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HELPING OUT: A senior gets evacuated from her home in Minden during the height of the flood. Submitted.

Water recedes but stress levels rise

By Lisa Gervais

Customers of the Head Inn on Water Street continue to face a traffic barricade when driving towards their appointments.

A sign tells them the road's restricted to local traffic only.

Some park and walk to the salon while others now know it's okay to drive around. But, being faced with a main artery being

closed for weeks is having an effect on

this business, residents and users of Water Street in Minden.

"People are not coming to Minden because of the flood, and because they've heard that Water Street is closed," said Janet Hirstwood as she waited for a customer this past Friday (May 19).

"And, the biggest thing if you live in Minden Hills is you're stressed out over it. My customers' stress levels are high."

The continued closure of the Bobcaygeon

Road bridge to vehicles, meanwhile, is also taking its toll. On the Victoria Day long weekend, people did drive to either side of the bridge and walk across it. Some returning cottagers came to check out the flood levels. Some came to patronize businesses. Suwan's Thai, for example, reopened Friday (May 19), a full two weeks behind schedule due to the swollen Gull River across the road.

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Minimum wage splits community

By Lisa Gervais

Victoria Hawley works a minimum wage job in Haliburton and thinks an increase to \$15-an-hour would be a really positive thing for many county workers.

"It would lift the financial burden from their shoulders," Hawley said in a Wednesday interview.

Although she is a university student working a summer job and living at home, she is still paying rent and related costs for a London apartment.

She says she's gained a lot of respect for people in the county working fulltime, minimum wage jobs, year-round.

"It is really disheartening. You work 40 hours a week and get excited about payday but when you get your pay cheque it is just gone. It barely covers expenses."

The issue of a proposed minimum wage increase is proving both sensitive and divisive in the community.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is warning the province against changes to Ontario's Labour Relations and Employment Standards acts - including a \$15 minimum wage. However, workers such as Hawley, currently paid the general minimum wage of \$11.40-an-hour, disagree as do some Highlander readers in today's Eye on the Street (see page 7).

The local chamber issued a media release May 15 saying it had partnered with the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) in writing Premier Kathleen Wynne to warn against potential changes to both acts.

Chamber president Jerry Walker

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Restaurant opens two weeks later than planned

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The nearby River Cone has not yet opened and Monk's Funeral Home is still surrounded by sandbags and clean up equipment.

Ron Gambell, who co-owns Suwan's, said they are making the best of a bad situation.

He said Suwan cooked over the twoweek period the restaurant could not open and now they are installing freezers to sell frozen take-away meals.

He said people are parking on the other side of the bridge and walking to the restaurant.

They sustained no damage this time around, but are going to claim for assistance for two weeks' loss of business.

The Bobcaygeon Road bridge closure has also impacted Minden health services and Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Caroyln Plummer, the CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), said the hospital has remained fully functioning during the state of emergency. As for the bridge closure, she noted that access to the hospital, Hyland Crest long-term care home, and the Minden Family Medicine clinic has been re-routed.

Detours have been established via Scotch Line Road to the north of Minden, and Deep Bay Road to the south.

"We have worked collaboratively with the Township of Minden Hills and the Central East Local Health Integration Network to ensure information about the detours and

access to the hospital have been communicated widely, and to ensure detour route signage included the 'blue H' to assist people accessing our facility," she said.

"We have also collaborated with the County of Haliburton EMS; they have added an additional ambulance to help cover the area north of the bridge, and it is stationed at the Minden hospital. We have been communicating internally



The main street bridge in Minden remains closed to vehicle traffic. Lisa Gervais.

as well, to ensure that our staff are aware of the detours and are able to safely commute to work."

Plummer added that the service is "saddened" by the flooding and their hearts go out to those affected.

"I have been extremely impressed with the tireless efforts of everyone in the Minden community and beyond who have come together to help support the community during this time; HHHS is proud to be part of such a strong community."

ASES principal Jane Austin said it is taking some staff longer to get to work but with a little proactive planning, they are managing.

She said students in Grades 5-8 are typically allowed to walk downtown with parental permission during second break but the school's suspended the privilege

for safety reasons until the water is back at a safe level. She added that many of their buses have had a route change but "this was all handled by the transportation department and the bus company, and went extremely smoothly from the school's perspective.

"Other than that, we've taken the flood on as an adventure in which we all share."

According to Minden Hills township, an engineering review of the bridge found settlements and erosion.

"The structure will continue to remain closed to vehicular traffic, but has been reopened for pedestrian use only. The township will be seeking further reviews of the structure, which will be reopened at the earliest opportunity as public safety and the protection of infrastructure permits."

The municipality said Water Street will remain open to local traffic only.

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Wynne: find a way to help people catch up

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said, "These sweeping changes could seriously impact job creation and the health of the local economy in the Haliburton Highlands. We need to get the message out that the proposed changes would discourage investment in Ontario, thereby discouraging investment and diminishing economic opportunities ..."

Richard Koroscil, the interimpresident and CEO of the OCC, added, "We are urging Premier Wynne to complete an economic impact analysis of the proposed reforms to limit potential consequences that could seriously jeopardize our future growth. We support reform where and when it is needed, but we caution against change for changes' sake."

The Changing Workplaces Review Final Report contains 173 recommendations. It's not just about minimum wage, either. There's talk of increased paid sick days, three weeks' vacation instead of two after five years of work, and enhancing protection to the most low-paid workers and those with vulnerable jobs.

"We need to find a way to help people catch up," Wynne told an audience in Sudbury this week. On the streets of Haliburton, Kasara McKay said the proposed increase "is a good thing. It would make it easier to survive."

Ashley McAllister, also of Haliburton, said, "The cost of living is higher now, it's a different time. A higher minimum wage would hopefully make things a little easier."

But another local employee, who did not want to be identified, said she fears if local employers are forced to raise wages, they may turn around and cut her hours.

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SUV no match for fuel truck

A Toyota RAV4 struck a large fuel truck at the Independent Gas Bar shortly after 9 a.m. on Tuesday, resulting in extensive damage to the much smaller vehicle. There were no injuries or charges laid against the woman driving the SUV, said OPP Const. Tim Negus. Photo by Mark Arike.

OPP nab speeders during long weekend

By Mark Arike

Last week was a busy one for officers in the Haliburton Highlands.

There were 123 calls for service between May 14 and 22. More than half involved drivers on roadways.

A total of 66 speeding tickets were issued (47 on the long weekend), making it the most common offence. There were four seatbelt charges, four racing/stunt driving charges, one suspension /warn range (alcohol consumption), one careless driving and one fail to yield.

"This past week proved to be a busy week with a visible increase in the overall calls for service," said OPP Const. Tim Negus in a report.

There were seven car accidents, two of which were with wildlife (one deer and one moose).

Eight RIDE programs were conducted during the week, which coincided with the Canada Road Safety Campaign and Police

New Home Hardware proceeding quickly

Jerry Walker's plan to construct a new Home Hardware Store on the easterly property he purchased on County Road 21 by Industrial Park Road is proceeding

The approximately 1,500 sq. metre building's draft site plan, which gives notice to the owners and to future land

owners of the conditions for development. was approved by Dysart council Tuesday morning.

"It's a big project that's moving forward well," he said while thanking council for their support.

The store is slated for completion in the spring of 2018. (Alex Coop).



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Solar company addresses camp's concerns

By Mark Arike

The director of Camp Can-Aqua in Cardiff wasn't happy to find out that a ground mount solar project will one day be installed near the property.

"I am sending a letter to express my disappointment, frustration and concern with regards to the planned solar project ..." wrote Andrew Martin in a two-page letter to the Municipality of Highlands East on May 2.

"I am a believer in progress and understand that there is always occasion where community should go before the individual. I also believe that solar energy is a big part of our future. This being said, the lack of communication and failure of notification on behalf of the township reflects a lack of courtesy and professionalism," said Martin.

Abundant Solar Energy, a Canadian company based in Toronto, has 15 solar projects on the go in Highlands East. The company is leasing some of these properties from private individuals while others, such as the property beside the camp, belong to the municipality.

Council has passed support resolutions for each, earning the company priority points through the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) Program. It was developed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to "encourage and promote greater use of renewable energy sources." It provides guaranteed pricing structures for renewable electricity production.

