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Two canoeists take on a challenging course at the 36th annual Gull River open canoe slalom races last weekend. See more on page 26. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Haliburton woman meets her heroes

By Alex Coop

Susan Pethick enjoyed a round of golf Tuesday morning, but curling is still off the table, she says, more than a month after her heart went into cardiac arrest during a game of bridge with friends.

"My family is very happy I'm alive today ... I'm the active, healthy one, so this took us by complete surprise," Pethick said Tuesday afternoon at the Haliburton

EMS base, where she got to meet the two paramedics who saved her life July 27.

"I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank them in person," she said, moments before she met paramedics Jordan Whelan and Jim Miska, who responded to her call in July.

The two were on the road the day of the incident, when they got a call about someone having a seizure at the Parklane Apartments in Haliburton.

When they arrived, they discovered that Pethick's heart had entered cardiac fibrillation.

That is when a heart becomes a "quivering bowl of jello," and the survival rate in those situations is less than five per cent, says Craig Jones, chief and director of emergency services.

"They [Whelan and Miska] are true professionals," he said, adding the two men, who have a combined total of seven years

of experience, were by Pethick's side within three minutes.

Pethick, a former occupational nurse with more than 45 years of experience under her belt, said the last thing she remembered was telling her friend she wasn't feeling well, and fainting.

After Whelan and Miska performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and used a defibrillator to restart her heart,

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Highlander news

Former nurse grateful for paramedics' quick thinking

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Pethick was transported to a Peterborough hospital where she remained in intensive care for a week.

Whelan and Miska were on the receiving end of a very big hug from Pethick, while

Miska's wife and children looked on. "Your daddy saved my life," she told them after. "My family can't thank him enough."

She also praised the two men's CPR technique, noting how her ribs weren't broken after the process, which is a common occurrence during CPR.

Fast response times are vital, Whelan said, and upon discovering that Pethick was suffering from cardiac arrest, not a seizure, his training quickly took over.

"Your mindset switches within seconds ... it just shows how you have to be ready for anything," he said.

His partner Miska, who Whelan has worked with about a dozen times, said it was the first time either of them have met with a patient after a save.

"To see her walking around, joking about playing golf, it's amazing," he said.

Jones said Pethick is the only successful return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) patient that he is



From left, Jordan Whelan, Susan Pethick and Jim Miska. Photo by Alex Coop.

aware of, who has successfully resumed a normal life following cardiac arrest.

"There are calls you always remember, but you don't often get to close the loop," Jones said.

He presented Whelan and Miska with

a lightning bolt pin that represents their quick thinking and their ability to shock a heart and bring a patient back to life. The department of emergency services has responded to 16 sudden cardiac arrests so far in 2016.

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Dysart appoints interim public works director

By Alex Coop

The municipality of Dysart et al has appointed Rob Camelon as the interim public works director two weeks after the township's former director Brian Nicholson retired unexpectedly.

A special closed session meeting last Wednesday

concluded with the new appointment and also ratified Blake Sisson's appointment as interim patrol superintendent.

Both positions are effective immediately until the end of the winter season, Tamara Wilbee, Dysart's chief administrative officer, wrote in an email to The Highlander.

"The respective roles will be reviewed and evaluated throughout the winter season to determine what works best for the department and the municipality going forward," she wrote.

Nicholson, who began as an equipment operator in 2001 and became Dysart's public works director in 2011, announced his retirement,

effective Aug. 31, almost three weeks ago.

Nicholson told *The Highlander* that it was time to move on.

"The stresses of the job have taken their toll," he said, adding he may pursue part-time opportunities down the road.

The retirement was announced the same day Nicholson's final report for council was tabled.

Dealing with landfill cover and compaction maintenance services, Nicholson suggested the municipality "investigate the purchasing of equipment and hiring of an operator to assume the responsibilities of the landfill maintenance tender to help control costs."

He cited a lack of "competitive bidding and the potential of operational changes in the future."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he didn't believe the tender results were why Nicholson left.

"It's a high pressure job," he said of the public works director position. "He gets constant pressure and I respect the work he did."

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Highlander news

Committee working to draw credit union to HE

By Mark Arike

Credit unions are very similar to banks.

They offer the same core services as all of the major financial institutions, such as online banking, mortgages, mutual funds and other investment services.

But the major difference between the two is that credit unions establish a stronger bond with the communities they serve, according to Art Chamberlain, media relations manager for Central 1 Credit Union.

Following the announcement of the Scotiabank closure in Wilberforce and Maynooth in January, the People Before Profits is investigating options.

"Where credit unions operate, they get to know the business operators and the owners," said Chamberlain in a phone interview. "So they're more likely to give them loans and provide services to them. That's something we've seen over the last 20 years since we've been studying it."

Central 1 is a trade association for 72 credit unions in B.C. and Ontario.

Credit unions are financial cooperatives, which means they are owned and operated by their members. When a new client signs up they purchase a share, typically for \$25-50, said Chamberlain.

"You have that share forever," he explained. "The money goes in there and you're an owner."

Profits are returned to members and all decisions about the operation are made by a locally-elected, volunteer board of directors.

Banks are public companies owned by shareholders—who don't have to be customers of the bank—who buy and sell the shares on the stock exchange, he said.

"They are usually widely held, often with big chunks owned by pension funds."

Earlier this summer, Scotiabank announced it will be closing branches in Wilberforce and Maynooth effective Jan. 19, 2017 and consolidating in the branch in Bancroft.

The bank claims the decision was made to better meet clients' needs.

Many Wilberforce residents were outraged by the news, but some formed a committee to come up with a solution. The seven-person group, known as People Before Profits (PBP), distributed surveys to residents to find out if they would be interested in doing their banking with a credit union.

That information will be used to help build a business case in the hopes of attracting one to the area.

Early in the process, the municipality approached Kawartha Credit Union and learned it would require about \$20 million in deposits and assets to open a branch.

But it is only one of the more than 300 credit unions in the country serving more than 5.5 million members.

The majority of Central 1's members are in small cities and rural communities, said Chamberlain.

He admits it will be a challenge to attract a credit union to the area, but it is likely the best option.

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Art Chamberlain
Central 1 Credit Union

That would also be a costly venture, with regulatory fees and other expenses.

Chamberlain said that credit unions make up about 10 per cent of the market in Ontario.

Meridian, the largest credit union in the province, has opened many branches in recent

months, mostly in the Toronto area.

Ipsos, a global independent market research company, ranked credit unions first for customer service among all financial institutions in the country.

It was the 12th consecutive year that credit unions received the Customer Service Excellence award.

There has been a bit of "resistance" to the idea of setting up a credit union in Wilberforce, said PBP committee spokesperson Craig McDonald.

"I think it's the unknown."

I think it's because people really don't know a lot about them," said McDonald.

The committee will now review the completed surveys, formulate a business plan and begin approaching credit unions within the next month or so, he said.

They also intend on going to a couple of banks to see if there is an interest.

The dilemma in Wilberforce recently made headlines in *The Star*. In an article titled "Bank's withdrawal leaves big hole in little town," columnist Jennifer Wells highlights the frustration residents are feeling as a result of the bank's decision to leave the community.

It shined a larger spotlight on the issue, said McDonald.

"After [the paper] came out, we had a surge in people picking up surveys at the store. It brought it the attention of our cottagers, too."

Although the road ahead won't be easy, he is satisfied with the work of the committee and the direction they are headed.

"We feel we've been pretty well organized and very proactive with the whole situation," he said, adding that banks are pulling out of other small communities across Ontario.

"It's always tough in the summer to do all these things, but considering how busy we've been, I think we've done well at staying focused on it."

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Help wanted in the county

When it comes to business in Haliburton County, we've got a good news-bad news story going at the moment.

As reported by Mark Arike in today's *Highlander* (p. 7), several local businesses enjoyed a record summer.

The long, hot season is being credited for the numbers – which directly translate into dollars in the pockets of area businesses and their employees.

We have little control over that so the thanks goes to Mother Nature. We hope she is as generous with a colourful fall and snowy winter.

However, others have said the number of events staged over the summer months – and incidentally continuing into the fall – are another reason for the success.

My first edition was June 23. I started with the annual Trash 'N Treasures Marketplace. The three farmers markets were all in full swing. I attended my first Minden truck pull. And that was just one weekend and that was just the big stuff. The list went on and on from there.

For this, credit can go to organizers who have come up with a smorgasbord of offerings and splattered them across a palette that has indeed offered something for everyone. Combined with the great weather, people have been, and continue to be, out and about – and spending money.

It appears that Haliburton accommodations embracing online bookings at travel websites is also helping, with European visitors using booking.com and expedia.ca.

Now for the bad news.

Several local businesses are telling us the numbers could have been even better if they had had enough staff over the summer months. They are particularly feeling the crunch now as summer students are back in school.

We talked to chamber president Jerry Walker and McKecks Tap & Grill general manager Karen Frybort this week.

McKecks has been running help wanted ads in our paper for about a month now and Karen says it's the biggest staff drought she can remember. She's down about half a dozen people.

Jerry says he'd love to hire more high school students but they aren't applying for jobs, so he is opting for semi-retired and retired people.

Karen thinks the lack of, and high cost of, housing is an issue. She is getting people applying from out of town but they can't find a place or afford the rent being charged.

Jerry says there has been a shift. He said high school kids don't want to work and their parents allow them not to. He recalls that when he was a kid and wanted to

buy a ball glove, for example, he had to earn the money to buy it. Today, he says, mom and dad just buy it for the kids.

And while the two try to be politically correct, the fact is that

some people on government subsidies choose not to work since they find their income can actually decrease the more hours they work. That is one for the province to deal with.

The problem in hospitality is businesses are turning work away. For example, McKecks didn't even tender for the Township of Minden Hills Christmas party this year because they are worried they won't have enough staff to do that and cover the restaurant. They are even considering closing two, instead of one, day a week.

Karen says, "that's a tragedy. It's not because we wouldn't have the customers. It's because we wouldn't have the staff."

Walker said he doesn't know the answer. He wishes he did.

But he said the chamber is happy to get a community dialogue going as it would like to tackle this issue too since it represents about 265 businesses.



By Lisa Gervais

A landmark disappears

I was surprised to see the skeletal frame at the side of the road ... the light flowing through the bare bones ... the scattered remains of the layers peeled back.

The demolition at the corner of Highway 35 and County Road 21 had begun and a good portion of what had been the Mills Auction Barn was on its way to the ground. I had watched the building with curious fascination ever since the property went on the market. The structure appeared to be switching into its own self-destruct mode. Loose aluminum panels on the roof were starting to lift and peel back. The wind played games with the sheathing, slowly unfurling the covering and revealing the wooden rafters underneath ... the first peek at the skeleton.

But winter's snow load had done more damage, pushing down on the supports in one area that appeared to be damaged by the weight. After the snow disappeared, the winds steadily worked their way under the sheets. The exposed rafters were also at the mercy of the elements and although one would think their deterioration would take longer, the opening in the roof pretty well determined the fate of the building. It was doomed to be torn down.

The barn wasn't a particularly pretty building. It was its massive size and prominent position at the intersection that made it a landmark for anyone travelling Highway 35. Inside, with its vaulted ceiling and wide open expanse, it had a majesty of its own, despite its dirt floor. And so it should have had. A big part of the building was the first indoor ice rink in the Village of Minden. It was erected several years after World War II where the current municipal office now stands. The

construction was a giant work bee and one picture of the arena shows a swarm of men all over the half completed structure.

In the early 1970s, the arena was found to be sinking in one corner and it had to be closed to public use. However, the Walker Lumber Company, a locally owned business which sold locally cut and milled lumber from the Highway 35/21 location, saw value in the structure. At its peak Walker Lumber employed 56 people. The owner, Claire Walker, purchased the structure from the municipality in the early 70s, dismantled it, and using logging trucks moved it to the corner where it was reassembled on firmer footings. The open interior provided an excellent dry space for storing lumber and equipment.

Walker Lumber closed in the early 80's and Norm Mills purchased the structure, turning it into a giant indoor sales and auction barn. In many ways it was ideal for the sales that needed lots of space as well as room for the buyers to stand while the auction was progressing. The vast space would echo with Norm's calls as the sale moved up and down the aisles. I remember there were times when a late season sale would test the mettle of even the keenest buyers. With no insulation, heating system and many nooks and crannies for the wind to slip in, there were more than a few times buyers would see their breath as they called out their bids. The roof was never completely water-tight and there were always places one couldn't stand for long when a rainstorm moved through the area.

