

## What's Going On?

It's always easy to tune into the national and international news from the Highlands, but how do you find out what's happening right here, in our neck of the woods? You do want to keep up on things — a tax increase, change in land use or new rules at the local landfill can affect even the most occasional visitor. There are also dozens of events around the county each year, days full of activities aimed at kids, adults, visitors and lovers of arts, music, sports and nature. If you're not tuned into local media, you could miss all the fun.

Fortunately, Haliburton County has plenty of options. Canoe FM is a local, volunteer-run radio station reaching the entire county. With hours of original programming each day, the station is a source for news, information, discussion and local events coverage. You can tune in at 100.9 on your FM dial. A bit further down on that dial, and you'll hit Moose FM at 93.5 FM. It's a commercial station and therefore not as heavily steeped in that DIY country charm, but The Moose plays hit music and still covers local news and events.

For newspapers, The Highlander, available free at most corner stores, covers the entire county and offers an entertaining combination of news, arts, sports and editorial coverage. Started in 2011, the upstart has gained quite a following with its fiercely independent approach to local news. The Haliburton Echo, though now owned by the Sun chain, is over 100 years old and has deep roots in the community; it's a reliable source of information for the Eastern half of the county, with its sister paper, The Minden Times, covering the Western half including Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands.

In the event of an emergency, 100.9 Canoe FM is probably your best bet. The station has a back-up generator and its team of over 80 volunteers is dedicated to keeping the community informed under any conditions, from thunderstorms to snowstorms. Make the most of your time in the Highlands by staying in touch with local media. *Authors – Bram Lebo & Roxanne Casey*

### Where It's At

Mountain Lake website: [www.mountainlakepoa.com](http://www.mountainlakepoa.com)

Of interest to rock hounds and gemologists in Haliburton County <http://www.mineraltours.net>

Get your tickets to a new exciting event in Minden: [www.mindenhillbluegrassfestival.ca](http://www.mindenhillbluegrassfestival.ca)

Follow Minden Hills Council & Committee minutes: <http://www.mindenhill.ca/council.html> and click on 2012 schedule for full agendas and minutes.

FOCA has most interesting articles at: <http://www.foca.on.ca>

For the latest in boating regulations, go to: <http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca>

## Volunteer Dental Outreach Seeks Health Care Professionals

Since May 19, 2010, the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO) has provided free, urgent dental work to residents of Haliburton County who cannot otherwise afford necessary care. To date, the VDO has produced over \$250,000 in free dentistry and helped 174 patients with another 63 waiting for their first appointments.

The outreach, which is located at 739 Mountain St. in Haliburton, is run by volunteer dentists, dental assistants/hygienists and other health care professionals. Haliburton County residents who require care are screened for financial need prior to their first dental appointment based on a screening tool developed in consultation with community stakeholders.

The VDO heavily relies on donations and fundraiser events to sustain its operation, but the work of volunteers is invaluable. With the ongoing need to assist those in the community, the VDO is in search of more volunteer dentists, assistants and hygienists.

If you are one of these health care professionals and are interested in helping those less fortunate, contact Mountain Lake residents Bill or Lisa Kerr at [kerrfamily@cottagecountry.net](mailto:kerrfamily@cottagecountry.net) or phone 705-457-3111. Golfers and sponsors are also needed to participate in the 2nd Annual Volunteer Dental Outreach Golf Tournament to be held on August 16, 2012. For more information about Volunteer Dental Outreach see [www.dental-outreach.com](http://www.dental-outreach.com)

### Where Are the Bats?

Go to [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca) and search for "White Nose Syndrome in Bats"

## ARE TROUT A SPECIES AT RISK?

"At least two studies based on a wide range of data from Ontario Lake Trout lakes indicate anglers are reaping harvests well in excess of levels that biologists say are sustainable." From Ontario Lake Trout – in Peril? A report to the Legislature 2000 /01 from the Environment Commissioner of Ontario.

All Lake Stewards in Haliburton have been requested to provide feedback to help address this critical question. A report on our findings and recommendations to the M.N.R. will be provided in our fall newsletter.

*Don Benson, CHPOA Environmental Chair  
To read the report, Google ontariolaketrouthinperil*

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