Rob Hitchcock, business developer manager for Abundant Solar, attended a recent council meeting to address White's

"Andrew's concerns ... were mostly about communication and how he found out about the project," said Hitchcock, adding that the company adhered to the regulations of the

IESO. While going through a step involving property. the Ministry of Environment, the company notified adjacent property owners about the project earlier this year.

"That's the only requirement ... in terms of communication, to property owners," he

> *I think there's lot of* win-win possibilities with the camp.

> > Rob Hitchcock

Abundant Solar

In his letter, White address the proximity of the project to the camp, saying it will be built "directly beside" its main entrance. He pointed out the camp will be expanding by building a full-service sugar shack and winter activity park at the end of the

A chain-link fence and landscaping will be completed around the ground mount, which will be situated on five acres. Visual barriers are required by the IESO, said Hitchcock.

Hitchcock said he would be happy to meet with White during a site visit. He also said the company might be able to work with the camp on some renewable energy projects and education.

"I think there's lot of win-win possibilities with the camp."

White told *The Highlander* he hasn't been able to speak with Hitchcock much, but said he was satisfied with how the matter is being handled.

"I'm curious to see how things are going,"

The camp is located on Beaver Lake Drive. It can accommodate up to 160 children.

More money spent on emergency washouts

The Municipality of Dysart will reallocate funds from the operating budget to accommodate additional resurfacing work and culvert repairs.

Public Works director Rob Camelon presented Dysart council with a report Tuesday highlighting the changes.

A total of \$175,000 will be reallocated from five different budget items to accommodate washout and culvert repairs.

The biggest reallocation will come from more than \$124,000 initially dedicated to the Dudley Road overlay repairs.

"Staff have determined that an overlay of Dudley Road is not a cost effective way to prolong the life of the road," Camelon's report said. "Funds dedicated to this project could be used to resurface all of Old Donald Road (scheduled for 2018) and approximately 300 m of College Road from Industrial Park easterly."

To date this fiscal year, the municipality has spent approximately \$59,000 on emergency washout repairs. It originally budgeted for \$56,500.

The Bayshore Road culvert, which



sustained serious damage after flooding nearly three weeks ago, is estimated to cost \$100,000 to repair.

Council says no to powerboat races

It's unlikely an event hosted by the Ontario Power Boat Racing Association (OPBRA) will come to pass this summer at Head Lake, according to Dysart council.

Representatives of OPBRA presented councillors with a detailed outline of their

The Bayshore Road culvert is still washed out. No timeline's been set for repair. File photo. proposed race event that would be held the weekend of July 29.

> Brent Valois, one of the representatives at Tuesday's delegation, said the event has garnered a growing amount of interest from boat enthusiasts over the years.

Many people build fast boats but don't have a safe avenue to use them," he said. "This gives them a safe place to do that."

While councillors appreciated the pitch from Valois, Ted Biglow and Jason Famme, several of them cited concerns relating to noise and the high volume of people who

Dysart in brief

would likely attend.

Coun. Andrea Roberts described it as "too much of a good thing."

"I live by the lake and last time, this type of event didn't wrap up at six like originally planned," she said, adding it finished closer to 8 p.m.

"I just wouldn't be able to support another boat race."

Famme said he understood the concerns, but reassured council that the event wouldn't leave the same footprint on Head Lake and that event organizers would gladly work closely with the municipality to ensure that the event was properly planned.

"We want to put on a show, but we also want to work within your time frame," he

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey reminded them there was already another boat race scheduled in late August at Head Lake.

"We will discuss this with council and get back to you," he said.

After the meeting, Murray told reporters it was unlikely the event will proceed, and pointed to poor timing and the intense usage of the park.

OPBRA is an officially sanctioned association under the Canadian Boating Federation (CBF) umbrella.



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Teams compete in the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships at The Pinestone in early Februray. File photo.

No one says no to lacing up skates again

Early feedback suggests the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships at the Pinestone Resort were a resounding success. Ninety-three per cent of the teams who participated in the tournament over two weekends: Jan. 27-28 and Feb. 3-4, said they would come back next year. "No one said no," said John Teljeur, the event's owner. Organizers are looking at adding new divisions to the first weekend of the tournament next year, including a men's and women's corporate division. "There's definitely room for growth during that first weekend," Teljeur said. "We're also on the hunt for a new Zamboni ... new trophies, and additional equipment for flooding the rinks. (Alex Coop)

Algonquin Highlands in brief

Algonquin Highlands in good financial health

The Township of Algonquin Highlands was praised by Carl Pahapill, an accountant from Huntsville, during a regular council meeting May 4.

"This municipality runs a very fiscally, prudent municipality. We commend that," he told councillors.

Pahapill presented council with a report that highlighted the township's net financial assets for 2016, which came in at about \$2.548 million. The total in 2015 was nearly \$2.313 million The report also showed a \$117,000 surplus, a \$5,000 increase from 2015.

"There was a healthy increase in building permit revenue, which reflects economic investment and rate base increases," Pahapill said.

Coun. Brian Lynch asked Pahapill if less fiscally responsible townships' have greater success rates when it comes to applying for grant money. The answer was yes, but Pahapill added being in debt isn't the situation townships should strive for.

"It seems to bring better probability of success in applications. But debt to something has to be retitled ... you have a much better overall financial health with minimum debt," he explained. (Alex Coop)

Septic re-inspection bid raises concerns

Only one company applied for Algonquin Highlands' septic re-inspection program bid. WSP Canada Inc. from Aurora, was awarded the bid during a council meeting May 4, putting a cap on a process that began

during 2017 budget discussions earlier this year.

The final bid came in at \$906,314. Request for Proposals (RFP) were issued with a closing date of April 21 at 11 a.m.

The contract's end date is December 31, 2022. The township's building and bylaw officer David Rogers said the inspection will include a 'lid-off' physical inspection, in addition to data collection. The township will have to charge \$178.23 plus HST per property (or \$201.40 including HST), for the completion of the work. Council was concerned about the proponent's per diem rate for instances that may occur if their staff is "required to stay the night", or when it is "unreasonable for staff to provide a home packed meal," according to Rogers' report. The company will charge \$60 per day for a meal and \$125 per night for accommodations. Councillors Brian Lynch and Marlene Kyle raised additional concerns over the lack of details about the proponent's specific plans for re-inspection.

"This is close to a \$1 million project. Can the company come in and do a presentation? That would help council and allow us to ask questions," suggested Coun. Kyle.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said the item could be deferred for two weeks for review, but pointed to the fact that a detailed report from the proponent was available for two weeks prior to the council meeting.

"It's not up to council to go over the RFP and cross into administrative staff's role who do this for a living," she said.

At a subsequent council meeting May 18, Rogers confirmed in his report to council this circumstance "would not come up as part of the requested scope of work."

The township will only be charged the quoted \$178.23 plus HST. (Alex Coop)

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To encourage Highlanders to believe in themselves, in our community, and in their power to make our place in the world better every day.

We're all getting the short end of the stick

We're going to be hearing a lot more about the province's Changing Workplaces Review in coming weeks.

Our local business community, represented by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, got publicly involved on May 15 when it issued a press release warning against proposed reforms to the Ontario Labour Relations Act and Employment Standards Act.

The chamber is naturally aligning itself with its provincial counterpart in cautioning against change, including a proposed \$15-an-hour minimum wage.

Since issuing that release, we've heard that at least one chamber director doesn't agree.

And that isn't at all surprising. The proposed changes are sensitive and divisive. They pit business owners against struggling workers, right here in our county.

We can empathize with both camps. Many local business simply can't afford that kind of a minimum wage jump. The general minimum wage is now \$11.40-an-hour. That's up from \$9.25 in 2010 – a 23 per cent increase. It's poised to hit \$11.60-an-hour in October. An extra \$3.40-an-hour would be enormous.

It would come directly from the pockets of our local business owners in most cases. Their push-back isn't greed; it's survival. These are the business owners who, in

many if not most cases, get through every winter only by drawing on lines of credit; mortgaging their homes to keep employees employed; and skipping their own pay when there isn't enough on payday.

Just look at the number of businesses that shut each year locally. Few people are

Is a higher minimum wage needed? Of course it is. Talk to anyone who's making \$11.40-an-hour and you hear very depressing stories. Some people have been forced to take more than one part-time job to make ends meet. It's a serious struggle to cover their high accommodation, food and hydro costs. No doubt about it, they are the working poor.