Unbeknownst to many people, in addition to being a sales barn, in the off-season it served as a airplane hangar. Norm was an

inveterate tinkerer and over time he built a single engine float plane in the barn. Once completed, the challenge was to get the aircraft to the water, the nearest being Minden Lake just up the hill.

Fortunately, there was a place above the dam where he could launch the plane into the water. On a chosen night in the spring when the ice was off the water, he would trailer the airplane from the barn up the hill and ease it into the lake at precisely 3:30 a.m. Sometimes he would have an "official" escort for the trip and on other occasions, friends would hold the traffic while he made the 90 seconds run up or down the hill.

Over the past few years, the barn has been silent. It was used for storage, but there were no more sales. Empty and assaulted by the weather, the barn that started out as Minden's first enclosed arena stood in anticipation of the day which arrived last week. If there is any consolation in its fate, the demolition is being carried out by a company from south of Lindsay, part of the area's growing Mennonite community. The beams, both laminated and solid timber, are being set aside for future use along with any salvageable lumber, perhaps destined to become sheds and barns throughout farm country. The metal sheeting, and there are many pieces, will be recycled.

But the skyline at the corner will never be the same now that the familiar structure is gone.



By Jack Brezina

Editorial opinion

Another side to cyclists sharing the road

Dear editor,

Re: “Cyclists must share the road too” Opinion Sept 8. Upon reading Allen Luke’s letter in the latest issue, I felt the need to write to correct some of his comments. Firstly I commend Mr. Luke on his observation of cars “running red lights while pedestrians crossed streets with no concern for lights or traffic.” Most anti-cycling rants are completely oblivious to motorists disregard for the law as well as many cyclists. Neither is acceptable but fortunately cyclists kill or injure about .001% of the people cars do. Secondly I am sure Mr. Luke “would never personally endanger colliding, injuring with a cyclist” and of this I am glad to hear. Sadly many do not share his apparent empathy for other road users. This is exactly why we have new laws protecting cyclists. Mr. Luke is correct regarding cyclists not being required to be licensed and insured. They are however required to follow and obey the HTA. Just as motorists are. However many people who ride bikes also drive cars and any accident/collision/injury is covered under the cyclists car insurance. I understand this may not be all cyclists on the road, but I think we can agree the vast majority of adult cyclists also own a car. Which brings me to my final point. Perhaps Mr. Luke is not aware that vehicle registration fees do not pay for our roads. Property taxes do. The ones that everyone pays. Also an extremely small portion of fuel tax goes to pay for local roads. Thus cyclists have just as much right to the road as motorists do. Perhaps this fact will prevent Mr. Luke from making such an erroneous claim in future.

Keith MacDonald
Gooderham

Thank you. It’s been a great two years

Dear editor,

As a part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, we sincerely appreciate the remarkable support we’ve received. Generous donations of space, time, services, materials and money have been gratefully received from individuals, businesses and groups. These donations and a small band of dedicated volunteers have enabled us to provide a unique community resource in the Haliburton Highlands. We look forward to growing even more in the months ahead.

In our second year, Visible Voices Open Arts Studio has increased programming, providing even more opportunities for creativity for all ages and backgrounds. Open studios have been well attended, programs have been tailored for groups, and we continue to develop creative interludes - short bursts of imaginative play. Future plans will provide even more chances for people to gather, share, learn,

and create.

We’re also grateful for those who have participated and created. You’re what it’s all about and we love your company. What an amazingly supportive community we live in. In the beginning many believed in us, even when they were not quite sure what we were about.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Fay Wilkinson, on behalf of the Visible Voices Open Arts Studio*

(Visible Voices Open Arts Studio is a not-for-profit organization that facilitates community projects, co-creations, and intergenerational programming on and off site. Space and time are flexible. People of all ages and backgrounds will be able to engage in creative processes. We develop and deliver creative experiences in a way that supports existing health and well-being initiatives in our rural community. We encourage the exploration of ideas and challenges and nurture creativity in a safe, non-judgmental environment).

Beginning with ‘there is no problem’ won’t help

Dear editor,

Speaking of electoral reform, Jamie Schmale says ‘the current system has served the country well for 150 years.’ (*The Highlander*, page 12, Sept. 8) Well no! It has been continually improved. Adult males of modest means were enfranchised sometime in the last century and somewhat later adult females. Aborigines were only enfranchised in 1960 by Diefenbaker.

We haven’t even had single member constituencies uniformly across the country. Municipally and provincially various forms of proportional representation have been used in the past.

I wonder how well Aborigines believe the system has worked, but I will leave the discussion of how well the country has been governed under this system simply asking whether our current state of affairs is due to good management or good luck. We have not been invaded by a foreign army, our cities have not been bombed nor has a flood of desperate refugees come over our borders. Have we been seriously tested?

But as for the present, the election of 2015, here is a short list of egregious distortions of representation. In Alberta, the Conservatives got 60% of the votes cast but 82% of the seats, 28 of 34. Meanwhile, in the Maritimes, they were shut out entirely by Liberals who got 59% of the votes cast and 100% of the seats, all 32.

Central Toronto has 12 federal seats in Parliament. The Liberals took all 12 with 50% of the votes cast. The same situation exists in Montreal. Conservatives shut out of the two largest urban centres of Canada.

Oh well, southwestern rural Ontario is solidly blue. This is the disproportionate misrepresentation that needs to be corrected.

I could go on and mention the same misrepresentation in federal and provincial elections going back almost 100 years. This has to change!

But we have tried, consultations, studies, referenda, five of them since 2004 and now P.E.I is trying again. Do we need a referendum to change things? Maybe, but first we need to appreciate the scope of the problem and get a glimmer of the solution. Beginning with, there is no problem won’t help.

Jim Milne
Haliburton

The wrong kind of trophy

Such is the regularity with which you’ll spot a chap wearing a camouflage cap and T-shirt, camo pants even, in Haliburton County that you’d think hunting season was a year round affair. However, the moose, deer, rabbits, ducks, geese and a plethora of other critters would, if they could speak, tell you that thankfully they’re only ducking for cover for relatively brief intervals throughout their annual business. The camo clothing is, it seems, simply a deterrent, a way of warding off any left-leaning city folk who might have the inclination to move to Haliburton permanently.

This all said, hunting season is now upon us and the camo is coming out in full force. It’s the bear and goose seasons at the moment and ducks will soon be watching their backs, too. And I don’t mean to see if water really does roll off of them!

Now, I have been known to don my green and brown as I am partial to a spot of hunting and as luck would, or would not, have it I managed to whack myself a humdinger of a prize on the first day, which by writing this column I am duty bound to tell you about.

All day at work my chums and I had been talking up a storm about our first evening hunt for geese, the opening evening of the goose season, no less. The excitement was palpable. We’d planned where to go, how we’d approach the hunt, our tactics should things get difficult, even how we were going to deal with our meat when (because we would never dream of ‘if’) we’d bagged our quarry. Everything from size of shot to ingredients of the marinade had been discussed and then figuratively chewed over again. All that was left now was to go hunt.

Straight after work I zoomed home in my truck and donned my camo. I took my shotgun from the safe and ammo from the locker. Everything was checked and checked again as I waited for the rest of the hunting party to turn up. Oh, I was excited. First hunt of the fall, the geese were flying and me and my best buddies were on our way for some truly Haliburton Highlands fun. And, eventually some fine, locally caught food too.

Time seemed to drag as I waited for the fellows to turn up, and when at last they did, I was anxious to get on our way. After

all, we could only hunt until just after dusk and we had to get to our field and set up decoys before we had any chance of bagging a goose.

Finally, everyone arrived and I bundled them into my truck, hurrying them along so as we didn’t miss a moment of the hunt. I need not have worried though because I whacked mine almost immediately and it was a giant too although in the aftermath I wish I had come out of the blocks a little less gung ho. Let me explain.

“Bang!”

“Holy #@%&, you nailed that,” came the cry.

I sat there stunned.

I’d hit it, smashed it, even.

Put a bloody great dent in it, no less.

Before we’d even left my driveway on that first evening of the goose hunt I’d managed to reverse my old rust bucket of a vehicle right into the side of my friend’s brand new, shinier than a duck’s back with water rolling off of it, Dodge Ram.

I looked slowly around and surveyed the damage. My friend, whose truck I’d just ‘whacked’ turned towards me, the look of

shock evident upon his face. “Too camouflaged for you was it?” he asked, snuck up on you ...” Then, recovering his composure, “We’d better hope the geese come at us from the front because if they come from behind you won’t have a hope in hell of seeing them.”

I pulled my truck forward and he jumped in beside me.

“Are we going then?” he asked. “Don’t wanna’ get there late on opening night.”

And with that, off we went goose hunting. Hardly a word was said about my stupid mistake. I think he could see that I was mortified and that nothing could change the sequence of events. And he was right, nothing could lift my mood. The geese didn’t fly, the guns were not shot, the decoys bobbed to no avail. Nothing at all happened that evening. We sat in a hedgerow dressed in camo and contemplated the meaning of life, a goose’s life maybe, and the size of the dent in that big black truck.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *How do you plan to stay busy this fall?*



Sharon Lynch

Haliburton

I'm going to be making lots of pottery for ColourFest.



Jade Plumley

Irondale

I'm working at Bark Lake Leadership Centre for the fall. I plan on doing some camping. Then I'll be heading out west.



David Sweet

Ingoldsby

Raking leaves and enjoying my life.



Dale Freitag

Haliburton

We're getting really busy at the fish hatchery. We're getting all ready for our 20,000 rainbows [trout] that we're getting.



Curry Bishop

Haliburton

Taking care of my wife. I'd like to go hunting if I can.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike.

Support the committee's recommendations on electoral reform

Dear editor,

Re: MP Jamie Schmale's second referendum on voting reform. See *Highlander*, Thursday 8th Sept. 2016, p12.

I want to re-emphasize my misgivings on the wisdom of holding a constituency referendum on the subject of electoral or voting reform. This subject is very different from that of the first referendum, Medical Assistance in Dying, and I am sure that the number of responses for this second referendum will be disappointingly small. For myself, on receiving the first referendum notice, I was sure I needed to know more on the Canadian context. Fortunately I read a review of Sandra Martin's book, *A Good Death*, which was published in February of 2016 and was truly up to date. I asked the County Public Library to obtain a copy which I was able to borrow and read fairly quickly. Written by a journalist, the historical content was quite easy to follow. Also, the subjects of death and dying are common to any and all of us, we can have opinions which are

much easier to express.

To understand more about the choices for voting reform and how to respond to a referendum question there is a vast array of mostly academic literature. After all, the subject has been around for much longer, over a hundred years. The need to understand more about voting systems and their relative merits is difficult for individuals to take to heart, there is no inevitability about it as there is with death and dying. I have found the book by Dennis Pilon, *The Politics of Voting* (2007), requires some careful reading, it is an academic book with many cross references and comparisons over a much longer period than Sandra Martin's. But that is the sort of book I have been well used to in academic life.

Jamie Schmale is intending to pass the referendum results and comments onto the special committee of the House of Commons which has the mandate to recommend to the government what actions should be taken to reform our voting system. But he has failed to

mention a significant feature of this committee in that it has been selected from MPs according to number of votes cast for the several different parties in the last election and not by the usual process of selecting MPs according to their allegiance to the different parties sitting in parliament. To me, this is a clear recognition by the present government that our First Past the Post voting system has the very undemocratic effect of distorting voter support and awarding false majorities to governments. Evidence for this distortion process is a big part of Dennis Pilon's book. This undemocratic distortion of voter support for the various political parties is the principal reason for the government's promise that the 2015 election will be the last to use the First Past the Post system. A much bigger problem is to select a satisfactory alternative in time for the next election.

My personal recommendation is to support the recommendation of the special committee which will be based on a much more thorough study than I can do of the

merits of the different voting systems which can lead to the percentages of MPs in each party in parliament being closely equal to the percentages of voters for each party in all elections. The undemocratic distortion of voter support which is an inevitable effect of First Past the Post elections will be eliminated. A significant consequence of this change will be that the many parliamentary committees that are formed for designing government actions will all match the party representations in the House of Commons. Compromises and cooperation will be needed on many more occasions than at present to achieve successful legislation and other actions. It could be that the political parties themselves will find they are unable to adjust to these changes and if changes cannot come through elections, a referendum on further voting reform could make sense.

