and getting people involved that maybe were a bit disadvantaged," she recalled.

The board of directors voted in favour.

The donations made to local organizations continue to increase due to the growing popularity of Radio Bingo, she said. More than \$23,000 has been distributed in the past four years.

Now in its fourth year, it is held every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. Sheets are \$6 and can be purchased at: Canoe FM, Haliburton Jug City, Haliburton Foodland, Todd's Independent, Minden Jug City, On the Spot Variety, Dollo's Foodland, Easton's Valu-Mart, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Eagle Lake Country Market, Lucky Dollar, Agnew's General Store and SIRCH Community Services.

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# Highlander arts



Al Van Mil and Annette Blady beside Blady's handcrafted 3D flower wall art. Photo by Justin van Lieshout.

## Artists studios open in annual Tour de Forest

By Justin van Lieshout

Artists in Haliburton county – including photographers – opened their studios to the public last weekend in the annual Tour de Forest.

More than 25 artists displayed their work in their homes and studios to residents and visitors out for a drive.

Mediums ranged from painting to sculpture and, unlike the fall studio tour, included photography. For many photographers in the area, this makes the summer Tour de Forest one of the best ways to get their work seen in the area.

"It's my fifth year in the tour," said photographer Pat Hemphill, who is frustrated by the lack of inclusion in the fall tour. While her work focuses on nature as well as vintage buildings, she isn't a picky photographer.

"If it looks good I'll take a picture."

Meanwhile, Gerry Hogaboam uses acrylic paints to bring life to nature scenes and her abstract art.

"I've been painting for 10 years," said Hogaboam, who has attended classes at the Fleming College which have heavily influenced her style of painting.

It was her fifth year participating in the Tour de Forest.

"It's a fun concept," said Hogaboam who enjoys the event. In addition to the tour, Hogaboam will be showcasing her work at the Finn Artist Centre in mid-August.

Starting her painting career with water colours, Hogaboam moved towards acrylics for their more forgiving nature. The acrylics also provide Hogaboam with new ways to paint like the pouring method she used to make a scene of an ocean cliff.

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# Highlander arts

## Robert Bateman to donate art for auction

By Mark Arike

A popular annual art auction is going to feature the work of one of Canada's most respected painters.

On Aug. 11, bidders will have the opportunity to get their hands on an original piece of artwork by Robert Bateman.

"I had been meeting with Robert to discuss the possibility of a visiting artist program and discussions of teaching at HSAD [Haliburton School of Art + Design] came up," said Sandra Dupret, campus dean and principal.

Bateman's work, along with several pieces made by faculty of the Fleming College campus, will be up for bid during the Faculty Art Auction in the Great Hall. The event raises funds for student bursaries and scholarships.

From Aug. 9-11, Bateman will teach a three-day workshop titled "Passions and Practices" at the Haliburton campus. The demonstration piece he creates in the class will be entered in the auction.

"It will not be 100 per cent [finished] as the workshop is only three days, so he will take it home and complete it," explained Dupret.

Bateman will decide what the painting will be when he arrives. When completed it will be sent to the buyer via the college or him.

"He will not be painting in the Great Hall," she said, adding that only his workshop participants will get to see him in action.

Now 86, the Toronto-born artist drew inspiration from the Group of Seven. He has received many honours and awards, including Officer of the Order of Canada. He has been awarded 13 honorary doctorates and has three schools named after him.

The National Audubon Society recognized him as one of the 20th century's "heroes of conservation".

"Robert's support of the college and our students means a lot to HSAD," said Dupret. "His being a part of our school and our faculty art auction speaks very highly of the programs we offer. Robert's donation to the art auction is a highly anticipated item and we are expecting that his donation will greatly add to our bursary program."

Bateman will also take part in a free art talk on Aug. 10 at 4:45 p.m.

Last year's live and silent auction featured close to 100 pieces of art that fetched \$15,000. It has raised as much as \$22,000 in the past.

It is vital to the success of the bursary and scholarship program.

"All funds, every penny, are provided to our students in the form of a bursary. Students in full and part-time programs can apply for funds that will assist them in attending an HSAD program or course," she said.

Some of the artists who have donated art in the past include John Leonard, Rod Prouse, Rob Stimpson, Chuck O'Neil, Susan Watson-Ellis, Bruce Lepper and Wayne Hill.

The event starts at 5 p.m. with a preview of the items. The live auction starts at 7 p.m. with auctioneer Jim Nelson.

Admission is free and the auction is open to the public. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to browse the items and find a seat. Organizers anticipate it will be standing room only.

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# Highland Storm



## Minden teen put to the test by OHL

By Mark Arike

Owen Smith's first trip to Michigan was a memorable one.

The 15-year-old Minden teen, who was the youngest player to be chosen by the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Flint Firebirds during the priority selection in April, attended a weekend-long orientation in the suburb of Grand Blanc at the end of May.

"We toured everywhere," said Smith in an interview.

Smith, who goes by the nickname Smitty, went with his parents, Craig and Tammy. They met with billet families and he underwent off-ice testing in a high school gym.

"I did bench presses and different types of sprints and long jump. Just to test our off-ice abilities so when we come back we'll see if we improved or not."

He bench-pressed 10 reps of 140 lbs.

Smith was happy with his performance. He was relaxed because other players he knows, such as linemate Braydon Leeking, were in his group. The two play together for the Central Ontario Wolves, a Triple A team in Lindsay.

"It takes some stress off," he said.

A big part of the reason Smith has done so well is because of his workout regime with a local trainer.

"I train three days a week," he said. "It's usually an hour per day."

Smith actually enjoys getting up at 7 a.m. for a workout before he goes to work at Haliburton Timber Mart.

In the coming weeks he intends to get quicker and strengthen his upper body.

He will return to Michigan at the end of August to attend a three-day camp.



Owen Smith recently attended an orientation camp with the Flint Firebirds in Michigan. Photo submitted by Owen Smith.

At 6'1" and 180 lbs, Smith believes he is at a good size.

He plans on participating in a camp with the Lindsay Muskies this month and will likely book some ice time in Haliburton "to shoot some pucks."

Smith played minor hockey with the Highland Storm before moving on to the

Wolves for his peewee years. He returned to play with the Storm's Bantam A team in 2013-14 and helped them capture the all-Ontario championship. Last season he played Junior A hockey with the Muskies.

If the Firebirds select him for their opening night roster, he will need to pack up and move to Michigan right

away because the regular season starts in September. If not, he will have another opportunity next year as the team has rights to him for two years.