What they may not realize is that many of their employers are in the same boat.

If the province is going to forge ahead with this, the first thing it must do is distinguish between big and small

Obviously, an employer such as Bell Canada has to be treated differently than a small family-run business in a place like Haliburton, Wilberforce or Minden.

If the objective is to put more money into workers' hands, then the province must start by getting its own house in order.

It's hard for small businesses to wrap their heads around these proposed changes when it has seen the province squander billions of dollars on cancelled contracts, only to



By Lisa Gervais

turn around and gouge people with high hydro bills, new and increased user fees and continued service cuts.

And, what about that Sunshine List? If fewer public sector workers were making \$100,000-plus a year, there would be more money for the vulnerable workers our premier is so worried about.

In fact, the public sector has done a fantastic job of protecting – and growing - its own wages while sapping the private sector. Why should wage increases come out of the pockets of small business owners instead of, say, the pockets of deputy ministers earning north of \$300,000 per year?

This is not an economy structured to reward people for doing good work, be they employees or business owners. In that respect, we're actually all on the same, short end of the stick.

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Passion

I met an astronaut. A real life, state-of-theart astronaut. I am talking about the first Canadian to walk in space and YouTube sensation, Colonel Chris Hadfield. And it was amazing. Boy, did I have the dorkiest look on my face when I shook his hand and stammered out an awkward hello. His talk about following your dreams and a being a once star struck nine-year-old, inspired me. I left the theatre in Lindsay, wanting to be an astronaut too. Then, once the dust settled, I realized his passion wasn't mine but he has inspired me to follow my own dreams. This, of course, will be no walk on the moon (sorry, I couldn't resist), but that's the point, right? It's a journey. A long, winding road filled with bumps, potholes and an occasional broken bridge, but it will be worth it. A life of passion.

Every day, I am surrounded by passionate people. People who chose the road less travelled, the one filled with obstacles, to get where they are now. Musicians, artists, performers, first responders, teachers, nurses, chefs and entrepreneurs. The adults I know have persevered through years of schooling, financial hardship, late nights and no holidays, difficult relationships and chasing your passion because it's just an

broken down vehicles in the middle of nowhere. But they did it because they had passion. Not always with smiles on their faces or with their families' blessing but because they had a dream.

I love the quote by Mark Twain, "Find a job you enjoy doing, and you will never have to work a day in your life." It means that if you love what you do, then all the blood, sweat and tears is worth the wait. Hard work is passion's partner in crime. You can't have one without the other. Though with passion, the hard work doesn't seem as gruelling. Or at least without reward.

It's great to have a passion to follow, to build on and to love. But not everyone sticks with their passion and follows that long winding road. Is it because there was an easier, safer path? Or are you waiting for the right time or more time? Just because you didn't succeed at first or that you are/were too young, doesn't mean you can't follow your dreams. Maybe you thought that it wasn't what you were supposed to do. Or that there is something or someone out there already doing it. The world needs more astronauts. If you stop

idea then remember that everything is born from an idea, however crazy. Don't cave under peer pressure because it won't make you look cool. Trust your gut over what others tell you.



By Anabelle Craig

Reach for the stars and you will come out victorious.

There is great quote written in paint in a stairway in the middle school in Haliburton. "Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon." A fitting place to have such an inspirational quote. In a place where you are just beginning to find yourself and still believe that anything is possible.

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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What do you think of a \$15 minimum wage?



Ashley McAllister Haliburton

The cost of living is higher now, it's a different time. A higher minimum wage would hopefully make things a little easier.



Kasara McKay Haliburton

It's a good thing – it would make it easier to survive.



Madison Rallis Toronto

I don't think raising the minimum wage is the solution to the cost of living problem. It will act as a temporary band-aid solution.



Mark Yurnaitis **Alliston**

They keep raising the prices of everything else, except the wages. It's about time.



Sam McNally **Brick Falls**

I think we need to lower the cost of living instead of raise the minimum wage.

Photos and interviews by Emily Stonehouse

Radon and uranium contributor to cancer

Dear editor,

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarettes. We have uranium in the county therefore some homes will have uranium in their water and radon gas in their homes. Radon is odourless and colourless. It is important to test to see if it is in your home. Once you know, you can take steps to mitigate it. If you have uranium in your water you can filter it. There are also detox diets that you can follow to lessen your exposure to radiation. The first step is to acknowledge that there is uranium in the county and that this can cause cancer. I don't think it is a coincidence that lung cancer is higher in this county. The good news is that we can do something about it.

Darlene Buckingham Tory Hill

Have an opinion?

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ken Brownhill sent us this photograph of a vehicle crossing a section of Horseshoe Lake, with the caption, "Thought this picture begs the question, for laughs, would a drivers' or boating licence be required here?" Submitted.

Darwin, DEET and destiny

Holy moly, May 24 comes around and all of a sudden we're inundated by them!

Everywhere I go, they're there, bumping into me, getting right up in my face. In the village, I can't seem to turn around without careening into a whole horde of them: they're just milling around behind me, getting in the way, getting in my personal space. And out in the bush or on the lake it's even worse. There's just no rest from them. It's driving me crazy.

Yep, the bugs are back.

What's that? You thought I was talking about the tourists? Oh, come on now, our seasonal visitors may also have descended upon us in droves this past weekend, and, yes, they do get in the way at times but at least they don't crawl inside your shirt and sink their teeth into you!

OK, what with the traffic jams at the gas

station and empty shelves in the barbecue section at the grocery store, it may feel like they are giving you a good jab in the ribs. But the tourists are a harmless bunch for the most part. Not once have I found one of them stealthily hiding in a dark corner of my bathroom, waiting until I'm sat haplessly on the pot, so it can swoop down and suck my blood. Can you imagine!

That said, I bet a liberal fogging of DEET would dissuade a tourist from trying to take a nibble much more effectively than it does the mosquitoes. I can attest to the fact that the stuff tastes vile, due to an unfortunate incident with DEET over-spray and my nearby can of beer.

Now, I hate the bugs just as much as the next man, and almost as much as my lovely wife, but I also see the valuable work that they do, too. You see, bugs, the nasty biting type, are a critical part of the ecological balance of the Highlands. They are food for dragonflies, spiders, birds and bats, but, far more importantly, they hatch just at the time when the tourists begin to arrive from the city. Funny eh? No, this is evolution working at its finest, my friends. Let me

Millions of years ago there were no tourists in Haliburton County and bugs just hatched whenever. Then, as man began to populate the earth in greater numbers, some moved out into the countryside and the bugs took note. At first, a few folks didn't upset the rural harmony but as more and more came the bugs began to react and coordinate their hatch and feeding frenzy with the arrival of the human hordes.

Today, we see the result. Some foolhardy souls like you and me live up here year

round and put up with the vagaries of the weather and the ravenous bugs but most come for a visit as the weather warms, get bitten all to hell and

The**Outsider**

By Will Jones

then beat a hasty retreat after just a few

The bugs are essentially controlling the human population of the Highlands. Thinning out the herd, so to speak. Chasing off the weak and ensuring that the vast green tracts of forest and swamp that we love to live in remain just that, rather than being turned into subdivisions.

That's why the blackflies, mosquitoes and deer flies are your friend.

Think on that as you swat, and don't spray DEET near your beer.

Highlander community

Community remembers charismatic Phoenix Acero

By Alex Coop

Danielle Allison put it best, saying that Phoenix Acero was like a river that kept everyone moving.

"The calm sections radiated with wisdom ... without him, I would just be a fish out of the water," Allison, Acero's best friend, told a packed service at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home last Thursday.

More than 700 people attended the service on May 17. The 15-year-old died on the morning of May 14.

Phoenix was a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding and old school rap like 2Pac.

He was also highly determined, and didn't let his size stop him from joining the junior boys' basketball team.

Upon discovering Acero's love for rap, Jesse Archer, his mother's boyfriend, said he had found his soul brother.

"I was overcome with utter joy," he told everyone at the service.

He reminisced about a six-hour video game marathon during one of their first encounters, and recalled Acero's quick wit and ability to carry any conversation.

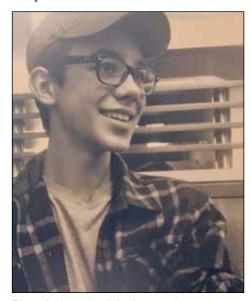
"This dude had all the right answers," Archer said.