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Highlander news



A record-breaking summer for business

By Mark Arike

Several local businesses are reporting a record summer.

Many say the weather was a big part of it, along with an abundance of events and activities in the county.

"We had a fantastic summer," said Karen Frybort, general manager of McKecks Tap & Grill in Haliburton. "The business is definitely up."

The restaurant doubled its staff from six full and part-time servers last summer to 12, all of whom were full-time.

The third weekend of July was their busiest time.

"I think for everybody, we'll say, it was the weather," said Frybort. "There was no reason to go home because the weather was bad. Everybody just stayed."

Steve Todd, owner of Todd's Independent Grocer in Haliburton, described it as one of the busiest summers the store has seen since it opened 11 years ago.

"It was well above last year," said Todd, who believes the weather made all the difference.

The first week in August is always the store's busiest.

The weather also made a difference for cottage rental agencies. J.T. Lowes of All-Season Cottage Rentals said business was up about 35 per cent over previous years.

"Demand just kept up, especially with all that beautiful weather," said Lowes, pointing out that the bulk of their bookings are in the summer.

Now in business for 16 years, All-Season Cottage Rentals currently offers about 130 properties across the county.

Many of their clients are repeat customers, but this year there was a noticeable increase in the number of first-time visitors to the area, said Lowes.

And although the Labour Day weekend has come and gone, it's still busy.

The past two years have been prosperous for Sally Moore, owner of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast and head of the Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfast Group.

"We are all feeling very good about this summer's activities, and the comings and goings of guests," said Moore, speaking on behalf of four of the group's eight members.

"I've had the best summer this year that I've had in 21 [years]."



Shoppers stock up on corn at the Haliburton County Farmers Market on Tuesday afternoon in Head Lake Park. Photo by Mark Arike.

There has been an influx of European visitors and Moore believes this is due to online bookings at travel websites such as booking.com and expedia.ca.

"It took about a year for the Haliburton Highlands to be on the map. There are more and more accommodations that are now being offered as a valid choice," she said.

She has noticed that visitors are booking earlier than ever before.

Moore thanked all the volunteers who plan the many activities in the community, which provide guests "a rich experience" when they are here.

A couple of business owners said the weather was detrimental to their success.

"It was a slower summer than normal for us because of the heat," said Chris Bishop, general manager and co-owner of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake.

"We had so many days over 30 degrees [Celsius], that's just not conducive to mountain biking."

The four-season destination offers 23 kms of mountain biking trails in the summer. It is the only ski hill in the county.

They sold about the same quantity of season's passes, however pass holders didn't show up as much as last year, said Bishop.

The heat also made it challenging for Haliburton Highlands Golf Club, a nine-hole course in Haliburton.

It placed added stress on the course itself, leading to increased maintenance costs, and negatively affected player turnout.

"It was far too hot for people to play in the afternoon so many days were quieter than they may have been otherwise due to the extreme temps," said Dale Bull, who owns

the business with her husband, Eldon.

"In the end, increased costs and less play is not a good recipe for golf course owners."

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce echoed the sentiments of businesses that experienced a record-breaking summer.

"All the businesses I've been talking to have said it was one of the busiest summers they've had," said chamber manager Autumn Smith.

It was a welcome boost, especially considering the "not-so-great" winter last year.

"I'm hopeful we'll have a better winter this year so our businesses can continue to succeed," she said.

The chamber currently has about 265 members.

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Enviro cafe talks electoral reform

By Alex Coop

The basement of the Minden United Church resembled a high school classroom Tuesday night as more than a dozen people gathered to learn about electoral reform.

Environment Haliburton! (EH!) hosted the Enviro Cafe and strongly encouraged public participation and input during a discussion about what the current electoral system is, and the alternatives that the Trudeau government is currently exploring.

EH! vice president Terry Moore said he was no expert on electoral reform but was an interested citizen who wanted to know how the current system works and could be better.

"I'm 66 years old and I've never lived in a riding where the results of the provincial or federal (election) matched what my personal preference was," he laughed.

His statement resonated with several people who felt the same way about first past the post (FPTP), which is Canada's present electoral system that delivers a seat to the candidate that gets the most votes while the losing party or parties win no representation at all.

Under FPTP, turnout in federal elections has plummeted according to Elections Canada, from a high of almost 80 per cent of eligible voters in 1958 to a record low of 58.8 per cent in 2008.



Several small groups discuss the topic of electoral reform at EH!'s recent Enviro Café meeting. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

The Trudeau government has said the 2015 federal election will be the last one that uses FPTP.

A Special Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reform — established by a motion in the House of Commons on June 7 — has been collecting data and public input through town hall meetings, largely conducted by members of parliament (MPs).

Jamie Schmale, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, has not held a town hall but is holding his second constituency survey on whether or not a

referendum is necessary.

"Before changing how we elect our MPs, should the government hold a referendum to get the approval of Canadians?" his flyer states.

However, Jim Milne, a local resident who is also a member of the national network known as Fair Vote Canada, says FPTP is out-of-date and doesn't represent Canadians fairly.

"We make the best decisions when all points of views are collected," he told *The Highlander*, adding women and minorities are also better represented through

QUICK FACTS:

Proportional representation: An electoral system in which parties gain seats in proportion to the number of votes cast for them. If this system were used in the 2015 federal election, Justin Trudeau would still be prime minister, but the party would not have had a majority government.

Single transferable vote: Another electoral system designed to achieve proportional representation through ranked voting in multi-seat constituencies (voting districts). It allows one to cast votes for individual candidates rather than for parties.

proportional representation and single transferable voting systems.

Some people also said that limiting public feedback to a simple yes or no isn't fair.

EH! president Carolyn Coburn said she thinks a town hall meeting can still be held before the electoral reform committee's Oct. 14 deadline.

"Even if it's past the deadline, I think we should still hold a meeting and send the results to Jamie Schmale," she said.

Schmale was unable to comment as of press time.

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Meetings & Events

PUBLIC WELCOME

September 29 9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Renewal Options for the S.G Nesbitt Arena - Upcoming Public Meetings

The following Public Meetings are scheduled to present and discuss additionally the renewal options at the Minden Community Centre, Room #2 – Doors open at 6:30 pm, Presentations at 7:00 pm

Sports and Recreation Stakeholder Groups

Monday Sept. 19, 2016, 7 pm to 9 pm
General Public
Monday Oct. 3, 2016, 7 pm to 9 pm

Notice of Dock Removal

Please be advised that as of September 21, 2016 the dilapidated dock directly across from the entrance at Deep Bay Road and Orde Street will be removed by the Municipality. Should you require any information please contact Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor at 705-286-1260 Ext. 210.

2016 Volunteer Awards

Nominations are being accepted for the following Volunteer Awards:

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Submission Deadline is October 31, 2016.
Visit www.mindenhills.ca/volunteer-awards/ for full details and nomination forms.

Public Input

Requested for:

Renewal Options for the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Draft Master Parks and Trails Plan

Submission Deadline is October 11th. Comments or inquiries for either of these projects or surveys, contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, at mcoleman@mindenhills.ca, or 705-286-1936 ext. 201.

Age-Friendly Master Plan

Submission Deadline is September 16th. For more information about this project or survey, contact Angela Andrews at 705-457-1391 or Kate Hall at kvhall06@gmail.com.

These surveys can be accessed by visiting www.mindenhills.ca.

Notice of Tax Sale

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submissions is September 23, 2016 on or before 3:00 pm. Please visit <http://mindenhills.ca/tenders/> for more information or contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260 ext. 201.
See page 10 for ad.

Request for Tenders

For the Community Services Department:

Tender #CSD 16-002 – Shelter Design & Construction for the Minden Ball Diamonds. Submission deadline is Wednesday Sept 28, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

For the Environmental & Property Operations Department:

Tender #EPO 16-006 – Administration Office Stand-by Generator & Concrete Pad. Submission deadline is Tuesday Sept 27, 2016 by 12:00 noon.

Visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/ for more information on this and other tenders.

Call for Volunteers: Housing Task Force

The Township of Minden Hills' Planning and Development Advisory Committee is currently seeking interested individuals to participate on a Housing Task Force for the purpose of creating a mechanism for community engagement with respect to planning to meet the diverse housing needs in Minden Hills.

If interested, please submit your name and contact information together with a short statement of any relevant interest and/or experience in the matter with "Housing Task Force" in the subject line by mail or e-mail to:

Housing Task Force Applications
C/O Clerk's Department
Township of Minden Hills
P.O. Box 359 - 7 Milne Street
Minden, ON., K0M 2K0
or by e-mail to: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Deadline to submit is Thursday, September 30, 2016.

Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/ for more information on the task force mandate and draft terms of reference.

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Places for People plans next housing project in Wilberforce

By Mark Arike

Places for People is in the process of finalizing details for its first property in Highlands East.

The non-profit housing corporation plans to purchase vacant land on Holmes Road in Wilberforce to build a two-unit, 1,764-square-foot duplex.

The municipality recently received a zoning bylaw amendment application for the project.

The property is currently privately owned.

“They’re excited about it,” said president Max Ward, referring to the board’s enthusiasm. “It’s a little bit different from what we’ve done in the past.”

With its other three properties in Minden, Carnarvon and Haliburton, they have purchased existing buildings and renovated them for tenants. In this case, they are starting from scratch.

It’s a little bit different from what we’ve done in the past.

Max Ward
president, Places for People

Those locations are home to six adults and 13 children.

Local contractor Highland Creek Builders will build the duplex.

The project is expected to cost \$270,000. Places for People will take out a mortgage, but is applying for a rent supplement from the County of Haliburton.

In order to make it possible, their goal is to raise \$100,000. So far they are at \$46,000.

Both units will include two bedrooms that would be ideal for a family of three, said Ward.

They will declare vacancy once it has

been completed.

Places for People’s mission is to provide “secure, affordable rental housing” in Haliburton County to those at risk of homelessness.

Donations to the project can be made online at placesforpeople.ca or canadahelps.org. Cheques can be mailed to Box 544, Minden, On., K0M2K0.



A boost from BMO

Bank of Montreal (BMO), Haliburton branch manager Richard Wannan and regional vice president Peterborough, Kawartha, Muskoka Wendy Cooke present a \$5,000 cheque to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) board member Don Popple and HHHSF executive director Dale Walker at the Haliburton branch last Friday. It is the second instalment in BMO’s pledge of \$25,000 over five years for the Making Moments Matter campaign for the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Municipal Act, 2001, as amended

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Offices.

Description of Lands and Minimum Tender Amount:

(Set out the cancellation price as of the first day of advertising)

1. PT LT 14, CON 10 SNOWDON, PT 2 19R1600; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39219-0123 (LT). Roll # 46 16 041 000 63300.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,593.79
2. PT LT 7 S/S SOUTH WATER ST, PL 1 MINDEN AS IN H66343; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39196-0004 (LT). Roll # 46 16 033 000 29700.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$25,508.84
3. PT LT 16 CON 10 MINDEN AS IN H203087; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39190-0080 (LT). Roll # 46 16 032 000 59800.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,483.04
4. PT LT 14 CON 11 LUTTERWORTH AS IN H52346; T/W H52346; S/T H52346; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39257-0085 (LT). Roll # 46 16 052 000 43900.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$19,834.57
5. PT LT 2 S/S WILLIAM ST, 3 S/S WILLIAM ST, 4 S/S WILLIAM ST, 5 S/S WILLIAM ST, PL 1 SNOWDON; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39219-0131 (R). PART OF LOTS 2 TO 5 INCLUSIVE, SOUTH OF WILLIAM STREET EACH AND EVERY LOT RUNNING A DEPTH OF 70 FEET SOUTH FROM WILLIAM STREET ACCORDING TO THE PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF SNOWDONVILLE REGISTERED AS PLAN 1, TOWNSHIP OF SNOWDON, COUNTY OF HALIBURTON. AS IN 72808. Roll # 46 16 041 000 62800.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,660.72
6. PT LT 20 CON 2 SNOWDON AS IN H16835 EXCEPT PT 3 H96102 SRO, H186356, H220587, H267746, PT 15 & 19 19R1328; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0169 (LT). Roll # 46 16 041 000 19700.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,179.20
7. PT LT 14 CON 9 SNOWDON AS IN H39525 BTN TRAVELLED RD ABUTTING 19R3545 AND RDAL BTN CON 8 AND CON 9; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39219-0221 (LT). Roll # 46 16 041 000 59000.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,365.38

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

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

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules, as amended, made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant Land Transfer Tax.