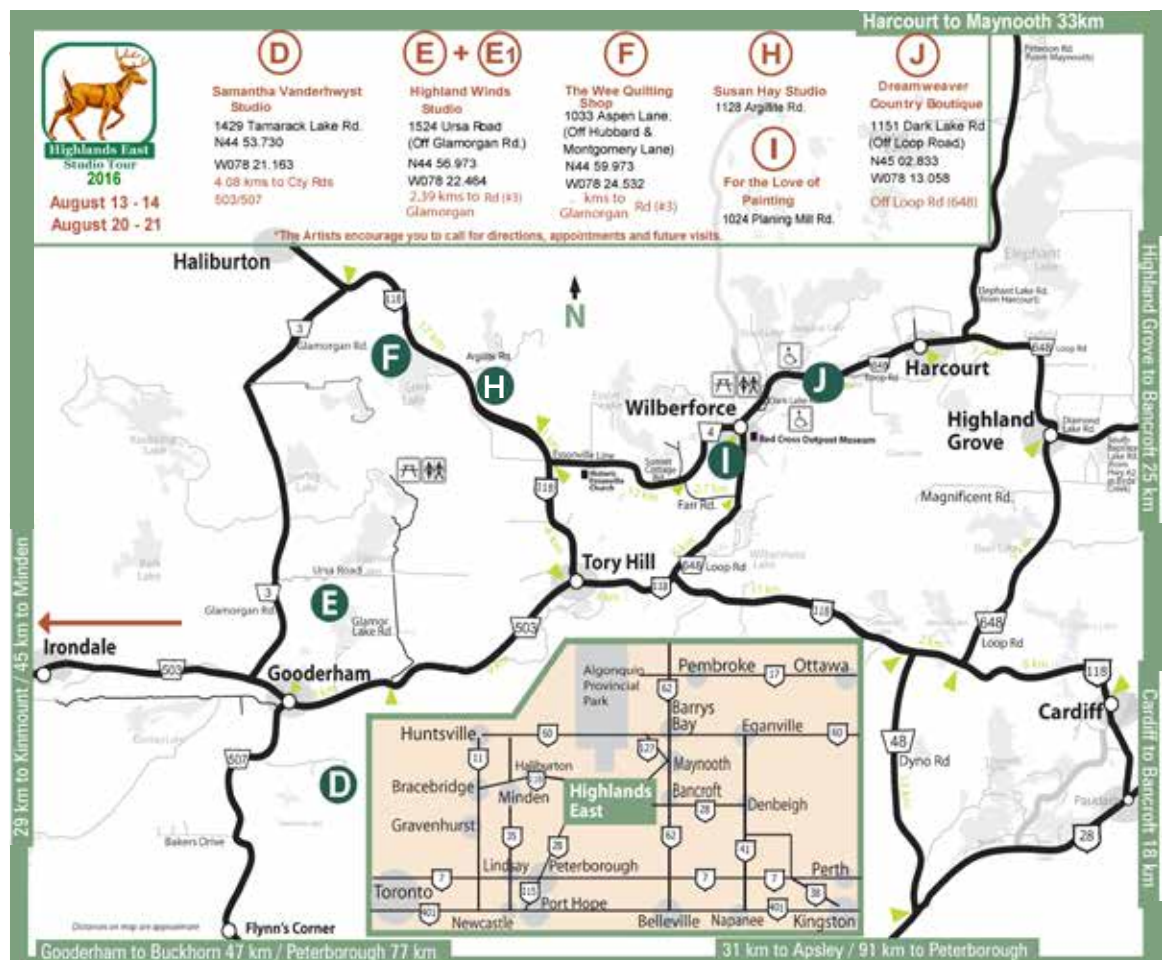
"I'm just going to go in confident and try my best," he said.

Smith was the team's 11th pick in the 13th round of the draft.



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# Highlander sports



Left above and below: Hayley Halliday battles defenders for the ball during a game in Houston, Texas. *Photo submitted.* Right: Hayley Halliday. *Photo from Challenge Soccer Club's Facebook page.*

## Texas player loves Haliburton Soccer Club

### Local league is relaxing but still a challenge, soccer phenom explains

By Alex Coop

She calls soccer her happy place, and every summer while staying at a cottage on Drag Lake with her parents, Hayley Halliday travels from Houston Texas to Haliburton to experience it.

"I love coming up here to play. It's cool playing against older players and getting that different type of challenge," Halliday said. "I also met someone here who used to play in Texas and played for the same club I do."

That soccer club is the Challenge, a high-level team for teen girls in the Houston, South Texas area that is recognized as one of the top clubs in the United States.

Halliday is still in high school, but has already accepted a soccer scholarship from Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

She began playing in Haliburton during the summer when she was still in the local youth league.

The young athlete's fundamental skills are strong, says league organizer Tom Thurley, adding he has played with and against her for many years.

"She fits right in," he said.

This year, Thurley said the league has one player from Singapore, one from Mexico and two from Great Britain.

It's no surprise that multiple international players register for the league every year, he says.

"They all play different styles," he said. "And when they start talking to each other they get a different perspective of the game."

Women's soccer is a big deal in Texas, Halliday explained, and the state has several teams that attract national attention, especially within the Elite Clubs National League (ECNL).

It's the league the Challenge club plays in.

A key factor that contributes to soccer's popularity in Texas is the availability and access to fitness programs, private training facilities and various recreational leagues.

"My parents signed me up for technical lessons, fitness, and they made me a lot

better," she said.

Her father Stephen, a major soccer enthusiast, says there are a lot of opportunities to play high-level soccer in Texas, and the tools that help an athlete reach that level are also accessible.

Halliday is involved with soccer to some capacity nearly year-round.

"The number of times she's out there training is amazing," Stephen said.

Although Halliday's summer in Haliburton came to an end last week, she said it was, as always, an exciting time.

"It's fun meeting new people, seeing everyone else, and telling them my story," she said. "It's just a great feeling being around them all and playing the game."



### Working the body, mind and spirit

Continuing Taoist Tai Chi instructor Maria Trautman leads a group through some exercises at Head Lake Park. Wilma Thomson, the group's primary instructor, was also in attendance. Trautman said it was great to see some men show up for the exercises. *Photo by Alex Coop.*



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# Highlander sports



From left to right, District 11 athletes Patti Harknett, Jeff Cattell, John Kerr, BMO manager Richard Wannan, and athlete Mary Johnson. Photo by Alex Coop

## 'Very competitive' seniors ready for Ontario Games

By Alex Coop

Four athletes representing Haliburton at the 2016 Ontario 55+ Summer Games were looking sharp last week in their new uniforms, which were a gift from their new sponsor, the Bank of Montreal.

Many of the athletes, however, want to do more than just look good while competing, says Mary Johnson, a member of the District 11 team that is traveling to the Town of Midland Aug. 9 to compete at the Ontario Summer Games.

They want to win.

"Seniors are very competitive people," Johnson said during a photo op at the BMO

in Haliburton. "We are all very active people and have been all our lives."

Forty-one athletes from District 11, consisting of seniors from the Haliburton and Muskoka area, will compete in Midland until the games wrap up Aug. 11.

A handful of them are also competing in Brampton during the 2016 Canada 55+ Games Aug. 14-20.

Johnson will be competing in contract bridge with her teammate Ross Fletcher.

Tennis player, John Kerr, who has competed in the Ontario Summer Games before, said there is a lot to look forward to.

"It's a good chance to socialize and meet people right across Ontario," he said.

One can never be too old to be inspired either, Kerr added.

"One year, we had a woman at 106 years old throwing the javelin," he said.

The javelin thrower had told Johnson she would attend this year's summer games in Midland.

Unfortunately, she passed away in October, Johnson said.

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**Mixed 55+** - Patricia Harknett & Philip Harknett

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# BUILDING & Renos

## Still time for some outdoor projects before winter

But home renovations and maintenance require proper prep work

By Alex Coop

When it's August and the sun is shining, outdoor home renovation projects are a popular item.

But as residents of Haliburton know very well, the summer, consumed by bustling crowds and hundreds of events, is over in a flash.

So make sure renovations are scheduled accordingly, says Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber.

"The dock season, by Aug. 1, is pretty much dried up," he said. "If you don't have a dock in by then, you likely won't get one with summer half over."

Questions about decks and other outdoor projects, however, are aplenty, he says.

Shingles, concrete mix, lumber, windows and siding are flying off the shelves right now, but after Labour Day, drywall, insulation and other indoor renovation items pick up steam.

"Anything exterior is usually the focus right now," he said.

Minden Home Hardware Building Centre owner Jodi Paterson is witnessing a similar pattern at her store, but is still noticing a lot of interest in docks.

"We've had a lot of questions about docks this summer ... I think not only are people spending money this year when they visit, they want to just be outside in this great weather," she said, adding the perfect outdoor conditions are likely to last many more weeks.

But winter is already on a lot of people's minds.

"We're getting truckloads of pellets already," Paterson said, referring to the fuel used for certain indoor heating systems. They are often made from compacted sawdust.



Rod Consack organizes two-by-four at Emmerson Lumber. Photo by Alex Coop.

People are also beginning to ask about products that keep plumbing from freezing during the winter, Paterson said.