Acero's mother, Dulce, unwavering at the podium, described her son as a "bright light."

"He was not broken ... this was an accident," she said. "Nothing in this life was ever going to break him. He was

a force to be reckoned with. He is my Phoenix. And he will always rise." Dulce reminded Acero's friends and classmates that their parents care about them greatly.

"We love you in ways you can't comprehend."



Phoenix Acero's visitation service was attended by more than 700 people May 17. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

She read a message she had sent to her son via Facebook recently.

"I'm hard on you because I know what you're capable of. You will accomplish great things and change the world. I am so proud to be your mother."

Acero's aunt, Melodie, explained how Phoenix was always thinking about everyone else.

"Your time with us was unbearably short, but you left a profound impact on everyone," she said.

A GoFundMe page was created for the Acero family to ease the financial burden of the costs associated with the funeral.

The initial \$15,000 target was quickly surpassed. As of Tuesday, the total amount raised was \$32,115.

According to an update on the fundraiser page, the additional funds will go towards helping Dulce take time off work to "heal, grieve and be with her family."

To make a donation, visit gofundme.com/qph2np-funeral-expenses.

Celebration of life for Gary Chapman

Family and friends of the late J. Gary Chapman will come together at the end of this month to celebrate his incredible life.

Gary died May 4 at the age of 77. He is remembered for his work as an Ontario Provincial Policeman but also as an artist and musician. He was also an avid outdoorsman.

On the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home website, Mike Smith of Kingston writes, "I worked with Gary at the Minden detachment back in the late seventies. I respected Gary as a senior officer and a real gentleman." And, Linda Boice wrote that she had "so many fun-filled memories of our working days at Minden detachment in the late seventies."

Lois Rigney said she would treasure her memories of Gary's many art classes, his guitar playing at the fireside at Bark Lake and his humour. She said he was always encouraging of their paintings, "never a critical comment. I am so blessed to have had him introduce me to the joy of

watercolour painting. I will treasure his paintings that hang in my house."

Brenda Behan Turnout added, "So very, very saddened to hear of the passing of a truly wonderful gentleman. A fine artist, a terrific singer and guitar player, a kind and considerate all-around guy. We will miss him so much at the paint-outs at Geneva Park. Also on behalf of the Central Ontario Art Association, I send our sincerest condolences. Gary will be greatly missed by so many." The celebration of Gary's life will take place at the Red Umbrella Inn, Carnarvon, on Sunday, May 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. There will be a time of reflection and sharing memories of Gary at 4 p.m.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0. (*Lisa Gervais*)

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June 8 COTW Meeting, 9:00am, Minden Council Chambers

June 29 Regular Council Meeting 9:00am, Minden Council Chambers

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

Township of Minden Hills Youth Softball League

Season Opener

Monday June 5th is the season opener for the Township of Minden Hills Youth Softball League with games starting at 6:30pm.

Coaches will be contacting players within the next week to confirm game times and schedules.

If you have any questions, please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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Visit www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for full details, submission instructions and job description.

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Highlander business



A closing store sale began last week at The Bargain Shop. Photo by Mark Arike.

Shoppers Drug Mart moving to main street

By Mark Arike

In less than a month, The Bargain Shop in Haliburton will be no more.

But the building that houses the business won't be empty for long. *The Highlander* has learned Shoppers Drug Mart will move from its current location off Maple Avenue to 186 Highland St.

"I don't have timing confirmed at this point," said Tammy Smitham, vice-president of external communication for Loblaw Companies Limited & Shoppers Drug Mart.

"We look forward to serving the community with a larger store," she said.

Two weeks ago, the staff at the Bargain Shop found out the lease was up and the chain was unable to negotiate a renewal. The sudden news not only came as a shock to the community but also to people who work there.

"We wanted to be here but we were unable to secure the lease," said store manager Steve Davies.

He was unable to elaborate on the circumstances but confirmed the store will not be re-opening elsewhere, or under a different banner.

"There just wasn't a location suitable for us," said Davies.

The store has served Haliburton for 12 years at its current location. Its tentative closing date is June 23.

The Highlander posted the news to its Facebook page on May 17. Many people

expressed their sadness and others offered words of support.

"So sorry to hear about this," said Sheila Robb. "I have always found the staff polite and helpful. Not something you find everywhere. I wish you luck in whatever you decide to do in the future."

"Wow, really was not expecting that," said Connor G Corscadden. "The little community is sure going to miss that place!"

Davies is grateful for the outpouring of support from customers.

"I've met a lot of nice people in the store, and I'll miss saying hello and being able to talk to them," he said.

Ten people work at the store including full and part-time employees. Some have found other jobs, said Davies.

He lives just outside of Haliburton and would like stay in the area if possible. At this point, he doesn't have any plans in place

The Haliburton location is one of 154 general merchandise stores owned by Red Apple Stores Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock Capital Investment Corporation. Several of these stores have been rebranded to Red Apple. This would have happened in Haliburton eventually, said Davies, but not now.

The Highlander has attempted to contact the company's vice president of marketing for comment, but messages were not returned by deadline.



CIBC invests in palliative centre

Front row, left to right, Lisa Tompkins, incoming executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), Don Popple, chair of the HHHSF, Dale Walker, outgoing executive director of the HHHSF, with, back row, left to right, CIBC employees Marbeth McClenaghan, Lorienn Chilese-Suchovs and Mike Baxter. The CIBC Haliburton branch handed over a cheque for \$20,000 to the Making Moments campaign for the new palliative centre. Its grand opening is tomorrow (Friday, May 26). *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.





Highlander business

Emmerson Lumber celebrates 60 years

Emmerson Lumber has officially been a part of the Haliburton community for 60 years. In 1957, the shift was made from Bailey's Mill to Emmerson Lumber, and the rest is history.

When asked how the business has succeeded for the past 60 years, owner Kim Emmerson smiles.

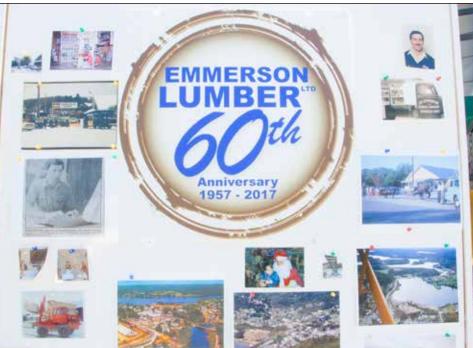
"Sixty years is a long time," he chuckles. "It's been a lot of hard work and the support of a lot of people."

party in costumes honouring the year 1957. There were many prizes, a barbecue, and even a detailed pop-up museum with memorabilia dating back to the earliest days of Emmerson Lumber. Kim attributes the continued success to the steadily growing community, always changing and developing.

"A lot has changed over the years, technologically speaking," Kim states. "As









Above: Kim and Linda Emmerson in their 1957 getup. Top right and left: Parts of the mini-Emmerson museum detailing the past 60 years. Photos by Emily Stonehouse.



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Highlander health

U of T students usher in VDO's \$2 million milestone

By Alex Coop

As hygienists Alexandra Montian and Salvador Alcaire finished working on a patient last Friday, they quietly helped the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO) ring in their sixth year of service and surpass the \$2 million mark in free dental care.

While participating in a pilot project organized by the university's dental outreach course, the two University of Toronto students, who have nearly 20 years of dental schooling combined and will be fully licensed June 9 after graduation, weren't surprised by the rolling plains and tight-knit communities in the county.

But the volume of patients, who required critical dental work but couldn't afford it, did.

"We weren't expecting the high poverty levels," Montian said, who alongside Alcaire, were the first to participate in the university-tied pilot project that is set to officially roll out in September.

The school's dental department is expecting a report back from the pair upon their return.

Alcaire described the research the two of them had to do prior to their start in Haliburton last week. They also wrote an essay highlighting the overall social demographic and health care needs of the community.

"You see a lot of visits because of emergency pain and infections," he said.



From left: Alexandra Montian, Dr. William Kerr and Salvador Alcaire. Photo by Alex Coop

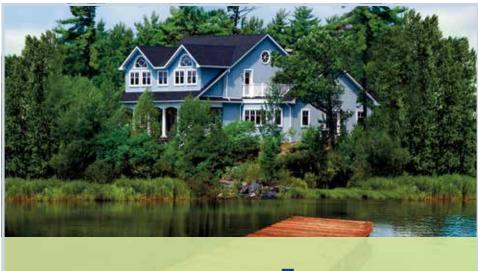
"You think 'Well, you live in Ontario so people have regular access to dental care,' but there is actually this huge gap in service in some areas."