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

Note: H.S.T. may be payable by successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, contact:

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Property values on the rise in Highlands East

By Mark Arike

Property values are expected to increase by 2.3 per cent in Highlands East this year, according to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

The average home is currently valued at \$139,000 while the typical waterfront property is \$285,000.

"That's steady growth based on what I've seen historically for your area," account manager Nathan Martin told council on Monday.

MPAC is predicting \$8 million in growth, including new builds and additions.

"That creates new property value," said Martin, who provided an overview of MPAC's assessment process.

MPAC is an independent, non-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. It employs more than 1,700 people and is overseen by the Ministry of Finance.

Its staff determine property values for 5.5 million properties across the province. Residential properties account for 72 per cent of all values, said Martin.

Homeowners began receiving their assessment notices on July 11. Farm property assessments will go out Oct. 11. Multi-residential and business notices will be mailed Oct. 18.

Anyone who has issues with their assessment is encouraged to contact MPAC.

"We just want to make sure we try to get your property value right," he said.

Residential property owners can request a review 120 days from the issue date of their assessment notice.

Martin said that MPAC is fully transparent when it comes to informing the public about the work they do.

For reports and other information, visit aboutmyproperty.ca.



Minden's new fire hall will be located next to the EMS station on Hwy 35.

Minden fire hall one step closer

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills is ready to put its new fire hall out to tender.

Last week, the committee of the whole meeting heard that two firms had pre-qualified and will be invited to bid on the estimated \$2m fire hall for Hwy 35.

In a report on the pre-qualification tender process, fire Chief Doug Schell said staff are recommending that the invitation only tender for the design and construction of the new hall be circulated to MVW Construction & Engineering and Greystone Project Management Inc.

Greystone built the county's new EMS base on the property next to where the fire hall will go while MVW did Ridgewood Ford in Minden.

Schell and councilors said they were confident going with either builder although Coun. Pam Sayne queried whether council should hire a third-party to oversee the job

as "it's a lot of money."

Reeve Brent Devolin said both companies had scored 99.9 out of 100 in pre-qualification and had a lot of history and good reputations in the area. He did not think the township required a third party consultant-engineer. He said Minden Hills was basically mirroring what the county had done with the EMS base. He said the fire chief and other Minden Hills staff would provide oversight.

But Sayne was not entirely convinced saying while she did not want to spend a lot of time or money, it would be good to have someone looking after the township's best interests.

Coun. Cheryl Murdoch said there would be an on-site manger reporting to staff. And, Coun. Lisa Schell said there would on-site reports from architects and engineers, so, "What you are looking for, we will already be getting."

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An initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the goal of this network is to provide the "20-to-30 something" demographic with opportunities and supports to live, work, and play here. We strengthen the fabric of the community by giving Young Professionals a voice – and opportunities to be successful.

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Minden Hills news

Property assessments edge up in Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

The average residential property assessment in the Township of Minden Hills is \$210,000, while for waterfronts the figure is \$354,000, a representative of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) told council last Thursday.

That represents about a 1.7 per cent increase in 2017 over last year, Nathan Martin, account manager/municipal and stakeholder relations, told councilors at a committee of the whole meeting.

He told the Highlander that MPAC is visiting all four municipal townships in the county this fall because they want residents to know that they only have 120 days this year to appeal the assessments that were mailed out on July 11.

That is a change from last year when people had until March 31 of the following year.

In addition to the average property value assessments, Martin said MPAC had forecast \$20 million in growth in the township, up \$1.5 million from last year.

And, good news for the township, he said MPAC is picking up 98 per cent of new occupancies within one year. That allows the township to start taxing these properties sooner. Reeve Brent Devolin applauded the figure saying it has been sub-80 per cent in some jurisdictions in the past.

The assessments people have received in the mail this summer will be in place for the 2017-2020 tax years.



Houses like these in Minden have seen their property assessments climb by an average of 1.7 per cent. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Martin urged people to have a good look at the paperwork.

"We're very open to reviewing people's properties." He said they could informally contact the Peterborough office before going the formal, request for reconsideration route. He stressed that people only have until Nov. 8 to file a formal RFR.

He said they should ask themselves 'could you have sold it (the property) at that price?' To date, only 2 per cent of properties have sought review, which is

markedly lower than in years past.

Residents are also encouraged to log onto aboutmyproperty.ca, which will allow them to compare their properties.

Devolin said the process had improved. He said it used to be "like a ouija board" to figure out assessments forms in the past. He said the fact the number of RFR's has plummeted points to the improved system.

But Coun. Pam Sayne said she is worried that people are being driven from their houses because they live on fixed incomes, yet costs, such as property taxes, are going

up. She said businesses have greater control as they can raise their prices. She said the irony is that at the same time, we require housing programs such as Habitat for Humanity.

Devolin said that was not really an MPAC matter, but something to be brought to the attention of the provincial government.

Farm assessments will be sent Oct. 11 and multiple residential and business on Oct. 18.

New machine could do 16,000 sandbags a day

Minden Hills council will likely spend a little money at budget time on equipment to more efficiently sandbag for spring flooding.

In 2013, the township used approximately 32,000 sand bags. During last spring's flooding, it used 4,000.

Now, staff from the roads and community services department have to physically shovel sand into bags. One person shovels while another bags and ties. One other method that the roads department employs is using the cross chain and chute on their sander bodies to fill sand bags. According to a staff report at last week's committee of the whole meeting, it is efficient but harmful for the truck to idle all day, and to constantly engage and disengage the cross chain.

Staff has done some research and found a machine in the US called the Sandbagger Model II with motorized auger.

According to Travis Wilson's report, it allows up to four people to fill sandbags. The unit is 96" wide and has a hopper that holds two cubic yards of sand, which can be fed, with the bucket of a tractor. The auger is powered by a 5.5Hp Honda motor. When being run at full capacity, it is capable of filling 1,600 bags per hour (16,000/day). Wilson said

there are gravity fed models available; however, staff believe the gas powered augers are more suited to drastic changes in temperature during the spring. The estimated costs of the equipment is \$26,000 USD.

Celebrating 150th with a concert

Minden Hills is looking for \$5,000 in Ontario 150 grant funding to put towards its Canada Day celebrations next year.

Director of community services Mark Coleman said the plan is to add an outdoor concert at the fairgrounds in the time between the downtown celebrations and the evening fireworks.

In a report to council, he said volunteers have approached the department with the idea and will be working with staff to develop and deliver it, if they get the money.

The township is also applying for \$41,250 in Community Capital Program grants for bleachers, picnic tables and accessible playground equipment for various Minden Hills parks.

And, council will submit a revised grant application to the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund for \$55,000 in support of the outdoor shelter, Lapine Outdoor Art Sculpture and gallery flooring replacement projects for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

No road for trailer park owner

It doesn't look like the owner of South Lake Trailer Park will get a municipal access road for residents after staff estimated it could cost \$1.5 million to do a 1.5 km road.

The owner came to the June 30 council meeting asking council to put in a road since non trailer park residents were accessing his trailer park road year-round.

However, in a staff report, Travis Wilson provided the access road costs.

Reeve Brent Devolin said when he purchased the property, the trailer park owner must have known about existing access rights. He said he was unwilling to pay millions to do the work. Coun. Pam Sayne asked if the trailer park owner alone maintained the road and Coun. Lisa Schell, who heads the committee, said she was not sure.

Seeking outside look

Coun. Pam Sayne is pushing for council to hire a consultant to do an organizational review of the management structure and departments at Minden Hills.

"This will help distinguish the administrative role and the political roles as highlighted in discussion with Fred Dean," Sayne said in a written report.

Minden Hills in brief

She said it would provide professional advice on staff structuring used by municipalities generally and particular advice to Minden Hills' needs, "where we are and where we may need to be headed." She said the external review would be useful to management staff and council as a whole "to move forward with confidence." She said the consultant's work would include confidential interviews with senior staff and council members with a report to follow. She estimated it would cost \$5,000.

She also wants council to arrange a workshop on bullying and harassment in the workplace for council, and senior staff members and that it be open to the public to observe. "This is part of the transparency issue raised by constituents and supported by council members," she said. She would like a workshop every two years and that the same practice be recommended for other municipalities in the county.

Money for SPARC

Council has approved spending \$452 to send two Minden Hills youth to the upcoming Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC).

The symposium will be held at the Pinestone in late October.

Councilors endorsed the funding but will leave the selection of the two students to SPARC.

Highlander environment



Top left: Paul MacInnes, chair of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association, asks a question. Above left: Colin Clarke, water management engineer, right, speaks with lake association members. Right: CEWF vice-chair Chris Riddle. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

A challenging summer for lake levels

By Mark Arike

Unusual weather and a lack of rain made it a difficult year for water management.

But the actions of Parks Canada staff made all the difference, according to the Coalition of Equitable Water Flow (CEWF).

"Most of our members looking out the front of their cottage think it's been a normal year," said CEWF chair Ted Spence during an annual communications meeting at the fish hatchery on Saturday.

"But it's been anything but normal."

In the spring, local lakes in the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) were at or near record high levels. This was due to a relatively warm winter with an early ice melt.

Eels Lake, for example, exceeded 2.4 metres March 1. The average depth for that time of year is about 1.7 metres.

Since March 3, the CEWF has posted more than 24 water management reports,

updates and forecasts on its website to keep its 32 lake association members informed. Ten of those addressed spring water management, extreme rainfall and high water levels. Since mid-June, more than 13 outlined drought conditions, plans for drawdown and water levels.

In the last half of March, there was a lot of rainfall. Environment Canada recorded 171 mm of rain in Haliburton compared to an average of 72 mm. This is a 138 per cent increase.

Four inches of that arrived in the last eight days of the month.

"That's when our lakes went right through the roof with the ice still on them," said Spence.

Property damage was reported at seven lakes.

But from mid-April to mid-August, there was very little rainfall. In fact, in Peterborough, it was the driest period since 1914.

"We were really looking at the worst drought that one could almost imagine in terms of doing water management planning," he said.

Then Mother Nature dumped 160 mm of rain in Peterborough in the last two weeks of the month.

Parks Canada is tasked with the management of the TSW, a 386-kilometre canal comprised of 54 reservoir lakes, many of which are in Haliburton County.

They "masked the drought" by storing water wherever possible in the basin, explained Spence.

"The result was that the available water lasted through the summer until the rain came."

The seasonal forecast predicted it would be slightly drier than average and a bit warmer, said Colin Clarke, water management engineer. However, it was much hotter and drier than expected.

"By May 31, we had pushed to absolute

minimum flow on the Otonabee River," said Clarke, explaining they were able to go slightly lower than usual.

They didn't have to draw water from central lakes because there was enough water in the Kawarthas.

Water management decisions were made on a weekly basis and frequent updates were provided to stakeholders.

At least eight TSW dams will be replaced with \$615 million in government funding over the next five years, said Jewel Cunningham, director of the Ontario Waterways Unit for Parks Canada. Others will undergo rehabilitation.

"We're feeling confident as an organization that we're really touching everything we need to be touching," said Cunningham.

Computerized technology is helping staff with their decision-making.

For materials from the meeting, visit cewf.typepad.com.

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Pregnancy care centre

By Lisa Gervais

Being single and pregnant was not something Candice Grimes was prepared for at the age of 23 after having just moved back from the city.

"What the heck?" she recalls thinking of that time in her life about two years ago.

"I had split up with the father and I didn't know much about children. I was kind of like, what am I supposed to do? I'm going to be a single parent."

One of her mom's friends knew about a place called The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre and suggested they go and check it out.

Grimes underwent counselling and then was part of a pre-natal group.

"It gave me peace. I knew what to do. I had a plan. I was confident about having Carter."

The 15-month-old toddler is playing as Grimes shares her story at the centre in unit B, 187 Highland St., Haliburton.

She is one of 319 different people who have come through the door of the centre in its 10 years of servicing Haliburton County.

Jade Newbatt is another. She is at the centre with two-year-old Sierra. She first came to get a pregnancy test at the age of 18 and has been coming ever since.

Unlike Grimes, Newbatt is with the father of her child

and was excited about being pregnant, however, the financial impact of having a family was a worry.