"They won't be worrying about that until late September or October, but we start selling that stuff in August," she said.

The prep work behind home renovations is often overlooked, says Kathryn Batty from Haliburton's Timber Mart, and the financial

consequences can be extreme.

Luckily, a budget is much easier to manage if one is prepared.

"Best thing to do before starting a project is making sure you have a good idea of what you want," Batty said. "If your mind isn't made up and the project is started, the costs go up very quickly if you start making changes to the design."

Emmerson agreed.

"Building technologies are not as simple as they used to be," he explained. "The critical components like a roof truss, windows, engineered floors, kitchen cupboards, all require diligence on part of the customer to make sure that they're getting what they expected."

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## Take climate change into account when building and renovating

By Lisa Gervais

When it comes to building and renovations, Haliburton County residents and the professionals they hire are advised to take climate change into account, says Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections Inc.

Sayne is knowledgeable about construction trends for increased efficiency, healthier buildings and lower emissions. Know Your Home Inspections Inc. is also a Service Organization with Natural Resources Canada and promotes education, energy efficiency and consultation for home owners, designers and contractors.

“We need a monumental change but monumental change doesn’t happen overnight,” Sayne said of the requirement to alter the way that we build, and use and produce energy. We need to be prepared to accommodate radical shifts in weather. The change also needs to be made affordable for home buyers, builders and developers. The building codes reflect the minimum requirements to build legally in Ontario. Many local builders are choosing to offer their clients Energy Star construction which can be a 25% energy savings over the basic building code requirements. Thus long term energy costs are lower.

Sayne said that climate change and regional conditions have an effect on building code trends. She said there is an increasing demand to be more energy efficient. This in turn reduces potential operating costs of our buildings and reduces carbon dioxide or CO2 contributing to our international environmental commitments. She says that “just as our automobiles are competing for the best fuel mileage, new home construction designs are competing for better energy efficiency”.

There is a supplementary standard to the residential building code to address energy efficiency for housing, known as SB-12. New homes can qualify under a prescriptive path selection or a performance path. SB-12 calls for increasing insulation values and more energy efficient mechanics for heating and cooling. Other considerations include ventilation systems for better indoor air quality and efficient water heating. The SB-12 is used to meet the changing building code requirements regarding reduced energy use. Modeling an energy efficient home also includes the direction windows face, the number of windows to wall ratio, overhangs, and more.

Sayne said the goal is to create all net zero buildings. A building with zero net energy consumption means the total amount of energy used by the building on an annual basis is roughly equal to the amount of renewable energy created on the site.

Sayne clarifies that a Net Zero home or building still feeds into the shared power grid. This is different from Off Grid where the home is not connected to the main power

grid in Ontario. Off Grid homes monitor their consumption closely, require energy savings in a battery backup and often have another fuel for use or back up. There are local professional solar technicians that can help you determine your solar potential for feeding into the grid or going off grid for your building’s location and conditions. No two places are alike.

Building options, products and materials are changing rapidly. Another tip to help manage with our changing climate is taking advantage of passive energy, such as the sun, Sayne said. For example, she said window choices are important as are overhangs. There is a move towards wider overhangs, which better protect against the summer sun and take advantage of the lower winter sun. The climate zone is also a consideration for window type. Sayne explained, “Window technology for your home is changing as quickly as windows technology for your computer. Choosing the best today may mean postponing the need to buy an upgrade sooner.”

She said geothermal is also becoming increasingly recognized as an option for heating and cooling. Geothermal works because the ground beneath our feet is warmer than the outside air in the winter and cooler in the summer. Inserting a circulation loop into the ground allows heat to be transferred to and from your home or building with high efficiency pumps and compressors. Many builders and heating contractors are supporting geothermal options in our area. There are also demonstrations set up for public viewing and education by contractors.

Regional weather patterns are changing, Sayne comments. Spring rainfall is coming when the ground is sometimes still frozen. Surface drainage will thus become a bigger concern. “We may get more flooding than in the past. We need to take this into account in our design and planning.” Peter Sales, a scientist working in the Muskoka area, is measuring the water table trend which reflects these concerns.

Some private wells at the later part of summer may also be a concern, as some well water tables may be higher or lower depending on the season. With less water entering the aquifer in the spring due to frozen ground she advises that people give attention to changes and water use.

“What drainage systems that were installed 40 years ago ... may have to be re-evaluated for potential climate change effects,” she said.

Sayne concludes, “climate changes are increasingly evident. Building for the future will require increasing knowledge and changing skills for our local trades and contractors as well as consumer awareness. Monumental change may not happen overnight but many members of our community are leading in the right direction.”



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## Two out of 10 homes fail smoke alarm test

By Mark Arike

A door-to-door inspection by the Dysart volunteer fire department reveals that not everyone is getting the message when it comes to smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.

Twenty per cent of the nearly 100 homes were found to be non-compliant.

“They chose random houses along their route, concentrating mostly on older homes,” said fire Chief Mike Iles of the July 25 inspections.

Firefighters visited homes on Fred Jones Road, Kennaway Road, Mountain Street, West Lake, Harmony Road and Nila Road.

In the few cases when no one was home, they left a note on the door advising homeowners they were there to inspect smoke alarms.

The most common reason for a failed inspection was an outdated alarm.

“They may not operate in a true emergency,” said Iles.

It is law for all homes to have working smoke alarms. Two years ago, Bill 77, the Hawkins-Gignac Act, came into effect. It requires all residences that have at least one fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage, to have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed.

No tickets were issued this time. But firefighters sold new alarms to some of these residents.

Smoke detectors expire after 10 years. Their production date is usually found on



Walkers Home Hardware employees Susan McCreary, left, and Carmen Galea hold a couple of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms available at the store. Photo by Mark Arike.

the back of the alarm. Failure to comply with the fire code smoke alarm requirements could result in a fine of \$360 or up to \$50,000 for individuals, and \$100,000 for corporations. The department usually visits a different part of the municipality each year. (With files from Matthew Desrosiers).



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For example, unless you build in one of the areas serviced by municipal water and waste systems, you'll need to ensure you have the space and proper locations for a well and a septic system.

Choosing the best place to build and determining the amount per square foot you're willing to invest will depend in part on your proximity to water. The big lakes drive the big prices, so to protect your investment the general rule has been not to overbuild on other types of properties.

However, local realtors report the market is changing somewhat as urban homeowners who have sold their city dwelling for a sizeable return choose to retire to the more peaceful setting of the

Highlands. This means you're more likely to be able to build on a smaller lake and get the return you're looking for.

If you plan to remain in your dream home as long as possible, or to tap into that growing retiree market, you may want to consider a more level lot and a floor plan that will accommodate aging in place.

Look to your realtor and local building supply centres for advice on the appropriate build for your needs and on choosing local professional designers and builders. Your designer and builder will also provide valuable advice.

Finally, consider using sustainable building practices and materials, which can help you see an even better return on your investment through reduced energy costs, especially during our (often) longer, colder winters.

"Building a house is far more than nailing boards together," says sustainable builder

Don Koppin. "A good house [is] a system of all of the parts working together, and the designer and builder have to understand this."

"Many members of the [Haliburton County] Home Builders Association use good building practices and are building sustainable houses with good, local materials and high insulation values. The builder is conscious of eliminating waste and constructing the building envelope so that the house is easy to heat."

With rugged landscapes, extreme temperatures and often having to build your own water, sewage and electricity supply, the Highlands is a place where local expertise can go a long way.

For more information like this, pick up your copy of *The Highlander Handbook*.

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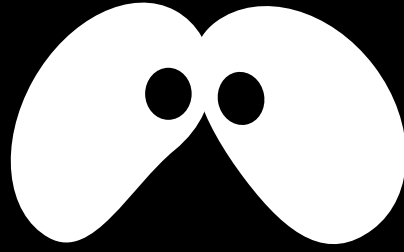
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It begins with knowing your options which is as easy as using an online search engine. However, your best bet is to go directly to the source: building supply centres.