Alcaire and Montian first heard about the program during their placement in Honduras, where they first met VDO's William Kerr.

After discussing the potential of a pilot project in a rural setting for young dentists, the two were quickly convinced this was something they wanted to participate in.

"We were very determined to be a part of this," Montian said, while praising VDO's high-quality facility and equipment. "It's very lucky that this place exists here." To date, VDO has scheduled 5,629 appointments for 713 patients.

The centre first opened May 19, 2011. For more information, visit dental-outreach.com.



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Highlander cottagers



Cleanup crew left wondering why

On Sunday (May 21), during the pouring rain, about 20 Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA) members were out doing their annual road cleanup.

MACA membership director, Phyllis McCulloch, said the number of volunteers was disappointing "but rain will do that."

She said what was more disappointing was what they found.

"We filled the back of a pickup truck and half of another, and we had people who couldn't join us who were out earlier in the week and picked up a number of bags."

'What's so disappointing is that about 80 per cent of what was picked up is recyclable. There were three vehicle tires and a couple of bicycle tires but I guess the biggest question is why? Take some time, get rid of



Above left: Phyllis and David McCulloch pitch in. Above right: Sherrie Le Masurier with just three bags of the garbage collected. Submitted.

garbage the way you should. If you rent your property, tell the renters where to get rid of it. Everyone needs to do their part to keep Haliburton beautiful." (Submitted)

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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

- 1. No Middle Name: the complete collected Jack Reacher short stories by Lee Child
- 2. Full Wolf Moon by Lincoln Child
- 3. *The Thirst* by Jo Nesbo
- 4. Jackie's Girl: my life with the Kennedy family by Kathy McKeon
- 5. *On Edge: a journey through anxiety* by Andrea Petersen

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Meet the cottagers: Brittney Grundy

We all know it's been a long and cold winter, and of course, now we have blackflies, but in a place like Haliburton, it can all be worth it. Cottager Brittney Grundy of Toronto came up for the May long weekend. Brittney has lived in the Toronto area for the past 20 years, but cottaged in the Haliburton area growing up. She has returned recently to connect with friends and escape the city. "It's beautiful, it's quiet, it gets dark at night," says Brittney, "It's full of beautiful landscapes and beautiful people."

Staying on Lake Kashagawigamog, Brittney reflects on her past few days at the cottage; "It's been so peaceful. It's exactly what I needed." She says cottage time should be a must for anyone, emphasizing the idea that sometimes the best vacation isn't necessarily doing something, instead, it can be mastering the art of doing absolutely nothing. Brittney goes on to say that the community is a welcoming one, and she feels at home walking down the streets, seeing smiling faces, even through the rain and blackflies. (Emily Stonehouse).

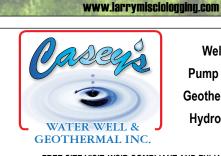


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Finding a contractor

When sourcing a reputable contractor for building and renovating, your best bet is to go local to ensure your professional has detailed experience and knowledge of local codes and resources, since regulations and permits vary by municipality.

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) lists member contractors on its website. RenoMarkTM, an organization created by the Building Industry and Development Association, lists professional renovation contractors who adhere to a renovation-specific code of conduct, including renovators in Haliburton County.

Perhaps the most reliable source is your local building supply centre. Through direct interaction and word of mouth over the years, building centre staff know the contractors who do quality work and are honest and reliable. The centres often list local contractors on their websites and staff will discuss your options with you.

Look for a contractor who has extensive experience in your type of project, check references thoroughly, confirm the contractor has Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage and liability insurance, and make sure you get a clear, signed contract. When checking references, find out how well the contractor has helped other clients manage their budgets.

Maintaining a paper trail is your best protection, ideally through contracts but at least through the building permits and a budget. To obtain the necessary permits, you'll need plans that have been prepared by a qualified and licensed designer. Building centre design staff can provide certain plan design services as well as information regarding required permits, and municipal building department staff can also answer your design and permit questions. (Lisa Harrison)

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The number of home and cottage renovations has grown rapidly in recent years as owners decide to renovate rather than relocate and increase the equity in their property.

The Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA) offers extensive renovation advice for property owners to help them make necessary repairs and improve the function, comfort and convenience of their home or cottage.

Start by taking an inventory of everything you want to change and why, including any seasonal issues such as drafts in winter. All members of the household need to be involved. Describe your goals, especially use of space, light/brightness and desired traffic patterns.

Use your findings to create a wish list that's divided into "need to have" and "like to have". Explore available design and product ideas so you can budget wisely to achieve your goals, and so you can give your renovation contractor a clear idea of what you want. For more extensive

projects, you may require a designer to prepare the necessary plans. Structural changes will require plans and permits, and your contractor can help with this.

Look closely for hidden assets, such as old hardwood that can be refinished. Consider energy and water conservation fixtures that will save money in the long term, and whether you want to do some of the work yourself (see our section on The Dos and Don'ts of DIY).

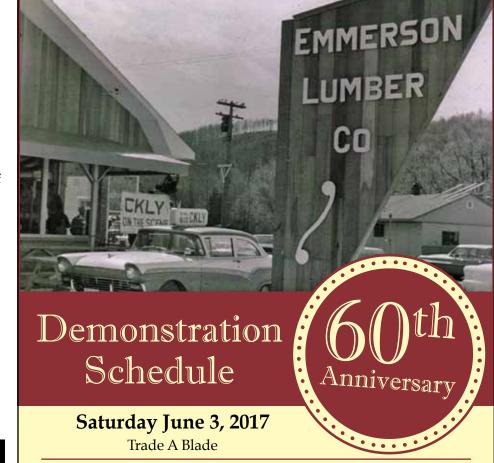
Once you've chosen a contractor (see our section on Finding a Contractor), get a detailed, written, signed contract. Take an active role throughout the project, requesting and expecting regular updates. Also expect unforeseen problems and set aside a contingency fund of between 15 and 25 per cent for these and for potential upgrades.

Your local realtor and building supply centre staff can provide expert advice specific to renovating your home or cottage in the Highlands. (*Lisa Harrison*)

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Energy efficiency tips

About 20 per cent of Canada's energy use can be attributed to homes, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Besides shifting energy use to off-peak or mid-peak hours, there are several areas in which we can reduce energy consumption.

Heating systems

If you're using a furnace, choose a high-efficiency model that includes a higher-efficiency fan motor. Clean the air filter monthly and use a programmable thermostat with a built-in timer. Ensure your fireplace is sealed properly. For your hot water tank, choose a gas-fired, direct vent, fan-assisted or sealed model.

Use compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs,

(CFL) bulbs, which consume 75 per cent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs, or halogen ights. Both CFLs and plagens last longer than

bulbs, or halogen lights. Both CFLs and halogens last longer than traditional bulbs. Wire each room for individual light control and install dimmers. Install outdoor motion sensor lights to reduce lighting use.

Appliances

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

Plumbing fixtures

Fix any leaking hot water taps, as one constant drip can waste up to 75 litres of water per week. Use aerator taps to reduce water use by more than 60 per cent. Install a water-efficient toilet to use up to 80 per cent less water than a regular toilet, or a dual-flush model for even greater reductions.

Windows and doors

Replace older windows with newer, more energy-efficient designs. Install large windows, especially on a south wall, as they will reduce energy use for heating in cold weather and for artificial lighting year-round. Seal any air leaks around windows and doors. Use internal or external window shades in summer to reduce air conditioning and fan use. (*Lisa Harrison*)

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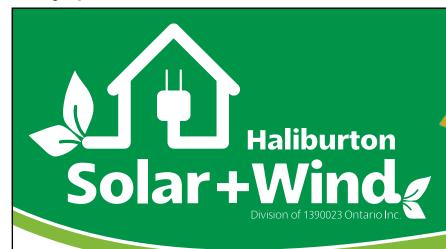
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When considering a do-it-yourself (DIY) renovation or repair, start by ensuring you know the true skill levels of your DIY crew.

DIY-ers should leave electrical, plumbing, heating and roofing projects to the licensed experts to avoid problems such as fires, flooding, frozen pipes, foundation damage and health and safety issues. Structural changes are also best left to professional contractors to ensure the proper overall security and finishing of the building and to avoid unforeseen costs for expert repairs.