"I came here to get clothes and formula and diapers." Now, with Sierra flipping through books and playing, she says "I'm in here all the time. It is something to do."

A third woman chooses to remain anonymous.

She is a young professional with children but shares how at the age of 19 she became pregnant and had doubts as to whether or not to keep the child.

"I was not in a good place in my life. Julie (centre executive director Julie Goodwin) kind of counselled me through that and gave me good advice. She told me that there was support in the community."

The woman decided to have the child. She came to the centre before and after the birth.

She said there was physical support in the form of formula and diapers, as well as emotional support via counselling, and just "someone to listen."

She was also encouraged to go back to school.

"I'm glad I did what I did. The centre definitely changed my path and set me in the right direction."

The woman said the centre is "a really good resource" in an area known for poverty, as without it "a lot of children might go without."

"Definitely just the love and support they offer ... you come here and feel so loved and so empowered."

Celebrating the fulfillment of a vision

By Lisa Gervais

Executive director Julie Goodwin said the centre is celebrating 10 years of fulfilling its vision and commitment "to be a supportive presence and resource" in the county "to those affected by an unplanned pregnancy and its realities."

She said the staff and volunteers care deeply about the well-being of the women they serve.

With assurances of confidentiality and a non-judgmental approach, she said that trained peer support workers "come alongside each woman where she is at" providing emotional and practical support during what can often be a challenging, confusing, lonely, and even frightening time in her life.

Goodwin said centre staff encourage clients to take the time to explore their available options so that they can make an informed decision.

"This is done by providing up-to-date information about the options of parenting, adoption and abortion procedures and risks. Because the centre's staff uphold the value of the sanctity of life, the centre does not make referrals for abortion. The centre is not an adoption agency, but the staff can arrange referrals to adoption agencies."

Goodwin said the staff are there to be a supportive and compassionate presence for clients, through listening, post-abortion support, personal and practical support, and ongoing encouragement.

She added that the peer-based support that is provided is

not intended as a substitute for professional counseling.

Additional free services and resources available include pregnancy tests, information about sexually transmitted infections, formula, baby and toddler diapers, clothing and other supplies. Clients can also be connected to other community resources to meet their specific needs, such as midwifery, dental, housing and legal.

Further, in response to the need for supportive mentoring for dads as well as practical homemaking coaching for moms, the centre now offers a 12-week nurturing father's program and a 12-week home with a heart program.

Goodwin said another reason to celebrate during this 10th anniversary year has been the expansion and renovation of the centre to now include a classroom/meeting room, client computer corner, kids' zone, laundry room, private support room, large meeting area, clothes closet and more.

The centre is a Christian organization which is a registered charity that does not receive any government funding. Consequently, the expansion and renovations were done by the centre's team and many people donated time and talent, furnishings and décor, and money to move the plan from simply being a dream to becoming a long-awaited reality, Goodwin said.

"As the centre moves forward into its next 10 years of serving Haliburton County, it is the desire of the team and its many supporters, to continue to honour and affirm the lives of parents and children," she said.



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The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre is celebrating its 10 anniversary with a number of events this month:

- ° The seventh annual fall fundraiser is slated for Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Haliburton United Church, featuring The Gallaghers. Admission is by free-will offering for the HCPCC during the evening (tax receipts will be issued).

- ° An open house on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 2 to 4 p.m., with a ribbon cutting at 3 p.m.

- ° To learn more about the centre, check out haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca; visit their Facebook page: Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre; stop in for a tour: 187 Highland St., Haliburton (lower level); or call 705-457-HOPE(4673).

Jade Newbatt reads to daughter Sierra, left, while Candice Grimes reads to son Carter, right, at The Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



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Highlander business



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Artech Studios at ROM this weekend

By Lisa Gervais

A Haliburton County company will be one of the featured exhibitors at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Toronto this weekend.

Artech Studios is taking part in CHIHULY, which is being held this Saturday and Sunday.

Featuring the dramatically colourful creations in glass by internationally acclaimed artist Dale Chihuly, CHIHULY features 11 installations, including series favourites, as well as those created especially for the ROM, the ROM said in a press release.

Dubbed, 'Hot glass, hot science!', the public is being urged to visit Artech Studios' mobile glass studio to see how nature's materials, such as sand and fire, can come together with human breath to create awe-inspiring art, the release stated.

Artech Studios is owned by Terry Craig and Jennifer Wanless-Craig. Theirs is a traditional glassblowing studio that produces upcycled glass tableware and handmade barware. They are known for their recycled beer glasses.

Wanless-Craig told *The Highlander* yesterday "we're excited about it."

Because it is all about glass it is special, she said. They are planning to put on a very entertaining show for the kids, including things such as popping corn and roasting marshmallows in glass to demonstrate the heat created.

It is part of ROM's Family Fundays, with this exhibition featuring elements of colour, light, nature and glass.

Brilliant Science takes place Sept. 17 and 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Some of the other features are Wild Vision and the Bat Maze, where people can 'echolocate' their way through a maze with bat goggles to see hidden worlds only animals can

see. Glass Fossils, Frozen in Time allows visitors to see incredible creatures that lived in the seas long before the dinosaurs. Using fascinating techniques, these ancient animals preserved in quartz reveal their prehistoric secrets. Another features the sugar art of Lauri Ditunno of New York, who creates desserts inspired by glass art and fashion.

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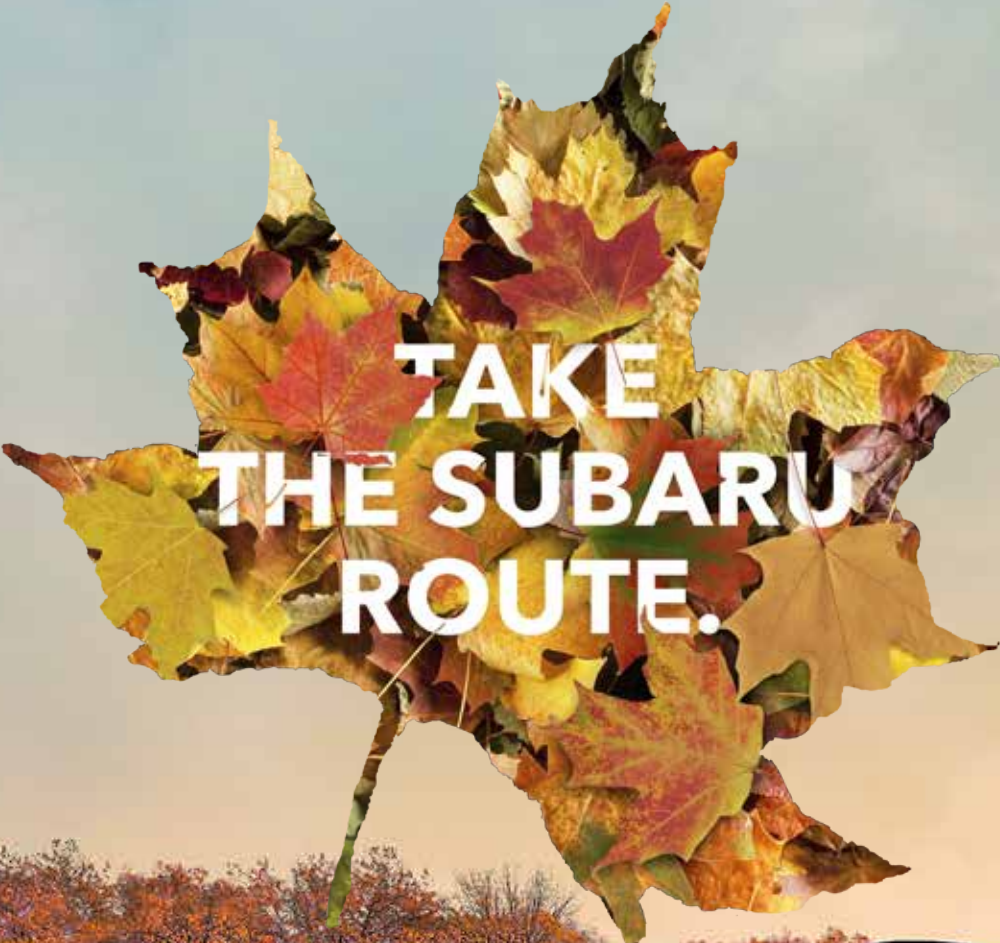
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Highlander arts

Plein air painters utilize local landscape

By Mark Arike

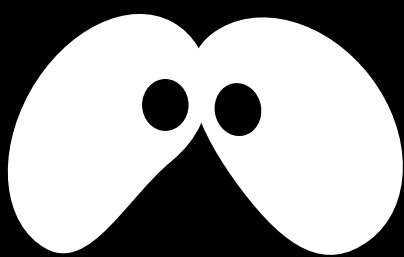
Painters explored historic sites and scenic outdoor locations during the annual Highlands East Plein Air Arts Festival from Sept. 8-10. The event concluded with an exhibition and sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Sunday.

"The exhibition was amazing," said organizer Gary Blundell. "As usual the community of Highlands East came out in full force on Sunday. Almost every artist sold something."

Plein air is a French term for painting outdoors.

The festival received financial support from the municipality.

Wenona Lake cottager Alan Roe paints at Furnace Falls on Sept. 9. Photo by Mark Arike.



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An image used to promote the takeover of the Lakeshore Grounds Instagram account. Left: An acrylic and pastel piece of Hospital Tunnel No. 3 by Gary Blundell. Right: "Bright light at the end of the tunnel," a modified photo by Victoria Ward. Photo provided by Victoria Ward.

County artists partner with Humber College for social media takeover

By Mark Arike

A recent partnership two local artists have formed with Toronto's Humber College is a case of perfect timing and a strong online presence.

"Victoria's got this blog that's very well-known and very well followed," says Gary Blundell, referring to his partner, Victoria Ward.

She encouraged him to pick up the phone one day and cold-call the college. As it turns out, they were familiar with Ward's blog and her involvement with a non-profit arts organization known as CAREFAC.

That led to a visit to the college's Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre at the Lakeshore campus in Etobicoke.

"It's been completely revitalized," says Ward during an interview at their studio, which is midway between Gooderham and Tory Hill.

Located in Etobicoke, the property was the site of a psychiatric hospital for 90 years. It was originally known as the Mimico Branch Asylum, but was called the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital when it closed in 1979.

There are several cottage-like buildings

on the property which housed thousands of patients over the years.

Twelve years after the facility closed, in 1991, Humber College signed a 99-year lease with the provincial government to acquire the land and buildings.

The college restored the buildings and grounds in 1993, which included the renovation of a tunnel system that was used to transport patients.

"Through arts, culture and storytelling" the centre "aims to be a space of harmony and knowledge around themes of education, mental health, Aboriginal history, environmental sustainability and civic engagement," according to its website.

The centre takes up 200 sq. ft. of space in the college's new welcome centre.

"It's very forward-thinking in terms of people recognizing what was there, what was sacred and what was important," says Ward.

After visiting the campus, taking photos and doing research in the library, they decided to combine art with social media to celebrate and preserve the past.

When she's not creating art, Ward helps organizations with their social media accounts. She pitched an Instagram

"takeover"—when someone from outside the organization takes control of an account and posts content to it.

The concept was to create visual artwork which would be photographed and posted to Instagram with a narrative of their discoveries on the landscape.

The college embraced the idea and gave them the go-ahead.

Blundell produced eight pieces, most of which are inspired by the psychiatric facility's tunnels. He was fascinated by the fact that patients built them.

"They had railways in the tunnels, so they reminded me of the work I did in the coal mines," he says.

Prior to moving to Highlands East 16 years ago, Blundell was a geological engineer.

He used pastels and acrylics on paper.

Ward built tiny constructions which she took photos of. She used an app to add animation. She also created some paintings and played with photo editing software on her iPad.

"For me this was a very exciting opportunity because I could use digital tools to a much greater extent than I had ever done before," she says.

The campaign, titled Secrets of an Ever Changing Landscape, launched Sept. 9 on the centre's Instagram account. The posts will also be shared on Twitter and Facebook.

New posts will go up Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays this month and in October.

Jennifer Bazar, the centre's curator, is thrilled with the project.

"They came together with this incredible collection of artwork that captured the essence of the way the grounds have changed over time," she says.

Bazar hopes the campaign gets people interested in the property's history.

"We're looking for novel and unique ways of telling the stories of the grounds. I think that starting with [their] idea to do an Instagram takeover really embodies that quite strongly."