General contractor Dave Porter said these centres use word of mouth to know who is reputable, honest and reliable in the county.

"They know who does good work," he said, adding they often feature lists of local contractors on their websites and will discuss your options with you.

Another source is the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA), which lists member contractors on its website.

In addition to ensuring the contractor has a good reputation, look for experience in your type of project, check references, confirm the contractor has Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage and liability insurance, and make sure you get a clear, signed contract.

Building permits and regulations vary according to municipality so choose a

contractor who knows the requirements for your project and location. Be sure you have the appropriate drawings for your project so your contractor can secure the necessary permits.

"A permit requires plans that have to be prepared by qualified and licensed designers," said Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton. Building centre design staff can provide certain plan design services and information regarding required permits.

Emmerson said to make sure your finances are in order before you start. So, during your reference checks, find out how well your proposed contractor has helped clients manage their budgets.

Porter recommends setting aside a contingency fund of between 15 and 20 per cent of your budget to address any unforeseen circumstances.

For additional local information, check the HCHBA's member list of contractors and suppliers at [hchba.ca](http://hchba.ca), email [info@hchba.ca](mailto:info@hchba.ca), call the HCHBA at 705-457-6901, or contact your local building supply centre.

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## Energy efficiency tips

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) says about 20 per cent of Canada's energy use can be attributed to homes. Fortunately, there are many choices you can make to reduce your energy consumption – and your energy bills.

### Appliances

Choose energy-efficient appliances to cut your energy consumption. Clean the refrigerator coils and air intake grill every three months. Choose a front-loading washer to use less water and wash laundry in cold water. Use clotheslines or drying racks to reduce dryer use.

### Heating systems

If you're using a furnace, choose a high-efficiency model that includes a higher-efficiency fan motor.

Clean the air filter monthly and use a programmable thermostat with a built-in timer. Ensure your fireplace is sealed properly and for your hot water tank, choose a gas-fired, direct vent, fan-assisted or sealed model.

### Plumbing fixtures

Fix any leaking hot water taps; a constant drip can waste up to 75 litres

of water per week. Use aerator taps to reduce water usage by more than 60 per cent. Install a water-efficient toilet, which uses up to 80 per cent less water than a regular toilet. A dual flush model is even better.

### Lighting

Use compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs or LEDs, which consume 75 per cent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs. Both will last longer than traditional bulbs. Wire each room for individual light control and install dimmers. Install outdoor motion sensor lights to reduce lighting use.

### Windows and doors

Seal any air leaks and replace older windows with newer, more energy-efficient models. Install large windows, especially on a south wall to take advantage of solar heat gain in winter. Larger windows will reduce energy use for heating in cold weather and for artificial lighting year-round. Use internal and external window shades in summer to reduce air conditioning and fan use.

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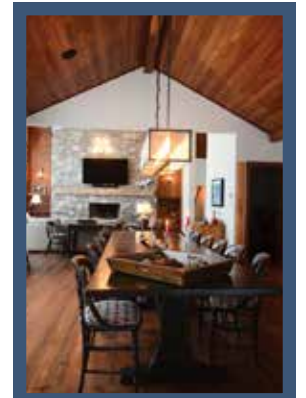
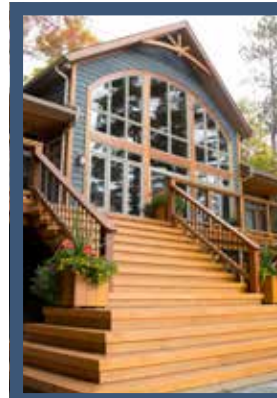
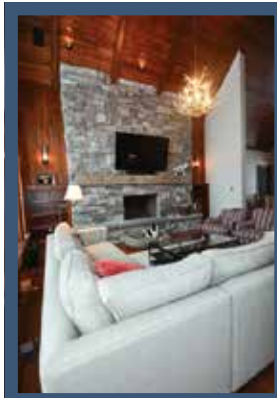


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## Cottage renovations a good investment

Renovating can extend the use of your property and increase the equity in your investment.

Kitchen and bathroom renovations and deck, roof and window improvements provide good value. Given the higher insulating properties of newer window styles, window upgrades are often a big part of transformations from three-season cottages into year-round homes or retreats.

RenoMark, an organization founded by the Building Industry and Land Development Association, features online advice and tools for property owners to help best approach their project.

For smaller projects, you may plan to do your own work (see our Dos and Don'ts of DIYs). For larger projects that require building permits, you'll need professional designs.

RenoMark recommends deciding on your contractor first (see Finding a Contractor), as they can help with initial rough sketches, and once you've discussed your desired quality of materials and workmanship, a budget and schedule can be estimated. Get a written contract including an exact scope of work, specific price and payment schedule, a reasonable timetable for completion and any

instructions for protecting other parts of the house.

Gary Burtch of G. J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd. recommends owners schedule renovations during a time when they're away.

"If it is a large renovation the owners may not be able to use the cottage for a month or more," said Burtch. "This is when we usually do the work, in the fall or winter."

Nevertheless, check on progress and communicate regularly to help avoid misunderstandings or problems. Track any changes and additional costs.

Many Highlands property owners have been renovating to accommodate growing families or ageing family members. Owners undertaking these expansions will have additional considerations, according to Burtch. These include determining whether the septic system is new enough and large enough to accommodate the growth.

For more guidelines visit [renomark.ca](http://renomark.ca), talk with your local building supply centre staff or contact the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at [hchba.ca](http://hchba.ca).

## Water and waste systems explained

Water, wastewater and landfill system maintenance is key to the health of our lakes, lands and wildlife.

Minden Hills and Highlands East provide water services in limited areas but otherwise seasonal and permanent county residents use wells to supply water for daily living.

Under provincial regulations, well owners are responsible for maintenance and regular testing and treating. Water supplies are highly vulnerable to contamination from improperly installed and maintained wells.

According to the Ontario Onsite

Wastewater Association (OOWA), each residence should have a well record and they offer a well inspection checklist upon request. The well record can be obtained from the former property owner or the Ministry of the Environment.

Research shows septic systems are the single largest polluters of our lakes. The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) states excessive water use just flushes nutrients and undigested solids into the environment, since the septic tank is always full.

Talk to your septic service provider as to what type of routine maintenance

your system needs. Responsibility for septic inspections moved from the local health unit to the municipalities in 2014. Algonquin Highlands took the lead in developing a formal program, beginning with an education program and follow-up on existing systems that require immediate attention. The other three municipalities have no immediate plans for formal programs, however Harcourt Park residents have conducted their own re-inspection program over the past few years.

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municipalities have landfill systems. Regulations differs by municipality.

Visitors can purchase a Cottage Kit, which contains everything a family renting a cottage needs in order to manage their garbage and recycling for one week, plus a one-time landfill pass.

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## Windows and doors an important piece of the puzzle

By Lisa Gervais

One of the biggest mistakes people make when winterizing their homes is starting too late in the season, says Dani McNelly of Nortech Home Improvements Inc.

The business specializes in windows, doors and sunrooms.

McNelly said deciding to replace windows in January after getting a nasty heating bill is not always the ideal time to think about energy efficiency. Instead, she said preparing before the winter season hits is the best way to minimize heat loss and avoid ugly heating bills during the cold winter months.

“A lot of people wait until November and December to call us about changing their windows, but we are often already booked out by eight to 10 weeks for install,” she said.

“A lot of homeowners do not realize that older windows don’t have the energy efficient technology of modern day windows. There is a lot of science and research that goes into window manufacturing to increase maximum energy efficiency in homes. If your windows are 15 years or older, your window units are probably missing the mark when it comes to energy efficiency and if a homeowner still has single pane windows, they are losing a substantial amount of heat every winter.”