Note that some professional contractors will allow DIY-ers to work with them, which will reduce costs and help you gain experience.

If you go ahead with the DIY aspect of the project, put safety first. Use safety glasses, ear protection and protective clothing. Make sure you know how to use the necessary tools well, avoid slippery materials and keep the work area clear of debris.

Sketches may be fine for planning smaller projects, but professional designs are necessary for structural work. Many local building supply centres have design staff who can create drawings that meet municipal requirements, and the Highlands are home to several professional design companies. Your designer can also create a materials list for you.

Permits are legally required for structural construction and for demolition work. Your municipal clerk or building department staff can help you determine when you require a permit and answer any questions you have.

Get local advice on setting a realistic budget and schedule to avoid running out of money, time or both before your project is done. Cost estimates in the Highlands are higher than in cities due to the hilly, rocky landscape.

Set aside a contingency fund of 15 to 20 per cent over budget to address unforeseen issues. When scheduling, include factors such as the weather, supply time for permits and products, your available time, your skill level, and the availability of any professional contractor you'll need. (Lisa Harrison)



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Promoting septic health

Most county property owners rely on septic systems to dispose of waste water, and keeping those systems healthy is critical to maintaining the health of our waterways and water supply.

Enzymes inside septic tanks break down waste water compounds that bacteria can use. The resulting clean liquid (effluent) flows into the tile bed where it percolates into the soil and eventually our lakes. The more active the septic bacteria, the cleaner the effluent.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) actively promotes proper septic system installation and use, and offers the following tips to maintain healthy septic bacteria. They include several water-saving measures, since proper water management contributes to a healthy septic system. More tips and information are available on the CHA website at cohpoa.

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- Don't use regular drain cleaners.
- Run the dishwasher only when it's full.
- Replace chlorine bleach with peroxide stain removers.
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- Shorten showering time and use a low-flow shower
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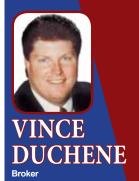
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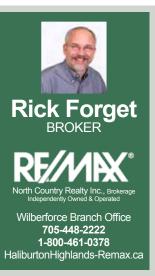
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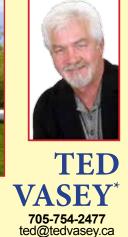








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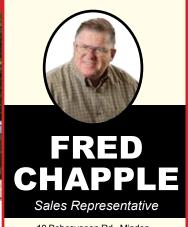
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Highlander sports

Students take hockey scholarships by Storm

A North College vet tech student and a University of Ottawa mechanical engineering student are the recipients of the Minden Pharmasave, Highland Storm Minor Hockey scholarships for 2017.

The award was created by Pharmasave and Highland Storm Minor Hockey to recognize and celebrate young students who are committed to self-betterment through post-secondary studies, and, who played hockey through the Highland Storm system.

Grace Faustino of Minden Pharmasave and Rich Smith of Highland Storm Minor Hockey said recipients Madison Allore and Ryan Hill are excellent role models to their peers and to young children and hockey players in the community. They said the students' example makes Haliburton County better.

Faustino and Smith said Pharmasave shares these values in its Live Well mission statement.

"Your ability to balance your studies and sports encourages others to push themselves to be healthy and excel in life. Well done."



Left to right: Rich Smith, Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association, scholarship recipients, Madison Allore and Ryan Hill, and Grace Faustino, owner of Minden Pharmasave. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Allore, who is studying to be a vet tech, and Ryan, who is working on a mechanical engineering degree, have each their education and have great memories

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Five-pin wonder in the fast lane

Five-pin bowler Cathy Snell has been at the top of her game for the past two decades. When it comes to league bowling, the Minden resident has had the highest women's average at The Fast Lane for the past 20 years. She's also qualified for the Ontario Open Five-Pin provincial championships in Hamilton for as many years. On May 16, Snell was given a bowling pin trophy from her fellow league bowlers during a banquet at the Pepper Mill Steak

Left: Monday night league bowler Rick West presents a trophy to fellow bowler Cathy Snell. The trophy was made out of an old pin from The Fast Lane. Photo by Mark Arike.



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Top: Carolyn Langdon guides members of the Canadian Federation of University Women through the Sculpture Forest, pointing out edible delicacies. Above left: Different types of teas and juices made from plants picked from your backyard. Right: Birch trees, as Langdon noted, are entirely edible, everything from the leaves to the tree itself, can be made into a tea. *Photos by Emily Stonehouse*.



A wild taste of Haliburton

Haliburton isn't just nice to look at - it can also be pretty tasty. Carolyn Langdon, director of Wild Edibles Haliburton, has made it her goal in life to share her knowledge of foraging through the woods, saying that it can be delicious, nutritious, and good for your soul.

"It connects me to Mother Earth," says Langdon, "I can walk the same trail every day, yet see something new every time." Langdon led an interactive information session for the Canadian Federation of University Women this past Thursday (May 18), titled "Eating on the Wild Side for Health and Pleasure." After a brief talk, she took participants on a trek through the woods, picking out different plants and trees, and emphasizing their beneficial properties. Langdon often leads public forages, which can be booked through yoursoutdoors.ca. (*Emily Stonehouse*)



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It's never too late to pursue your passion

Upcoming Write to Win workshop

By Lisa Gervais

Ruth E. Walker didn't start writing until she was nearly 40 years old.

"And I sometimes wonder what might have happened if I'd followed my passion years earlier," she tells *The Highlander*. "Ah, well, another lesson in life."

Walker and Dorothea Helms are awardwinning writers. They are offering a fullday workshop at the Minden library on Saturday, June 17.

It's called Write to Win and explores the art and skill of entering and winning writing contests.

Walker and Helms are not only popular workshop leaders, but sought-after judges for regional and national writing competitions. They have also run contests for all types of writing: non-fiction, poetry and fiction. They bring their editing and publishing experience to Write to Win with plenty of resources and tips on how to find the best contests to enter and get your entry into the hands of final judges.

"We've seen many great entries be eliminated for a simple and easily fixed error," says Dorothea. "Our checklists and exercises help participants cover all the basics before sending in their work."

Helms and Walker are also skilled at winning writing grants and contests. Between them, they've been in the top tier of dozens of writing competitions, including: Barbara Novak Award for Excellence In Humour and/or Personal Essay Writing; Ontario Arts Council grants; Writers' Digest poetry challenge; Geist Literal Postcard Story Contest; Suburban Newspapers of America Advertising and Promotions Contest; and, Canadian Living short story contest.

"It's all a contest," Walker says. "I won the greatest contest of all when my debut novel was accepted by a publisher in 2012. With many writers looking for agents and publishers, your submission must rise above all others. Our hands-on exercises will help participants hone their skills and polish their manuscripts."

Write to Win is offered through Writescape Workshops and Retreats, and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library on Bobcaygeon Road.



Left: Dorothea Helms. Right: Ruth E. Walker.

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Haliburton hops on Big Bike for Heart and Stroke

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St. Peter's opens its doors

St. Peter's, Maple Lake held a pancake and sausage breakfast Saturday (May 20) for parishoners, returning cottagers and visitors. A good crowd came out to support the historic church, which will soon be embarking on a project to restore some of its stonework. Pictured left, Rev. Joan with visitor, Denise Rogers. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*.



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Minden kicks off market season

'Tis the season for farmers' markets. This past Saturday (May 20), Minden kicked off the market season with an incredibly successful first day. "There's literally something for everyone," says market manager, Amanda Rico, "it's been a phenomenal turnout." Despite changing locations to the Minden Fairgrounds due to flooding, many locals came out to support the market. There is no shortage of community support in Minden, rain or shine, locals come out to support other locals. "It's so great to see everyone out and about," said Rico, "and after all the rain and flooding, it's nice to just relax and enjoy the day together." The Minden Farmers' Market will run every Saturday throughout the summer and into early Autumn. The Carnarvon Farmers' Market will start Friday, June 16. Left: Jane Macdonell of Treats By Mom displays her variety of organic, gluten free, and vegan baked good. Middle left: Jessica Allison, local farmers' market rep for Pillitterri Wines pours some free samples. Bottom left: A beautiful day for a farmers' market. Photos by Emily Stonehouse.









See something you like at the Haliburton Farmers' Market?