The centre recently opened to students and will host its first exhibit in January.

When the takeover ends, the artwork will be posted to the centre's website.

To check it out follow @LakeshoreGrnds and @hotspurstudio on Instagram.

To learn more about the centre visit lakeshoregrounds.ca.

Highland Storm



The 2016 Highland Storm novice team holds its first practice of the year on Friday, Sept. 9 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Rep league numbers down, house league up

By Lisa Gervais

On an unseasonably warm Friday night, Highland Storm novice coach Darryl Winder puts his newly-picked rep team through its paces during its first official practice.

The coach is admittedly tough on his eight-year-old charges.

He knows each player by name and doesn't let them get away with any transgressions as committed parents look on from the stands of the SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden Sept. 9.

"You have to drill them," the coach later explains in an interview. "The attention spans of seven and eight-year-olds is very minimal ... you have to be vocal with them."

Winder, who is also on the board of the Storm, doesn't try to sugarcoat Storm hockey. Asked how the tryouts have been for rep. tyke, novice, atom, peewee, bantam and midget this fall, he says numbers are low across the board.

However, the good news is the numbers for the entire Highland Storm association are up from last year.

Winder held three try-outs and selected two alternate players the next day. It wasn't hard. He only had 12 come out and had to make two APs.

He will ice a team of 10 skaters and one goalie. Since novice games comprise two, 10-minute and one, 15-minute period he feels the numbers gives players more ice time in a shortened 35-minute game.

However, Winder is "very disappointed" with the turn-out.

In contrast, he said Huntsville had 62 kids try out for its novice squad. They can ice three lines and have two goalies. He thinks numbers are low because he only has the eight-year-olds in novice. Most others categories can draw from two age groups, for example, peewee is 12 and 13-year-olds.

He points to the county's demographics and attributes the county's poverty rates, saying it is costly for parents to travel for rep hockey. He thinks kids are going snowboarding at Sir Sam's instead.

"It's been declining for the past several years."

One strategy the Storm is using is trying to make the county league a much stronger part of the system. From that, the rep. teams will also improve. That is why they are partnering with the Wilberforce and Bancroft associations this year.

The other thing is that come playoff time, our rep teams will drop from B league to CC, playing against more comparable teams in the Sturgeon Lake and Mariposa minor hockey associations rather than bigger teams in Huntsville, Muskoka and Parry Sound.

Don't forget: There is a coach's clinic this Saturday, Sept. 17. County league coaches will be taught how to run a rep-like practice.

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Emsley finishes 7th in O-Cup championship

By Mark Arike

Nick Emsley is proud of his accomplishments this season, including his most recent race.

The 17-year-old Haliburton resident came seventh in the junior expert category in the Ontario Cup championships at Sir Sam's on Sunday. He faced 16 of the best competitors in the province and finished with a time of 1:27:17.

"Overall I would say it was my best junior expert Ontario Cup Race I've had all year," said Emsley in a phone interview. "Everything just worked out well."

He said it was nice to have home course advantage. "I knew all the lines. I could feel myself perfectly. Everything just fell into place," he said, adding that his bike was in perfect shape. Emsley did four laps for a total distance of 26 km.

He entered all seven of the Ontario Cup races this

season. He placed fifth in the previous race, which was held in Elliot Lake at the end of August. Also known as the O-Cup, it's one of Canada's premier XC Mountain Bike racing series. It is organized by Superfly Racing.

On Sept. 3, Emsley competed in the Ontario Marathon Championships in Kingston. Despite four flat tires, he placed third in the men's 35 and under category. He maintained his overall position and is the Ontario Marathon Series winner and fourth overall in Ontario XCO.

His final races of the season include an eight-hour solo on Sept. 24 at Hardwood Ski and Bike in Oro-Medonte and a 30-km time trial on Oct. 15 in Dufferin Forest.

"They're just fun events, to finish off my year of racing."

The recent event at Sir Sam's drew 350 of Ontario's top riders. For results, visit superflyracing.com.

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Nick Emsley prepares to take off from the start line. The local racer came seventh in the junior expert men category. Photos by Mark Arike.



Linnley Clarke of Thornton flies down a hill at Sir Sam's. He came third in the master expert men (50-plus).



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Marlee Vanderlee, left, and Kaitlyn Shikaze after their race. Shikaze came first in the cadet expert women category and Vanderlee finished behind her in second.



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A competitor emerges from the water. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

Reserve hosts annual canoe slalom

By Mark Arike

Racers took part in the 36th annual Gull River Open Canoe Slalom Race last weekend at the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

Despite a bit of rain on Saturday, they spent the day practicing for Sunday's races.

"While numbers were down this year we still had 150 runs on the Sunday," said organizer David Humphrys.

The event is held at the same venue each year, which is on the Gull River. Competitors from across the province and even the U.S. take part, according to Whitewater Ontario's website.

The slalom course consists of 18-24 gates.

Competitors are timed and must negotiate the gates in numerical order, with time penalties added for touching or missing gates.

The preserve hosted canoe and kayak slalom events during the Pan Am Games last summer.



Left: Noah Latchem of Ottawa prepares for Sunday's races. Right: A young competitor paddles toward the powerful current.

Highlander sports

Work will extend life of curling club

By Lisa Gervais

All three levels of government have thrown their rocks down the ice to help the Haliburton Curling Club draw \$200,000 to the button.

A grant of \$150,000 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, combined with a \$25,000 federal New Horizons for Seniors program contribution and the equivalent of \$25,000 in forgiven debt by Dysart et al have allowed the club to undergo extensive work.

The club celebrated Friday by welcoming the community and its members to an open house, registration and ribbon-cutting to mark the addition of several energy efficient upgrades to the building.

There is new ice making equipment, upgrades to LED lighting, a state-of-the-art ice scraper and there's been a switch from electric to propane heaters.

Club vice president Kent Milford said the significant off-season changes should see a 27 per cent reduction in energy use.

He added the work will extend the life of the curling facility, which is celebrating its 75th year.

Dr. Ramesh Makhija spoke of how the OTF came about under Premier Bill Davis in 1970. He noted that for every organization that gets an OTF grant, three or four do not. However, he said the curling club won out due to its impact on the community and its continuing legacy.



Haliburton Curling Club vice president Kent Milford, director Wanda Ruddy, MP Laurie Scott, Ontario Trillium Foundation representative Dr. Ramesh Makhija, MP Jamie Schmale and president Mary Hillaby cut a ribbon to officially unveil the club's new look last Friday.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

He said it is building a more physically and mentally healthy and vibrant community.

Club director Wanda Ruddy is credited with writing the successful grant application.

"The impact of this Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated," said club president Mary Hillaby in a media release.

"This grant has allowed renovations to be made to both the curling pad and the

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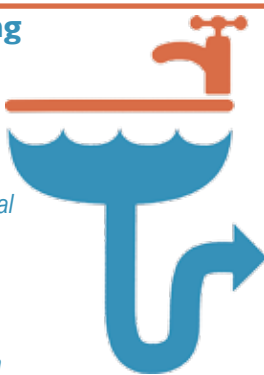
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Top: Volunteer and skate park user Trevor Kelly squeegees the water. Left: Fleming College student Murray Lee uses the park for the first time. Right: Gage Roylance of Minden rides his BMX bike. Photos by Mark Arike.

Jumpin' at the Junction

By Mark Arike

Overcast skies and a bit of rain didn't make for ideal skateboarding conditions.

But Saturday's weather didn't stop volunteers from spreading the word about efforts to revitalize Haliburton's Junction Skatepark.

"We're building awareness," said volunteer Pasi Posti, who pitched various improvements to council last year. Contests were held at the event and visitors were able to

purchase custom-made skateboard decks, with proceeds going to the cause. Close to \$300 was raised.

A grand total of \$25,000 has been raised so far, but the goal is \$100,000.

A grant application for \$60,000 is being submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, said recreation program coordinator Andrea Mueller.

The Battle of the Bands fundraiser will return to A.J. Larue Arena sometime in February and a gala might take place in the future.

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Top: Haliburton Hank, centre, rocks the stage with the help of Steve Maine, left, and Scott Duggan. Left: Miners Bay resident Jim Love performs original tunes. Right: Soyers Lake cottager Harvey Lamb returns for his second open stage performance. Photos by Mark Arike.

Local talent shines on open stage

By Mark Arike

Musicians, dancers, poets and other performers are all welcome at the Haliburton County Folk Society's (HCFS) open stage. An average of 50-60 people attend the 'by donation' event held on the second Saturday of every month at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. A portion of proceeds go

to the museum for use of the space. Eight acts took the stage at the most recent event on Saturday. "It was a wonderful evening," said HCFS volunteer Don Gage. Dave Fougere pulled double duty as host and performer. The next open stage is on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m.

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Highlander events

Hundreds expected at West Guilford reunion

By Lisa Gervais

Former NHL hockey great Bernie Nicholls is one of hundreds expected to drop by the West Guildford Community Centre this Saturday for the West Guilford School Reunion.

Organizer Pat Hicks said they have no idea how many people will turn up for the 80th anniversary celebration but they have already had quite a few reservations, including former teachers that include

Phyllis Woodcock and Eleanor Cooper.

As for students, some of the elder statesmen will include Ev Stata, who is in her early 90s and octogenarian Ross Stamp.

Hicks said it has not been a difficult reunion to organize thanks to social media. They simply put the word out on Facebook, approached *The Highlander* and *The Haliburton Echo* and *The Minden Times*, Canoe FM and 93.5 Moose FM.

On Friday, they will be decorating the

community centre.

On Saturday, they are encouraging people to bring squares to be shared over tea and coffee.

Of course, the big attraction will be the photos that have been pouring in along with reminiscing and reacquainting.

A donation box will be set up on the day.


Hicks, who was born in 1954, started going to the school in 1961 and attended until Grade 6 when it closed. “It was a

great school.”

She recalled the old rink at the back with its string of lightbulbs and a shack to warm up.

That’s where Nicholls learned to play the game that put him – and Haliburton – on the map.

The West Guilford School Reunion will be held Saturday, Sept. 17 at the West Guilford Community Centre from 1 to 4 p.m.



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

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

DATE: Monday, September 26, 2016


TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016038**, **PLMV2016047**, **PLMV2016053**, **PLMV2016054**, **PLMV2016055**, **PLMV2016056**, and **PLMV2016057**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:


PLMV2016038 - Part of Lot 8, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon on a vacant lot on Cassia Lane and located on Canning Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The application is a requirement of the approval of Consent Application H77/15 to correct a building encroachment. The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum lot area and lot frontage requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law. The proposed lot area is 0.216 ha (0.53 acres) and the proposed lot frontage is 30.5 metres (100 feet). This application was originally heard on June 27, 2016, but was deferred at the request of the applicant to allow for the preparation of a new survey.




PLMV2016054 - Part of Lot 26, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden located at 1038 Voyager Trail on Lake Kashagawigamog (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum shoreline setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law, which is 23 metres. The applicants have an existing dwelling located within the shoreline setback and their intention is to construct a replacement dwelling in substantially the same location. The proposed dwelling would have a walk-out basement and would have a ground floor area (not including decks) of 142.1 square metres (1,529 square feet) and a total floor area of 306.6 square metres (3,300 square feet). The proposed dwelling would maintain the variable shoreline setback with the closest distance of 10.5 metres (34 feet). The Township's Zoning By-law provides regulations that permit the expansion of dwellings located in the shoreline setback, however the applicant's proposed dwelling would not comply with these provisions.




PLMV2016047 - Part of Lot 28, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1014 Bumblebee Lane; and located on the Irondale River & Salerno Lake Creek.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum shoreline setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law, which is 30 metres for a septic tile field. The proposed septic tile field would be located 15.25 metres (50 feet) from the shoreline.




PLMV2016055 - Part of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden located at 1041 Kingfisher Lane on Kashagawigamog Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum rear yard setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law for a detached garage, which is 2 metres. The applicant has requested a rear yard setback of 0.6 metres (2 feet) to construct a garage with a floor area of 69 square metres (748 square feet).




PLMV2016053 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden located at 1037 Mohican Trail on Twelve Mile Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum shoreline setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law, which is 23 metres. The applicants have an existing dwelling located with the shoreline setback and their intention is to construct a replacement dwelling in substantially the same location. The proposed dwelling would have a gross floor area of 183.7 square metres (1,978 square feet) and would maintain the variable shoreline setback with the closest distance of 8.5 metres (28 feet). The Township's Zoning By-law provides regulations that permit the expansion of dwellings located in the shoreline setback, however the applicant's proposed dwelling would not comply with these provisions.