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“We believe in ensuring that clients make an informed decision. Whether they decide to choose Nortech or they go with another

window supplier, it’s important to know how your windows are made and what components they are made with,” McNelly says. “A window is not just a window. Different manufacturers use different materials. You should be looking for brands that have solid energy ratings and that have quality hardware and glass and solid extrusions. You want a window that it going to last you for at least 20 to 30 years, if not longer.”

Other recommended tips for winter-proofing your home:

Ensure that your HRV (heat recovery ventilator) is functioning well to minimize winter condensation on windows that occur during major temperature fluctuations.

Check existing windows, doors and vents and ensure that they are sealed and caulked on the exterior.

Ensure that weather-stripping around doorways and door sweeps are in good working order and are not damaged to ensure a proper seal. If you see daylight, you may require an adjustment or new seals.

Have a professional inspect your furnace and have your ducts cleaned.

Ensure that eavestroughs are clean and free of debris to prevent potential damage due to blocked drainage during the winter thaw.

Turn off exterior taps and check your sump pump to make sure it’s working as it should.

“When it comes to energy efficiency, consider your home as a living, breathing unit. Every aspect of a home needs to work together. Insulated walls, energy efficient windows and doors, proper heating and ventilation; if you have great windows and doors but have air leaks in other areas of your home, you are not maximizing the energy efficiency potential of your home. Everything needs to work together so that your home functions properly, the way it should.”

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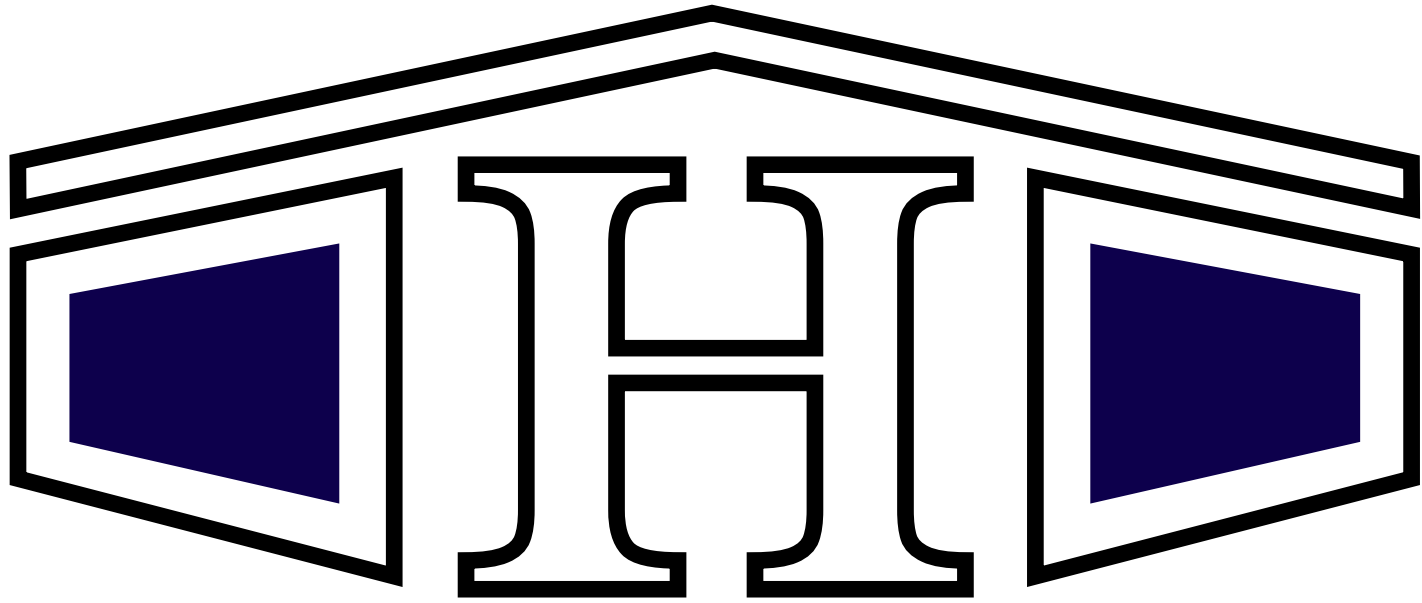
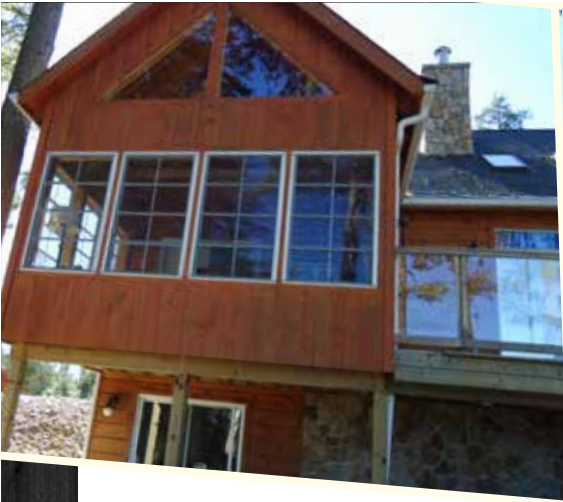
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# Rotary Carnival 2016



Top: From left, A.J. Butera, Sienna Strano and Sabine Strano show off their winnings. Above: Carnarvon residents Grace Hudson, left, and McKenna Johnson are all smiles on the Tip Top ride. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Rotary carnival full of summer fun

By Mark Arike

Hundreds made their way to downtown Haliburton on Wednesday for this year's Rotary Carnival and parade.

Children and families enjoyed midway rides, games and the ever-popular beef on a bun in Head Lake Park. In the evening, crowds lined Highland Street to observe floats and marching bands make their way through the village. The theme of the parade was "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future."

Two cash prizes of \$150 were awarded to the best commercial and non-commercial entries.

Richard van Nood, parade chairman and president of the club, believes the event continues to be a success because it takes place during the middle of the week.

"It's not competing against anything else," said van Nood. "People find that kind of neat to be able to come into town on a Wednesday night in the middle of the summer, and the town's alive."

The festivities concluded with fireworks at dusk and the annual car draw.

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Top: left to right, Sean Henry, My Hoang, Rebecca Pribaz, Cameron Henry, Andrew Foster, James Foster, and Kaitlyn Foster before running in the 2km run. Above: left to right, Katy Booth, Sue Reid, Stela Voisin, Anje Hilkers and Fay Martin volunteer their time to the Highland Yard. Photos by Justin van Lieshout.

## Running the Highland Yard

By Justin van Lieshout

On Sunday, about 300 runners took part in the Highland Yard to raise money for Places for People.

The initiative, which has been purchasing and renovating houses since 2009, depends on the event as its main source of income, organizer Jack Russel said.

With three properties already being managed, Places for People is almost ready to expand into a fourth location thanks to the help of residents and cottagers in Haliburton County.

In addition to runners, there were about 45 volunteers, and about \$17,000 was raised from both corporate and private donations.

Places for People aims to lower the cost of living for low income families, but doesn't stop there.

"They've helped me through some really hard times," said Angie Wilson, a current tenant in one of the Places for People units. "They go above and beyond to help both physically and mentally. It's been amazing."

Wilson holds four college degrees but

struggles to make a living due to the support her autistic son requires. After almost being homeless, she is thankful for the foundation that Places for People has provided through their extensive support.

"It really lets me put family first," Wilson said, as she explained that the alternative would require her son to move into an institution away from her care.

With a large turnout at the event, Wilson has been able to meet firsthand the people that are helping her and her family.

"It's huge. I feel so supported and I feel like I'm actually part of a community,"

Wilson explained, as she noted that subsidized housing hasn't been able to provide this kind of connectivity.

"I used to run these things all the time, but now I run them in a completely different way," said Russel, who really enjoys organizing the event for such a good cause.

In the 10km run, Luke Traynor finished first closely followed by Hugh Langley and Allison Katrina. Connor Bolton was able to take first place in the 5km run, and Emma Searle came first in the 2km portion.