There were both newcomers and regulars at this summer's first farmers' market in Haliburton Tuesday. More than a dozen vendors set up booths at Head Lake Park from noon to 4 p.m., with many more expected to open up in the next couple of weeks. The market will run every Tuesday until October 3 from noon to 4 p.m. Above left: Todd Grainger with his dogs Holly and Joy. Grainger will be opening his garlic booth with his wife Gail later in June. Above right: Ben Corder of Ben's Kettle Korn prepares some fresh popcorn at Head Lake Park. *Photos by Alex Coop*.

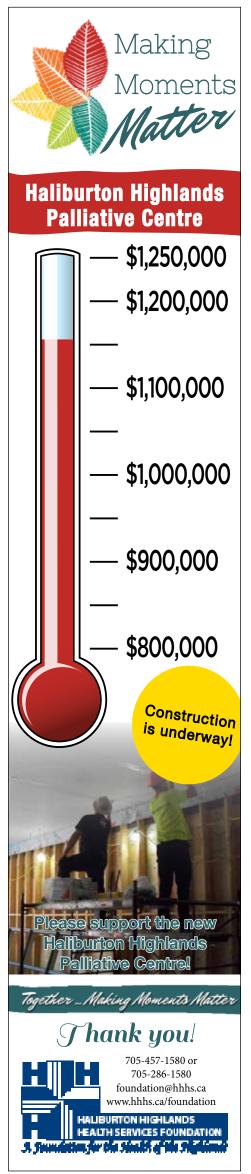




Sale raises money for Station 3

Gooderham may be small, but it is mighty. For the past four years, the community has been hosting a street sale to raise money for local events. Previously, they have raised money for Canada Day celebrations. This year, the local firefighters are raising money for Station 3. Denise Winder, Gooderham chair for the street sale, says the event is a great opportunity to bring the community together. "Everyone has been hibernating all winter," says Winder, "it's time to just get people out again." Pictured top: Local artists Richard and Raquel Linton display their unique Haliburton-themed paintings in all colours, shapes and sizes. Above: Artist Reiner Arnold displays his photography taken around his home on Tamarack Lake. Right: Musician David Wrightman performs. *Photos by Emily Stonehouse*.









Top: Lots to browse through in the Book Nook at the Minden Library. Above: Friends of the Haliburton Public County Library volunteers - these events would not be possible without them. (*Photos by Emily Stonehouse*).



Above: from left, Jorge Sierra, Ryan Walkinshaw, Sam McNally, and Jacob Dombkowsky take a break from Camp Onandagan to browse the Book Sale.

Friends sell some books

Sunny Saturdays and books. Is there a better combination? This past Saturday (May 20) at the Minden Library, 23 volunteers of the Friends of Haliburton Public County Library hosted a book sale to kick off the cottage season. All books were donated, while providing funding for the "Makers Space" in conjunction with Haliburton School of Art and Design. The Friends offer books sales throughout the year, always providing support and enhancement to local library programs around the community, research information, branch furnishings, workshops, and so much more. Check out the Book Nook, which is run by the Friends of the Library, located in the Minden Library and open every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., continuing support towards community library development.

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WANTED: BAT SIGHTINGS



Bat populations across North America are plummeting due to a fungal disease called White-nose Syndrome. The Little Brown Myotis, Eastern Small-footed Myotis, and Northern Myotis are now listed as ENDANGERED.

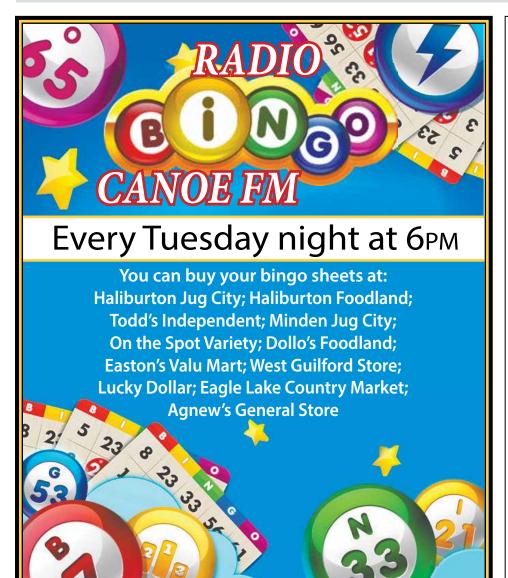


Help the Land Trust find out what bats we still have in the County. If you see bats THIS YEAR please,

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Additional information about these opportunities is available at hhhs.ca/careers. If you are interested in joining our team for any of the above positions, please submit your resume to:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

c/o Human Resources Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, KOM 1S0 hr@hhhs.ca Fax: 705-457-4609

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation for a disability. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1 ATT: Mr. Mike Thomas CRS-I Operations Manager

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- 19. Ghost's cry
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- 31. Slightly wet
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EVENTS

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

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Proposal

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East

Proposal # PRO6-2017

Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Concession Booth Proposal

Proposal Documentation with full specifications and criteria may be picked up at:

> Highlands East Municipal Office 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce

Sealed Proposals, clearly marked with Proposal # T-06 as such will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on Friday June 16, 2017 at the following address:

> Shannon Hunter CAO/Treasurer Municipality of Highlands East 2249 Loop Road Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0

Proposals will be open on Friday June 16, 2017 at 1:05pm

Site visit meeting will be by appointment only. Please contact Jim Alden, Property Supervisor to book a date and time

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Concession booth operations is to commence on October 01, 2017 and is to end April 01, 2018.

> For All Inquiries Please Contact: Jim Alden, Property Supervisor jalden@highlandseast.ca PH: 705-455-7515



Tender

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East

Tender # TO5-2017

Tender to Supply a Screened Stockpile of Winter Sand

Tender Documentation with full specifications and criteria may be picked up at:

> Highlands East Municipal Office 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce

Sealed Tenders, clearly marked with Tender # T05-2017 as such will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the following address:

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Tenders will be open on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 1:05pm

For All Inquiries Please Contact: Earl Covert, Roads Superintendent PH: 705-448-2934

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In loving memory of a dear son and brother. **August 30, 1983** - May 21, 2002 Your life was a blessing Your memory a treasure You're loved beyond words Missed beyond measure.

> - Love Dad, Mom, Philip & David

Wyatt Kent Greer

In loving memory of a dear nephew and cousin August 30, 1983 - May 21, 2002 **Remembering you with warm** thoughts, fond memories & love always.

Greatly missed by Aunts,



OBITUARIES

VAUGHAN, Joyce R. – In Loving Memory of Joyce R. Vaughan, resident of Minden, ON. Passed away peacefully in the Palliative Care Unit of Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) Friday, May 5, 2017 surrounded by family. Beloved wife of George who passed September 22, 2016. Dear mother of Lynn Flanagan (nee Vaughan) of Ajax, Karen (Art) Kollee (nee Vaughan) of Elora, Cassandra Vaughan of Salmo, BC and Robert Vaughan of Minden. Loving Grandmother to Jason Flanagan, Mary Bridger, Mathieu Kollee, Lauren Webber (nee Kollee) and Shannon Reaume (nee Kollee). Loving Great Grandmother to Hope Kollee, Lucas Reaume and Evelyn Webber. Many thanks to the wonderful staff at PRHC for their compassionate care of Joyce and thoughtfulness with her family.

Donations in Memory of Joyce can be made to the Cancer Society and the World Wildlife Foundation. Online condolences may be given to the family at www.CommunityAlternative.ca.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 20th Birthday Taylor! Love Mom, Dad, Rhiannon, Missy & **Gamma & Granny & All Your Friends**





Family and friends are invited to share in the celebration of

Kay Townsends 90th birthday

Party to be held on June 3rd at the Highland Grove Community Center, 5373 Loop Road 1pm to 4pm. Best wishes only please.

EVENTS



The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico Yoga have teamed up to offer yoga classes Wednesday mornings at the Village Barn in Haliburton, from 7:30 - 8:30am. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to local charities.

Space is limited so please register by email to amandaricoyoga@gmail.com. Classes run until June 28.

This is an all-level class - everyone is welcome! Please bring your own mat.

What's on



MAY & JUNE 2017 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday May 25

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Zumba Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome, \$5/person/class. Contact Joanne at jomac6058@ gmail.com or 705-766-1546.