PLMV2016056 - Part of Lot 17, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden located at 1149 Dugan Road on Canning Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum shoreline setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law, which is 23 metres for a dwelling and 30 metres for a septic system. The applicants have an existing dwelling located with the shoreline setback and their intention is to construct a larger replacement dwelling in substantially the same location. The proposed dwelling would have a ground floor area (not including decks) of 258.5 square metres (2,782 square feet) and a total floor area of 425 square metres (4,578 square feet). The proposed dwelling would maintain the variable shoreline setback with the closest distance of 8.5 metres (28 feet) and would have a height of 9.1 metres (30 feet). In addition, the applicant has requested that the setback for a septic system be reduced from 30 metres to 15 metres. The Township's Zoning By-law provides regulations that permit the expansion of dwellings located in the shoreline setback, however the applicant's proposed dwelling would not comply with these provisions.



PLMV2016057 - Part of Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, located at 1016 Tanzie Trail on Davis Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to seek relief from the minimum shoreline setback requirement of the Township's Zoning By-law which is 23 metres. The applicants have requested a setback of 15 metres (50 feet) to construct a garage with a floor area of 67.6 square metres (728 square feet).



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

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

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

For more information about this matter contact iclending@mindenhills.ca.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0

Highlander people

Saving wildlife one loonie at a time

By Lisa Gervais

Shortly after her family began cottaging on Four Mile Lake, little Avery Spitz was devastated when one of the lake's loons was injured, taken to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, and passed away.

"It was sad."

Then and there, the little girl decided to do something. She approached her mom, Elaine, first suggesting she sell all of her dolls to raise money for the sanctuary. Mom did not think this would be sustaining. So, plan B was to make and sell lemonade at the local boat launch. That was five years ago.

This past Labour Day, Avery, now 11, raised \$792 for her Loonies 4 Loons campaign, bringing the overall total to more than \$3,000.

She reckons she sold about 100 glasses of lemonade this year but one generous boater chipped in \$100.

"All animals are special to me," Avery tells *The Highlander*. "But loons are my favourite, I like their colouring, their call, their mating rituals."

Avery said a lot of preparation goes into the day. She does a poster every year and she and her mom make the lemonade and load it into a large orange drink dispenser. Then there is the onerous job of marketing from her stand on the day, but this year they sold out. They are starting to get repeat customers and it is becoming somewhat of a Labour Day tradition.

Avery said her friends and schoolmates think what she is doing is pretty cool. She said that last year she gave a speech about animals and mentioned her loonies for loons campaign to raise awareness.

She plans to keep doing it, too.

"I love it."

Asked if she wants to add anything else, Avery says a loon got in trouble just the other day because it swallowed a lead sinker from a fishing rod and died.

"Just respect the wildlife," she says.

The sanctuary's Monika Melichar had nothing but praise for Avery's goal to raise funds for orphaned and injured wildlife at the sanctuary. She was there on Labour Day weekend with "Prickles" the sanctuary's porcupine ambassador.

"As a 100 per cent volunteer-based charity, we rely on public donations to help us care for the hundreds of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife we receive each year."

She said that so far, proceeds from Avery's Loonies 4 Loons past fundraisers have helped them to construct a beautiful pond enclosure, where different species of



11-year-old Avery Spitz at her 'loonies for loons lemonade stand.' Submitted.

water birds are being raised, rehabilitated and prepped for release back into the wild. This year, they hope to raise funds to purchase essential medical equipment for their new intensive care unit and nursery.

"All of us at WWS are thrilled that Avery is helping us save our wildlife one loonie at a time."



At 23.5 years old, Miss Tammy's owners think she is the oldest four-legged citizen in Haliburton County. Submitted.

Haliburton's oldest four-legged citizen?

By Lisa Gervais

Dale and Carol Boniface claim to own Haliburton's oldest four-legged citizen.

That citizen is a cat named Miss Tammy whom the Bonifaces say is 23-and-a-half years old.

The Bonifaces said they got the feline as a rescue.

"We got her from a family that had befallen a tragedy and they could no longer look after her. So we took her in, had a period of adjustment and everything worked out well," the couple told *The Highlander*.

The Haliburton couple say that when they got the cat she was named Timbit. They think she was given that name because she was presented to her former owner in a Timbit box as a small kitten and the kids thought that it would be amusing to call her that.

"We, of course, changed that to Miss Tammy. We have since moved up here and we, and she, have made our new home here in the Haliburton area."

The Bonifaces said Miss Tammy has slowed down somewhat over the past five years, and they keep her quite comfortable on a bed that she loves with a heating pad to keep her warm at night. "So far, everything is moving along nicely."

The Bonifaces joked that according to a cat book that they own, Miss Tammy is soon to be 104 years old in human years.

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Wyona Consack

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday afternoon, September 10, 2016 in her 85th year. Loving wife of Wayne B. Wood and the late John Consack. Loving mother of Karl (Irene) of Aurora, Rod (Molly) of Haliburton, Melinda (Michael), Wendy and Nancy (Collin). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jon, Becky, Kristian, Anders, Samantha, Jamie and by her great grandchildren Jayden, Taylor, Jaxson, Serenity and Billy. Dear sister of Evelyn McKee. Predeceased by brothers Leland, Moss, Max who died overseas in Belgium in WW11 and by her best friend Dorothy Wood. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and her many friends. Wyona was very active with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary and was involved at the Concession Stand at the Arena for many years.

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(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden on Wednesday evening, September 7, 2016 in her 97th year. Beloved wife of the late James Way. Loving mother of Marilyn Burton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Andrea, Beth (Andrew Sawatsky) and by her great grandchildren Hannah & Jamie. Dear sister of Betty McAlister. Predeceased by her son Curtis and her brother Gerald. Dorothy was actively involved in the Haliburton United Church. She enjoyed travel, spinning, weaving, knitting and most all spending time with her family.

Memorial Service & Reception

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH** 10 George St. Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday morning, September 15, 2016 for a Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to followed in the Fellowship Hall. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton 4C's would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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OBITUARIES

BLAKE, Bob 1925 – 2016



After 91 years of dedication to his family, friends and community, George Robert (Bob) Blake died peacefully in his sleep at Hospice Wellington, Guelph on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

Predeceased by his wife Noreen Helen Blake (nee Luttrell), father of Lynne Blake-Dickson (Kirk) and Jim Blake (Myra Stephen), grandfather of Sarah (Jamie Steeves) and David, great-grandfather of Jack, brother of Eleanor Kerr, and Edward (Ted) Blake (deceased), brother-in-law of Beryl Rungay and uncle of many nieces and nephews.

Bob grew up in London, Ontario and was a proud business graduate from Western University. (Class of 1946). He started his career at Northern Life. Bob met his wife-to-be, Noreen on a blind date. They were married in 1949 and ten years later moved to Waterloo with their children, Lynne and Jim, where Bob took on the position of treasurer (and then VP Finance) of the Equitable Life Insurance Company.

Bob loved to play games — bridge, poker, MahJong, cribbage, crokinole, table tennis, curling. For any game that involved skill and strategy you could count him in. Golf was his true passion. He took up golf as a boy and never looked back. The Saturday morning game with his golfing buddies at Westmount Golf Club was an important ritual that continued until he was 90. Bob and Noreen were very active members of First United Church, Waterloo. Bob served for many years as the treasurer of the board of trustees, and in many other leadership roles, carefully shepherding the finances of the church. He was a member of the Gyro Club, the Probus Club and the Retired Business and Professional Men's Club and was an annual donor to dozens of charities. After his retirement in 1986, he loved spending summers at the family cottage in Haliburton, swimming, sailing, jogging, golfing, attending theatre, concerts, and art shows and taking courses at the Haliburton School of The Arts. Bob was an enthusiast. He loved parades, especially the brass bands. He loved finding the perfect Christmas tree. He loved to play the ukulele and banjo and to recite epic poems. He loved to travel with Noreen and to attend Elder Hostels and make new friends of all ages. He loved Dixieland jazz and the KW Symphony Orchestra. He followed world affairs and paid close attention to the stock market. Since the age of nine he was a loyal fan of the Cleveland Indians. He was looking forward to attending his 70th anniversary alumni dinner this fall at Western and cheering for the Mustangs at the Homecoming game.

We would like to thank friends, family and all of the caregivers and medical personnel in Kitchener, Waterloo, and Haliburton and at Hospice Wellington, Guelph who supported Bob with such wonderful care and attention over the past few years.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the **Erb and Good Family Funeral Home**, 171 King St. S., Waterloo on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 6 - 8 p.m. A memorial service to celebrate Bob's life will be held at First United Church, 16 William St. W., Waterloo at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 with a reception to follow.

In memory of Bob, donations in lieu of flowers to Hospice Wellington, Guelph, Family and Children's Services of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo Foundation for the "Noreen and Robert Blake Memorial Scholarship Award Fund", First United Church Millennium Fund or a charity of your choice may be arranged by contacting the funeral home at 519-745-8445 or www.erbgood.com

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EVENTS

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR AFRICA in support of The Haliburton Highlands Grannies at Abbey Gardens Sun. Oct. 2 noon to 4 p.m. Harvest goodies, drumming circle and more.

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength, and flexibility. Minden on Wed. at 11 a.m. in the Hyland Crest Auditorium, and in Haliburton on Thurs. at 1 p.m. at Echo Hills. For more information contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551.

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

HARVEST PORK ROAST DINNER. Sat. Sept. 24 5:30 p.m. Stanhope Firefighters hall 705-754-0427

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Resume and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Andrea Bull, Human Resources Manager at abull@county.haliburton.on.ca by 4:30pm September 23, 2016.

Invitation to Tender for Maple View Deck Replacement and Grading Inspection at Maple View Wilberforce, Ontario

Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation invites qualified bidders to submit a Tender for the following general scope of work at 2117 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0.

- Remove and dispose of existing decking, joists and rimboard for the 10 existing decks.
- Supply and install new pressure treated joists, decking and rimboard. Nine decks to run the full width of the space from the existing shed to the existing fence. One accessible deck to be replaced the same as it is currently.
- Inspect all grading and supply and level any necessary areas with pitrun.

Successful bidder must provide a copy of liability insurance and proof of WSIB coverage.

The successful bidder will enter into a CCDC2 stipulated price contract with the Owner.

Tender Documents are available by contacting Kathy Rogers.

Please address all questions regarding this project to:
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Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-15-07:

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 29, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9882, registered July 5, 2016.

2. File No. PLSRA15050:

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 3, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9881, registered June 30, 2016.

3. File No. PLSRA16001:

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Beaver Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9880, registered June 28, 2016.

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

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws came before the said Council for consideration at its COTW meeting held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council heard in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claimed that their land would be prejudicially affected and who applied to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this September 1, 2016

EVENTS

FREE EVENTS!