# Highlander events



Top: 10km runners at the starting line of the Highland Yard. Above: The Wilson family at the Highland Yard race. Left to right, Angie, Chelsea, and Ciara Wilson. Photos by Justin van Lieshout.



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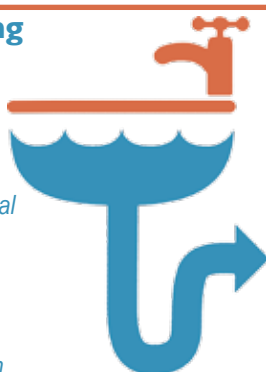
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Top: Wesley Howlett counts his score in the duck game. Left: Doug Stephen displays part of his model train collection. Right: A Ferris Wheel in the Wilberforce Summer Carnival. Photos by Justin van Lieshout.

## Old Number One may star in Santa Claus parade

By Justin vanLieshout

Wilberforce held its first annual carnival last weekend to raise money for its Old Number One.

"We're happy to welcome everyone to Highlands East," said gate volunteer Gill Stephen as she took donations as an entrance fee to the carnival.

Organized by Curtis Tighe, the event had a range of activities for individuals of all ages. Featuring a couple of amusement rides, arts and crafts, vintage cars, and a barbecue run by the fire department, the carnival was a smashing success.

Funds from the event will be used to restore the Old Number One fire truck, which will hopefully be operational

for its debut appearance in the Santa Claus parade.

In addition to raising money for the Old Number One fire truck, a silent auction was held to help support a veteran weekend, and donations were being taken for the local food bank.

"It's such a beautiful day, I'm so glad we were able to make it," said Laura Kennedy as her children collected toy ducks to win a prize. "Hopefully we'll be able to make it next year."

The event also included two large model train sets that belong to Doug Stephen.

"This is about a quarter of what I have at home," said Stephen as he controlled the trains racing around the tracks to the delight of a few children.



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Gates open at 6 p.m. Friday & 9 a.m. Saturday. Admission Friday night is FREE. For a complete schedule and more details visit [WilberforceFair.com](http://WilberforceFair.com)

### Gooderham Astronomy Night

Saturday, August 13, 2016 from  
7:30 pm to 11:45 pm

RMM Community Centre, Gooderham  
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Monday, August 15, 2016 from  
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Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum

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Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 7:00  
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Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum

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Left: Jane Banbury, played by Myrna McBrien, left, and Julia Sterroll, played by Emma Phillips, reconsider their plan to flee when a former lover of both arrives to meet them. The two, now somewhat happily married to the men, are not quite sure how to react to the return of this fling from the past. Right: Banbury finds it difficult to contain herself, when she is reunited with a lover from her past, Maurice Duclos, played by Peter Smith. The action takes place in the Highlands Summer Festival presentation of the Noel Coward period piece *Fallen Angels*. The play opened Aug. 1 and continues through to Aug. 12 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the high school in Haliburton. For tickets call 705-457-9933 or visit the website at [www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca). Photos by Lorne Campbell.

## Old flame sparks comedy in Coward Play

Submitted by Jack Brezina

Times were certainly different in the 1920s when playwright Noel Coward was testing the boundaries with the play *Fallen Angels*. The period farce is currently on stage as part of the Highlands Summer Festival's season.

Back then, pre-marital affairs were certainly frowned on and were rarely spoken of. But following the end of the First World War and the onset of the roaring twenties, the moral landscape was changing. It was a perfect setting for satirist Noel Coward to exercise his sharp wit. His play, *Fallen Angels* is a prime example of his satire at work and, although tame

to us almost 100 years later, it was a play that raised some eyebrows in its time. It provides an intriguing snapshot of an era long gone. Julia Sterroll and Jane Banbury, played by Emma Phillips and Myrna McBrien, have settled comfortably into married life, although they both admit that perhaps some of the early passion that marks the start of wedded life has faded. Their husbands, Fred and Willy, Kevin Scarf and Tom Regina, are heading out on a golfing weekend when the ladies receive postcards from a dashing Frenchman who they both dated and bedded prior to their marriage. Maurice Duclos, played by Peter Smith, is in town and wants to meet them.

They two are all a-flutter as they prepare to get reacquainted with this man with whom they had enjoyed a passionate fling. The two swing madly between anticipated rekindled passion and self-admonition for even thinking of straying beyond their marital bounds. As they await Maurice's arrival, they spiral into a drunken argument that seems to end their friendship as they struggle with their feelings over their lover from years ago. Calmly floating through this turmoil, is a new maid in the Sterroll household, Saunders, who seems to know everything, from how to cure a wicked hangover to surviving the blistering heat of the desert. But more than that, Saunders, played by

Pru Donaldson, who also directed the production, is a bemused observer of the whirlwind created by the return of Julia and Jane's lover. *Fallen Angels* is a sunny, fun-filled romp, with a gorgeous set and fabulous period costumes that brings the Highlands Summer Festival season to a close between now and Aug. 12. (Miss Caledonia, which is on the board for three days, only has seats left for the Sunday performance. The Monday and Tuesday shows are already sold out.) For more information and tickets, visit the website at [www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca) or call the box office at 705-457-9933.



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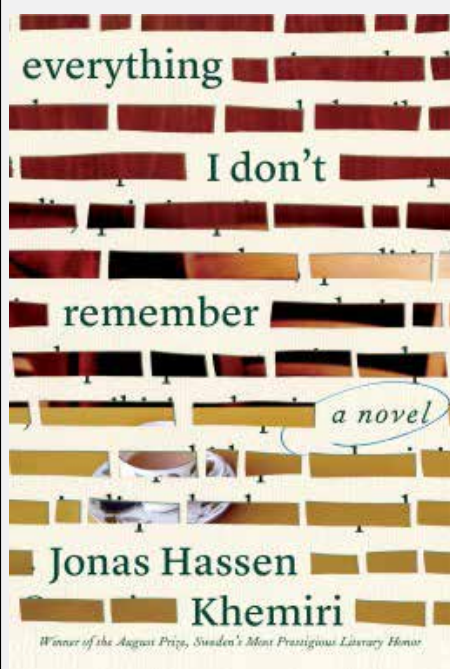
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## Highlands Opera Studio profiles

The Highlander will be profiling some of the young opera talent coming to the county for the upcoming Highland Opera Studio season.

The first HOS concert is *From Opera to Broadway*.

It will be staged next Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church in

Haliburton and next Thursday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Minden United Church.

Here is what Rachel Andrist has to say about it:

"You will hear all the young singers in the Highlands Opera Studio program perform songs and arias from Opera to Broadway. You will hear duets by Mozart,

Strauss and Puccini, arias from many well-known operas, and some not so well-known, selections from "Oklahoma" and "Camelot", songs of Kurt Weill, George Gershwin, Stephen Sondheim and a special crowd-pleasing end. Please join us."



### Lara Secord-Haid

"I am 27 and come from Winnipeg. I am so looking forward to working with the incredibly creative team at Highlands Opera Studio. Also, I hear constantly how beautiful Haliburton County is from friends and family here in Winnipeg and I can't

wait to walk around and experience it myself."

A soprano, Secord-Haid will appear as Dortchen Wild in *The Brothers Grimm* Aug. 18 as well as Cat in *The Bremen Town Musicians* on the same day.