12 noon – Haliburton County Historical Society AGM and Pot Luck Lunch, at Canoe FM's Music Hall. Topic: "Pioneer Women, the Unsung Heroes" by Leo Dobrzensky.

Friday, May 26

1 - 3 p.m. - Haliburton Solar + Wind presents "Net Meter and Off -Grid Living", with Brian Nash. A tour and overview of biomass heating. haliburtonsolarandwind. com.

Saturday May 27

8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Coboconk Horticulture Society's Annual Plant and Bake Sale at the Coboconk CIBC parking lot. Join us for home-made baked goods and homegrown plants from members' gardens!

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmer's Market, in the parking lot of the Municipal offices, Minden. (until Oct 7th)

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Minden Lions Club Leukemia BBQ, at the Beer Store in Minden, bring your bottles and donate them to the Leukemia drive.

4 - 7 p.m. - Jeff Moulton, in the Clubroom of the Haliburton Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m., \$6 for a delicious meal by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members.

7:30 p.m. - Highlands Chamber Orchestra presents "High 5", at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Minden Pharmasave. Call (705) 448-1991 for details.

Sunday May 28

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Emergency First Aid Course (Red Cross), at the Dorset Recreation Centre. \$95/person. For more information or to register contact samanthawellness.health@gmail. com or 705-380-2209.

11 a.m. – Sunday Ramble: Kinmount. Meet at Kinmount Railway Station, ramble north to follow the riverbank in front of Joe Black Rock. Friendsoftherailtrail. ca/Sunday-rambles.html

Monday May 29

10:30 am - Noon - Tai Chi Class at Dorset Recreation Centre. Beginners welcome, registration required. Drop-in class \$20+HST/ Class, pay for multiple classes and get a discount. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177.

1 – 2 p.m. NIA Class for Seniors (Non-İmpact Aerobics), at the Dorset Rec Centre. Registration required in advance, call 705-645-2100 x 199.

Tuesday May 30

12 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmer's Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton (until Oct 3rd)

Wednesday May 31

7 p.m. - Canada 150 Memories of Dorset Film Shorts, a project of the Dorset Heritage Committee. Admission by donation.

1 - 3 p.m. – Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library AGM and Members' Afternoon, at the Common Room, Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Cost: \$5 for non-members. Memberships available for \$5.

Thursday June 1

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Zumba Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome, \$5/person/class. Contact Joanne at jomac6058@ gmail.com or 705-766-1546.

12 noon - Grand re-opening of the Dorset Recreation Centre's fitness Room. All are welcome to attend and try out the new equipment!

Saturday June 3

10 a.m. - Haliburton Highlands Land Trust AGM, at the Minden Cultural Centre. See haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700 for details.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Haliburton County Farmer's Market and Artisan's Market, in the parking lot early. Haliburtoncountyfair.ca of the Municipal offices, Minden. (until Oct 7th)

10 a.m. – Haliburton County Master Gardeners' Annual Plant Sale, at the Village Green on the main street downtown Minden. You may come at 9 a.m. for an entrance number. Sale starts at 10 and continues until sold out. Contact Janice at 705-754-9183 or visit haliburtonmastergardener.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Haliburton Solar + Wind presents "Wind and Renewable Energy" with Chris Meir and Brian Nash. Learn how easy it is to set up a wind turbine to offset some of your hydro costs. haliburtonsolarandwind.

Friday June 2 - Sunday June 4

39th Annual Haliburton Home & Cottage Show, at the Haliburton Arena. Over 150 exhibitors. Admission \$3/adults, children under 12 free. Free parking. Friday 4-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.

Sunday June 4

1:30 p.m. – Granny Tea, at the Haliburton Legion, in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Doors open at 1 p.m., For tickets call Norma 705-457-2015 or Gayle 705-286-3411.

Tuesday June 6

12 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton (until Oct 3rd)

Wednesday June 7

10 a.m. - Minden Lions Club, Flag Raising at the town offices in Minden. Celebrate 100 years of Lionism!

Friday June 9

5 – 7 p.m. – Haliburton Solar + Wind presents "Solar Sizing" with Brian Nash. Learn how to size up your home for solar! haliburtonsolarandwind.com.

6 p.m. - Haliburton County Fair, Beef BBQ, Minden Community Centre. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m., Live Auction at 7:30 p.m., entertainment at 8 p.m. Tickets are limited, get yours

7 – 9 p.m. – Full Moon Series: Friday Night Beer & Pizza, at Abbey gardens. See abbeygardens.ca for more information.

7:30 - 10 p.m. - Reel Paddling Film Festival, presented by Algonquin Outfitters, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$16/adults, \$12.50/ youth. Algonquinoutfitters.com/ event/reel-paddling-film-festival-

7:30 - 10:30 p.m. - Farmer the Band, live at the Dominion Hotel, Minden.

Saturday June 10

153rd Annual Haliburton County Fair, at Minden Fairgrounds. See haliburtoncountyfair.ca for details, schedules, and attractions. 1-888-381-2552

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Minden Curling Club's "Great Garage Sale", inside at the curling club, 50 Prentice St., Minden. More than 250 members participating!

9:30 a.m. - noon - Pollinator Garden Workshop, at Abbey Gardens, in partnership with Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Get your hands dirty and learn more about biodiversity, bees, and food production. Contact 705-754-4769 or see abbeygardens.ca for more info.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Haliburton County Farmer's Market and Artisan's Market, in the parking lot of the Municipal offices, Minden. (until Oct 7th)

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Minden Lions club Open house at Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., celebrating 100 years of Lionism.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m – Haliburton Solar + Wind Grand Opening! Tours, draws, electric car test drive, solar toy play zone for the kids, and live music with Gord Kidd & Friends. haliburtonsolarandwind.com.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday 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.

Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month - 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Upcoming Event: Live entertainment featuring versatile singer/guitarist Jeff Moulton in the

Club Room on Saturday, May 27, 4-7 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Plus for just a loonie, don't miss out on our 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover charge for non-members.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30

Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Fish/wings & chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12

Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m.

Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-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.

Honours and awards presentations - cocktails 6:30 p.m., presentations 7 p.m. No jam session

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.

Upcoming Event: Saturday, June 10, Rick Rowe Memorial Horseshoe Tournament, \$15 entry. Register 10 a.m. to noon. Play 12:30 p.m. sharp. Food available to purchase. Cash prizes for first, second and third place

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What's on



Trillium Lakelands District School Board Trustee Gary Brohman at last year's barbecue. File photo.

They'll never stop supporting kids

By Alex Coop

Adrian Vargas was listening to the radio when he first heard about Food 4 Kids more than five years ago.

It was around the Victoria Day weekend.

"There was mention of how everyone looks forward to the long weekends, but not when you're not eating," the owner of Sears Haliburton told *The Highlander*.

Prior to that moment, he wasn't aware of the high poverty levels.

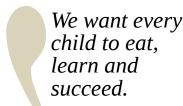
In Haliburton County, four out of 10 children live below the poverty line.

"Quite frankly, that is unacceptable," Vargas said.

Ever since, those statistics have resonated with him profoundly.

That is why this Saturday from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m., the public is invited to the fourth annual Food 4 Kids Charity Event at the Sears Haliburton parking lot.



Aaron Walker

Food 4 Kids director

The ongoing community support for the event has been overwhelming, says Vargas, pointing to the \$13,000 worth of prizes that

have been donated by various business and individuals in the county.

"Last Thursday, that number was at

\$8,000," Vargas said Tuesday afternoon. In a promo video for the event, Aaron Walker, coordinator of Food 4 Kids in Halburton and head chef at McKecks Tap and Grill, says the organization serves more than 1,300 students across all of the

county's schools.

"We want every child to eat, learn and succeed," he said.

In addition to performances by Gord Kidd and Friends, the charity event will also play host to a classic car show, with vehicles coming from Huntsville and Orillia, a barbecue, raffle prizes and a celtic band show.

But Vargas stressed the event, and the

Food 4 Kids program itself, wouldn't be possible without dedicated volunteers.

"This type of program isn't offered in certain communities because they don't have volunteers.

He also praised Walker's dedication to the program.

"He's at the schools every morning," he said.

Vargas doesn't see the fundraiser coming to an end anytime soon.

"We're going to try and make it bigger and better every year. We'll never stop supporting kids," he said.

Last year, more than 170,000 nutritional meals were served to children at local schools through Food 4 Kids.

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