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NIGHT
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Every last THURSDAY of the month

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Wednesday September 28th
BBQ & Entertainment at 4:30pm
AGM to start at 5:45pm

Please RSVP before September 14th to
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Email lgreer@communitylivinghc.ca

PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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The Blanket Exercise



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History of
Indigenous
Peoples
in Canada

Sunday,
October 2
2016

St. Paul Church Hall
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12:00 Pot Pie Lunch \$10.00
1:00 Part I Telling the Story
2:00 Part II Talking Circle

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8. Indian group
9. Grizzly, e.g.
10. Singing voice
11. Prayer word
17. Canvas cover
21. Family mem.
22. The British _____
23. Clever
24. Spud
25. Cape _____
26. Horse food
28. Put in again
29. Hostel
30. _____ Ryan of "Sleepless in Seattle"
33. School subj.
36. Alike
38. Skin design
40. Unexpected victory
41. Platter
42. Modernize
43. Molecule part
45. Baseball's _____ Ros
46. Shut loudly
48. Road material
49. Hog home
50. Rested

ACROSS

1. Socrates' student
6. Computer key
9. Sheep's bleat
12. Fastened shoestrings
13. Damage
14. Graceful tree
15. TV host
16. Stir up
18. Adjoin
19. Red _____ (fighter pilot)
20. Opposer
25. Personal magnetism
27. Stiffly formal
31. Certain grain
32. Wood strips
34. Vane letters
35. Tints
37. Constructing
39. Vienna native
41. Hobo
44. Recipe units (abbr.)
47. Quizzes again
50. Stainless _____
51. Excitement
52. Have supper
53. Heart artery
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55. Endeavor
56. Carved pole

What's on

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2016 EVENTS - sponsored by 2016 Hike Haliburton!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Haliburton Terry Fox Run at Head Lake Park 11:30am to 2pm. Contact Information terryfoxhaliburton@gmail.com</p> <p>18</p>	 <p>14th Annual 2016 Hike Haliburton Sept. 22-25</p>	<p>Taoist Tai Chi OPEN HOUSE Zion United Church, Carnarvon 10 – noon 705-457-5829</p> <p>EVERY TUESDAY. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk Progressive euchre at 1:00pm. Cost is \$2 pp</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Drumming, Yoga, Library</p> <p>21</p>	<p>Canadian Federation of University Women First Meeting Announcement. from 7-9 p.m. Fleming College Hall Great Room</p> <p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Volleyball, Zumba</p> <p>15</p>	<p>HALIBURTON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET Carnarvon: Hwys 118 & 35 Fridays 12:00pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>16</p>	<p>West Guilford School Reunion – at the West Guilford Community Centre 1 – 4 pm</p> <p>FARMERS' MARKET: Minden 10 – 2 (June 18 – Oct 8)</p> <p>TD Tree Day in Minden at Scouts Hall</p> <p>17</p>
<p>September 22 – 25 - 14th Annual Hike Haliburton Festival - hikehaliburton.com</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Tai Chi, Basketball, Pickleball</p> <p>Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic Haliburton Legion 1:30-6:30pm **special need for donors** To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Library, Chess, Yoga, Drumming</p> <p>EVERY TUESDAY. Euchre at West Guilford Community Centre 7:00 p.m. For information, call 705-754-2464</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Drumming, Yoga, Library</p> <p>Don't forget tomorrow's edition of The Highlander</p> <p>28</p>	<p>EVERY THURSDAY 7 – 9 PM Shout Sister Choir is welcoming new members at the Haliburton United Church shoutsisterchoir.ca</p> <p>Dorset Recreation Centre 705-766-9968 – Special presentation Heritage Trees</p> <p>29</p>	<p>HALIBURTON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET Carnarvon: Hwys 118 & 35 Fridays 12:00pm – 4:00pm</p> <p>30</p>	<p>9a.m. – 1p.m. Fall Maplefest "All you can eat" Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale. Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Road, off Gelert Road (County Road 1) Adults \$6.00 Children (12 & under) \$3.00 Preschool-free.</p> <p>24</p>
<p>FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR AFRICA in support of The Haliburton Highlands Grannies at Abbey Gardens noon to 4 p.m. Harvest goodies, drumming circle and more.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>It's Monday have a great day!</p> <p>3</p>	<p>4</p>				

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH
Mondays: bridge at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: dart league starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: bid euchre 1 p.m. and bingo - doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays: general meeting (second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.) All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary (last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.)
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m, start. Meat

draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC. Fun darts - 4:30 p.m onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 draw - 4 p.m. tickets \$1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: breakfast, second and fourth Sunday of the month, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed. Upcoming events: live entertainment featuring The Country Hot Flashes at the Haliburton Legion Club Room

on Saturday Sept. 24 4-7 p.m. Enjoy cabbage rolls prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. \$5 cover charge for non-members. The John Briggs 13th annual memorial open dart tournament 10 a.m. start Saturday Sept. 24 in the Main Hall. \$60 per team - \$1200 pay out. For more information or to pre-register by Sept. 21, contact Chris Biggs at (705) 457-1724 or email chrisbiggs_01@hotmail.com

MINDEN BRANCH
General meeting, first Wednesday of

each month, 7:30 p.m. start Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m. Fish/wings & chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m. Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver lovers' special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time. Watch for local posters and listen

to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m. Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome! Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Thursday Youth league 6:30-8:30 p.m.



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L to R: Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, councillor Jeanne Anthon, Dana Manning, Steve and Joan Taylor, Linda Nesbitt, Coun. Ron Nesbitt, Coun. Jean Neville, township environmental and property operations manager, Ivan Ingram, Terry Fox Run chair Diane Peacock and volunteer Nancy Lowes hold the Terry Fox flag Monday at the Township of Minden Hills office to promote Sunday's race. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Terry Fox runs keep the memory alive

By Lisa Gervais and Mark Arike

Dedicated volunteers and participants will ensure Terry Fox's legacy lives on.

And as long as they continue to support the cause, the Haliburton Highlands will remain a major contributor to cancer research.

Minden will hit a quarter-of-a-million-dollars when it stages its 23rd annual Terry Fox Run this Sunday.

Minden's 22 year fundraising total is \$248,853.13. Last year, they raised \$16,232.75 and about 200 participants are expected this year.

This year also marks a milestone for campaign chair Diane Peacock, who has been at the helm for a decade.

"It feels good," she said during a flag raising on Monday at the Township of Minden Hills office.

It's been a tough year for Peacock, whose mother died in April.

"I've had some rough days but then I stop and think a lot of people are having rougher days, going through cancer treatment. This is why I do it, to help find a cure in my lifetime. We're getting close."

Peacock said she does not plan to step down. She said she had a discussion with Terry Fox's brother, Fred, last weekend and remains "committed to the Fox family."

Volunteer Nancy Lowes was also on hand for the flag-raising. This is her 15th year volunteering at water station number five. It takes 60-70 volunteers to make this event happen.

Three Minden Hills councillors, Jeanne Anthon, Jean Neville and Ron Nesbitt, were

also on-hand wearing distinctive red Terry Fox T-shirts. They are all cancer survivors. They are members of Terry's Team. "We have 27 Terry's Team members here at our Minden site," Peacock said.

Peacock said the 12-member Terry Fox committee relies on donations to put on the run.

"We have no budget for products for our barbecue and water stations. We have 11 businesses who donate products for the event. We have about 35 items for our silent auction this year. Big items are an autographed sweater from Matt Duchene and an autographed game stick from Cody Hodgson."

In Haliburton, organizers are hoping to raise at least \$5,000 on Sunday. The community has collected around \$140,000 in the past 33 years.

"It was fun last year," said organizer Jennifer Button, who took on the role for the first time in 2015.

There are participants who have been attending the event for 15 or more years, said Button.

"Some people just come out for the run and some remember seeing Terry run back in

the day," she said.

About 10 volunteers are involved, and OPP auxiliary officers will ensure the safety of runners and walkers along the route.

One of the aspects they will be focusing on is the kids' run, which was introduced last year. It is a distance of 1 km around Head Lake Park.

Local elementary school teacher Jennifer Chapman is organizing it.

"There's a lot more effort being put into that, a lot more prizes for the kids ..." said Button.

It is open to children of all ages.

Minden's run headquarters is the community centre. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and the official start is around 9:30 a.m. Silent auction runs from 9 a.m. to noon. Barbecue starts around 10 a.m. Anyone can come and bid on items from the silent auction. Anyone can come make a donation and they don't have to do the run if they don't want to. People can do any amount of the 10 km course.

In Haliburton, participants should arrive at the town dock by 11 a.m. to register. Pledge sheets are available at Haliburton Foodland and the Dysart library.

For more information about Terry Fox and the cause, visit terryfox.org.

Other participants can go a distance of five or 10 km. The kids' run will start at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone else will start at noon.

Button reminds people this is a non-competitive event.

"We want to see more people come out and realize how much fun we're having," she said.

"Everyone is friendly, just out to have a good time."

Walkers, rollerbladers and cyclists are welcome.

Prizes, which have been donated by local businesses, will be up for grabs just for participating.



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SCENIC LOON LAKE
\$269,000



- Classic updated open concept
- Three bedrooms plus a den
- Propane fireplace, skylight, newer shed
- Expansive decking, 100' of shoreline
- Dock for your boating/swimming pleasure.

GREAT COUNTRY LIVING
\$299,000



- Spacious raised bungalow
- On 21 acres w/numerous outbuildings
- 1,500 sq. ft. workshop-garage-Bunkie
- Barn with loft
- Trails throughout with plenty of wildlife.

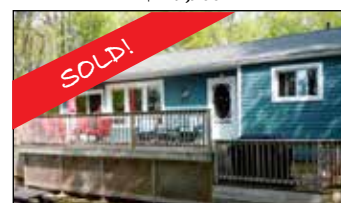
BURNT RIVER
\$449,900



- 183 acres and 250 feet of shoreline
- 3 bedroom home with many upgrades
- Large livingroom w/WETT stone fireplace
- 36' x 24' garage, paved road to door
- Swimming, fishing, & small boating off dock.

For a free opinion of value on your property, or to automatically receive listings that meet your criteria via e-mail, please contact Steve anytime.

BEECH LAKE
\$419,900



- Extensively renovated w/new fiberglass shingles
- Exterior just painted
- Child-friendly sandy beach – shallow entry
- Level lot, full sunsets, above average privacy
- Easy year-round access.



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HORSESHOE LAKE SUNSETS
\$424,900



- "A" frame with true western exposure
- Over 150' of spectacular frontage
- Great potential for a yr-round home
- Newer roof, new Napoleon woodstove
- Plenty of privacy on this terrific lot!

!REDUCED! - BRADY LAKE
\$384,900



- Spacious 3 bdrm. 4-season cottage
- Stunning great room, cathedral ceiling
- Super large, level, private lot
- Beautiful views, 160' water frontage
- Includes Bunkie and shed.



For his proven knowledge of the Haliburton Highlands area and years of experience, please call Wes for a free evaluation and get your property **SOLD.**

DENNA LAKE LOT
\$120,000



- Waterfront lot with 192' of shoreline
- Smaller spring-fed lake w/S-E exposure
- Deep frontage, gravel and sand mix
- Hydro easement recently cleared
- Potential for dramatic view.



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STARTER COTTAGE
\$110,000

- Great cottage opportunity
- Renovated interior, new insulation
- Year round access
- Deeded access across road to lake
- Comes turn-key ready.



THE BEACH HOUSE
\$129,900

- 1+1 bedroom brick bungalow
- Steps away from public beach
- Close to amenities, yr-round access
- Open concept, nicely renovated
- Walk out to new rear deck.



100 ACRE RETREAT!
\$149,900

- 600 sq. ft. log cabin
- Scenic pond, wildlife, trails
- Several out buildings
- Make your own maple syrup
- 2 hours from GTA.



TURN-KEY READY
\$199,900

- 2 bedroom, 864 sq. ft. living space
- Private level lot, large yard
- Access to Brady Lake
- Screened porch, storage shed
- Move in and enjoy.



AFFORDABLE WATER-FRONT
\$199,900

- 3 bedroom, open concept cottage
- Large sunroom, deck, double carport
- Sandy shoreline, sunset views
- Quiet, no motor, spring-fed lake
- Close to amenities.



HOME WITH GUEST HOUSE
\$229,900

- 2+1 bedroom home with garage
- 79 acres with pond & trail system
- Insulated workshop area with loft
- Self-contained guest house
- Ideal family retreat.



COUNTRY LIVING
\$230,000

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath modern home
- Open concept, in-floor heating
- Sunroom with view, covered porch
- Heated garage or workshop
- Year-round municipal access.



MODERN LIVING
\$299,900

- 3 bedroom, open-concept cottage
- 208' of shoreline in quiet bay
- Sunset views, deep water off dock
- Woodstove, skylights, deck
- Comes furnished & ready to enjoy.



ENERGY EFFICIENT FAMILY HOME
\$309,900

- Custom built 2007 'Royal Home'
- 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- 2,900 sq. ft. of finished living space
- Oak kitchen, sunroom & attached garage
- Municipal year-round access.



PRIVATE TRANQUILITY
\$315,000

- 3 bedroom, 4-season cottage
- New docking system, great swimming
- Woodstove, skylight, sunroom
- Nice views, decking, firepit area
- A perfect family cottage.



ALONG THE SHORES
\$359,900

- 2+1 bdrm, 1000 sq. ft. stunning cottage
- 200' of sand/rock shoreline
- Open-concept, floor to ceiling windows
- Lakeside Bunkie for guests or storage
- Turn-key ready to enjoy.



RIVERFRONT HOME
\$375,000

- 1+3 bedroom, 2+1 bath home
- Access to 3 lake chain
- Modern home, level lot, 2 decks
- Fully finished lower level
- Detached garage, ample parking.

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