Praised by the New York Times for her "flinty acuity" and called "charismatic" by Opera Today, Secord-Haid is enjoying a diverse and dynamic career. Recent

performances include; Cendrillon in *Cendrillon* (New York Lyric Opera), soloist in concert (Opera San Miguel), Miss Jessel in *The Turn of The Screw* (Opera on the Avalon) Marzeline in *Fidelio* (Manitoba Opera), 3 *Settings of Celan* by Harrison Birtwistle with the Axiom Ensemble (Lincoln Center), Miss Silverpeal in *The Impresario* (North Shore Music Festival) and Tytania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Opera on the Avalon), Marsinah in *Kismet* (Little Opera Company Winnipeg). Some additional highlights of her work include Zerbinetta in *Ariadne auf Naxos* (Manhattan Opera Studio) and Suor Genovieffa in *Suor Angelica* (Manhattan Opera Studio) Donna Elvira in *Don Giovanni* (Banff Center), Giulia in *La Scala di Seta* (Juilliard) and

The Woodpecker in *The Cunning Little Vixen* (Juilliard), excerpts from *Manon* (New York Lyric), excerpts from *Rigoletto* (Juilliard), *Handel's Messiah and Verdi's Requiem* (Orchestra at Shelter Rock), Tyzik's 12 gifts of Christmas (Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra).

Secord-Haid is a laureate of *Jeunes Ambassadeurs Lyriques* (2015, 2016) and was awarded the Mexican, Russian and Chinese Lyric Bursary as well as the Opera San Miguel Prize "for outstanding artistic potential". She recently took third place in the Orvieto International Singing Competition (2015) and won an award from the George London Foundation (2015). She holds degrees from The Juilliard School (2013) and The New England Conservatory of Music (2011).



### Keith Lam

"I am 32 and from Toronto. I was born in Hong Kong but have lived in Toronto most of my life. I am looking forward to coming back to one of my favourite places to spend in the summer. This is my fourth season and the people of Haliburton have

always welcomed me with open hearts and treated me so well. A special shout out to my hosts, the Kippings who have become my second set of parents all these years. There's not a more peaceful and relaxing place than Haliburton to be studying and honing my craft as an opera singer. The Highlands have embraced Highlands Opera Studio and their participants all these years, and I can't thank you enough for your time and generosity. I've learned

so much at the Opera Studio all these years, I really do have Val Kuinka and Richard Margison to thank for that. I can't imagine what life would be like not coming back here every summer and I definitely can't wait to hit Lake Kashagawigamog."

A baritone, Lam will be Herr Brentano in *The Brothers Grimm* (Aug 18) and the Robber in *The Bremen Town Musicians* (Aug 18).

Described as "a suave, fine-grained baritone" by the Boston Globe, 2016 has been one of Lam's most active seasons yet. In the beginning of the new year, his group Tafelmusik Chamber Orchestra & Choir recorded their live performances of *Beethoven's Symphony no.9*, becoming the first organization in North America to have recorded all nine of his symphonies.

He stepped in last minute to fill the role of Melisso in the Royal Conservatory of Music's production of *Handel's Alcina* at Koerner Hall. He also appeared in one of Toronto's most exciting indie opera companies Opera 5 in their hit production of Strauss' *Die Fledermaus* as Dr. Falke. Later on he performed in the world premiere of Rose Bolton's *Song of Extinction* curated by Music in the Barns as part of the Luminato Festival. On top of his singing, he became the casting director of Toronto's new innovating group called the Confidential Opera Project which had its debut performance this June to much success. He is making his Toronto Summer Music Festival debut in the concert *A Shakespeare Serenade* before returning to Haliburton once again this summer.



### Bradley Christensen

"I am 29 and was born and raised in New Zealand and am now living in Toronto. I am excited to participate in the Highlands Opera Studio for a number of reasons. When I first came to Canada five years ago, I heard about the programme, and saw the

calibre of singers that were attending. I had a goal that when I had finished my studies at the University of Toronto, I too would like to audition to partake in this amazing opera studio. When I saw the operas they had chosen for this season, I knew this was the year I needed to go. This way, I get to not only learn from the likes of Richard Margison and Valerie Kuinka, but I also get to watch other great baritones do their thing, and this will be most beneficial to my development."

Christensen has earned praise for his

"splendid vocal style and appealing stage presence," and is quickly gaining a reputation in recital and on the operatic stage.

A graduate of the University of Auckland, he completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Italian, and a Bachelor of Music with Honours in singing. The recipient of the University of Toronto - Faculty of Music Vocal Performance and Pedagogy Graduate Award, he completed a Masters of Music in Voice Performance and Pedagogy under the tutelage of Dr. Darryl Edwards.

During his studies at the University of Auckland, he won the Pears-Britten singing scholarship, the Marie D'Albini scholarship in singing, and a travelling scholarship to study in Italy in 2007. Since immigrating from New Zealand to Canada, he has performed across the country with numerous organizations.

This has included the Grand Philharmonic Choir, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, the Ottawa Choral Society, Gaudeamus Choirs of Halton Hills, the Greater Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, and a chamber music recital with Pocket Concerts in Toronto. He has also performed at the Westben Festival and the Festival of Sound - Parry Sound with Larry Beckwith and the Toronto Masque Theatre, at Opera on the Avalon in Newfoundland, and this summer, will perform two operas in Haliburton as a member of the Highlands Opera Studio (Jacob Grimm: *The Brothers Grimm* (Aug 18) and Donkey: *The Bremen Town Musicians*).

Christensen tries to return to New Zealand as often as he can, most recently, as a finalist in the New Zealand Aria Competition.



# Highlander events



Members of Whiskey Jack in action. Photo courtesy of Whiskeyjackmusic.com.

## Stompin' Tom lives on thanks to Whiskey Jack

### Tribute show comes to Wilberforce Saturday.

By Lisa Gervais

Stompin' Tom may be gone but his legend lives on – thanks in large part to the Whiskey Jack band and its acclaimed show, *Stories and Songs of Stompin' Tom*.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments is bringing the performance to the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce this Saturday.

Most of the band members toured with Tom Connors for many years and the evening will feature not only his music but those who influenced him, such as Hank Snow, Wilf Carter, Ian Tyson and Gordon Lightfoot.

One of the band leaders, Duncan Fremlin, spoke to *The Highlander* last Friday night from his home in Toronto, where he works as a real estate agent by trade, seeing as “you kinda’ have to finance the music business.”

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Fremlin said it is the first time Whiskey Jack is coming to Haliburton County.

However, he expects a good turn-out since, “Tom’s appeal is national but particularly rural. He hitchhiked all over the place. I am pretty confident that wherever we take this show, outside of Toronto, it will be well received. His demographic is in places such as Haliburton County.”

Since Tom Connors was really a legend from about 1965 to 1980, Fremlin said they will get fans from about age 45 and up.

Stompin' Tom died on Mar. 6, 2013 at the age of 77. Fremlin last saw him for a kitchen party at his house to celebrate his 75 birthday. He first toured with him

in 1990 – about the time he was making political statements about Meech Lake and the Free Trade Agreement - and “many times” after that. He said during those concerts, Stompin' Tom said they had to sing some of his material but also other Canadian content as well.

Asked for his favourite songs, it is not surprising to hear the man from the Sault say *Algoma 69*. He also loves *Man Moon Newfie*.

He said the other key element to the show is the story-telling. Tales and “insider stories” are sprinkled throughout to demonstrate the “character and eccentric” that Stompin' Tom was. The band also plays clips of Stompin' Tom in concert.

Fremlin promised the audience will “laugh so hard. It is such a fun show ... sheer fun.”

But it is also about “honouring” Stompin' Tom.

Fremlin said they have modernized the music and brought a degree of sophistication to it so that the show is highly polished and skilled.

“We do take the responsibility very seriously,” he said of the show and keeping the Stompin' Tom legacy alive. He said Stompin' Tom’s family are huge fans of Whiskey Jack.

As for the man known for stomping his boot on a wooden platform?

“I think he’d love it.”

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 6 at 9 p.m.

**Where:** Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce

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Along with the cutouts, the exhibition features: an installation of a life-size greenhouse made of string and paper cutouts all in white, paper cutouts representing moving water and a small, intricate paper sculpture oasis.

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44. Stately home

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47. \_\_\_\_ moment's notice (2 wds.)

48. Expand

49. Curvy letter

51. Previously owned

53. Stir up

57. Skill

62. Colony

64. Canyon sound

65. TV host

66. Knowledgeable about

67. Poetic contraction

68. Fire residue

69. Small rip

70. Wood source
- DOWN**

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  - 2. Mister (Ger.)
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  - 5. In abundance
  - 6. San Antonio shrine
  - 7. Debt letters
  - 8. Turner and Kennedy
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  - 37. Tightly stretched
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  - 46. Divan
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  - 53. On a ship
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<p>Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk. <b>Annual Pete Schneider Memorial Golf Tournament</b> at Western Trent Golf Course</p> <p><b>Lions Club Charity Golf tourney</b> - Blairhampton Golf Course - 11 am</p> <p>7</p>	<p><b>Aug. 8-12 - Day Camp</b> - ages 6-12, 9am to 4 pm - Fenelon Falls 705-887-3625 Monarch Bible Camp</p> <p>8</p>	<p><b>MUSIC IN THE PARK</b> - Head Lake Park, Haliburton 7 PM - Dark Is Our Danger</p> <p>Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk <b>Progressive euchre</b> at 1:00pm</p> <p>9</p>	<p><b>Clay Creation + Early Settlers Apparel + Mineral &amp; Geology</b> - Minden Hills Cultural Centre -mindhills.ca/cultural-centre</p> <p><b>FREE Seed Saving 101 Workshop</b> - Minden Library</p> <p>10</p>	 <p>12</p>	<p>Minden and District Horticultural Society's <b>37th Annual Flower Show</b> 7-9pm Minden Community Centre</p> <p>12</p>	<p><b>Campfire Concert Series</b> with David Archibald and Three Musketeers Youth Musical Group 2 pm children's concert 7:30 pm campfire concert</p> <p>13</p>
<p>Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk. <b>Country Jamboree</b> 1-5pm, <b>Open Mic</b>, Cost \$8.00 per person.</p> <p>Aug. 14-20 - <b>RESIDENT CAMP</b> - Ennismore 705-887-3625 Monarch Bible Camp</p> <p>14</p>		<p>Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk <b>Progressive euchre</b> at 1:00pm</p> <p>15</p>	<p><b>Oil Pastel Repel + Logger's Camp + Climate Questions</b> - Minden Hills Cultural Centre -mindhills.ca/cultural-centre</p> <p>16</p>	 <p>17</p>	<p>Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk. <b>Progressive Euchre</b> @7:00pm, \$5.00 per person - Potluck Lunch</p> <p>19</p>	 <p>20</p>
 <p>21</p>	<p><b>Aug. 22-26 - Day Camp</b> - ages 6-12, 9am to 4 pm - Eagle Lake 705-887-3625 Monarch Bible Camp</p> <p><b>August 22 - 26: Vacation Bible School</b> (at Minden United Church) - Ages 4 to 12, 1:30 to 4:30pm daily</p> <p>22</p>		<p><b>Bill Board Blast + Early Settlers Inventions + I Am A Seed</b> - Minden Hills Cultural Centre -mindhills.ca/cultural-centre</p> <p>23</p>	 <p>24</p>	<p>26</p>	<p><b>Samantha Martin &amp; Delta Sugar</b> entertain us in Irondale's heritage church. Doors open at 6 pm, music at 7 pm \$25/person - purchase online at www.irondaleontario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438</p> <p>27</p>

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Thursdays - general meeting - second Thursday of the month starting at 7.30 p.m. (all members are urged to attend) and ladies auxiliary - last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

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# What's on



## Wilberforce Fair adds new attractions

By Mark Arike

The 33rd annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, also known as “the biggest little fair around,” has a few new festivities added to what is already a hearty schedule of events.

“If you have kids, this is the place to be for the weekend,” said event director Joanne Vanier.

“It’s very family-friendly and it’s low cost.”

The gates open at 6 p.m. on Friday at the fairgrounds in Wilberforce. A food booth, home craft exhibits and a children’s dog show are some of the featured attractions.

Opening night is free because it is being sponsored by the Wilberforce Pharmacy and the Legion.

A new highlight on Saturday is a tractor parade, which will start at 9 a.m. About a dozen tractors will be led by a horse-drawn wagon.

The first 25 or so people who enter the gates will receive a special gift, said Vanier.

Children will have the chance to play a new game called Pitch Burst. It’s similar to a dunk tank in that you throw balls at a target. However, instead of dropping someone into a tank of water, a giant water ball will descend on the victim.

“We’re still collecting victims,” laughed Vanier. “We’re looking for some of our local politicians.”

It’s \$2 for up to three attempts and all funds raised will go to the Highlands East Food Hub.

There will also be a games’ zone with new giant games.

“Last year we had giant Jenga and KerPlunk,” she explained. “They will be back and we’ll have Yardzee and a giant board game where you are the game piece.”

Another addition is sheep shearing demonstrations.

Adults will enjoy live entertainment from Gord Kidd and Friends, a penny raffle and silent auction, and a nail-driving contest.

Some of the regular attractions include a pedal tractor pull, meet the animals, minnow races and model trains.

After the fair, crowds can enjoy a roast beef dinner at 5 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre. At 9 p.m. acoustic bluegrass band Whiskey Jack will bring their show, Stories and Songs of Stompin’ Tom, to the centre. The concert is being hosted by Bark Lake Cultural Developments.

Each year the event is put on by a team of volunteers from the Wilberforce Agricultural Society. Any profits from admission fees go toward next year’s fair.

The Municipality of Highlands East is a major supporter, said Vanier. They provide the venue free of charge and offer help on the day of.

About 1,000 people attend the fair each year. Most are repeat visitors, she said. If it rains, people will be able to stay dry by seeking cover under the many tents.

Admission on Saturday is \$7 for adults. Children under the age of 16 get in free.

To sign up as a volunteer call secretary Brenda Gallant at 705-448-3981. For the full schedule of events visit [wilberforcefair.com](http://wilberforcefair.com).



Top: Melissa Pantalleresco, 13, operates a spring-pull lathe under the supervision of Mark Bramham of Greenmantle Farms. Above: Trish Eastern holds a toad during last year’s Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. *File photo.*





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**PEACE & TRANQUILITY**  
**\$249,900**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,050 sq. ft.
- Short walk to restricted motor lake
- Decking, screened-in porch
- Treed, partially landscaped
- Great family retreat.



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

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1,532 sq. ft. home
- Level 2.5 acre lot, gardens, patio
- Attached single, detached double garages
- Private sugar bush with sugar shack
- Totally renovated, year-round access.

**WATERFRONT LOTS**

- \$59,900 – Gull River, 120 ft. fr., 2.3 AC
- \$99,900 – Haliburton Lake, 163 ft. fr., 0.47 AC
- \$137,900 – Percy Lake, 165 ft. fr., 0.97 AC
- \$244,900 – West Lake, 192 ft. fr., 1.1 AC
- \$249,500 – West Lake, 251 ft. fr., 0.83 AC
- \$264,000 – White Lake, 335 ft. fr., 1.84 AC
- \$275,000 – Growler Lake, 633 ft. fr., 2.93 AC
- \$529,000 – Canning Lake, 700 ft. fr., 6.8 AC

**VACANT LOTS**

- \$19,900 – Old Donald Road, 3 AC, nearby trails
- \$22,000 – Northshore Road, 3 AC, close to 3 lake chain
- \$35,000 – Ann Road, 0.75 AC, access to 3 lake chain
- \$39,000 – North Road, 4.23 AC, close to ski hill
- \$39,900 – Hwy. 118, 6.01 AC, cleared, new price
- \$59,900 – North Street, 1.14 AC, Haliburton Village
- \$69,900 – Harmony Road, 2.33 AC, ready to build
- \$92,900 – Halbiem Crescent, 0.46 AC, overlooks Head Lake
- \$139,900 – Hwy. 35, 65 AC, access to Halls Lake