

‘Something Fishy’ this way comes



Hilary MacLeod, with her new novel in tow, was visiting the school to invite more people to come by her launch on Nov. 21. She says she loves coming to the college to have her book launches, because they're so good and welcoming to her.

By Shelby Wye

A retired Loyalist professor is back again next week, this time to launch her fourth novel.

The novel, *Something Fishy*, has already has its launch in Prince Edward Island, where the story is based. Now, MacLeod is back to Prince Edward County, and holding the launch in Loyalist's Parrott Centre on Nov. 21.

Hilary MacLeod was a media studies professor here at the college until 2011, but before that, she had a successful career with a variety of news sources. From a CBC writer-broadcaster to a radio reporter and news director for CHUM Quebec, MacLeod's life had previously been all about the hard facts and the newest stories.

Now, four books published and three more possibly on the way, MacLeod takes on these books one year at a time. The slower pace seems like a dream compared

to the stress of cranking out content quick for the news, but MacLeod said there's one benefit to working with different stories everyday.

"News, everyday, you can wake up and do better. You're only as good as your last newscast, but you can always get up tomorrow and make it better. With [a novel] a year goes into it and then it's printed," said MacLeod. "As soon as I get a copy, I read it right away. I read it through, just to see, because I'm scared."

So far, MacLeod has nothing to be scared of. Her first three novels have been successful. The first in the series recieved a CBC Bookie award.

MacLeod draws her inspiration from her 23 summers spent on Prince Edward Island. The stories have been with her for most of her life.

Her first hit of brilliance occurred after reading Hamish Macbeth novels, a series about a quirky Scottish police officer.

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thought 'Woah, I could so do this.' And then I wrote 35 pages," said MacLeod.

That was all the novel-writing she did for seven years, but when she took another sabbatical from Loyalist she decided that this was the time to write.

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The location of all the novels has been set in a small town called the Shores, a fictional place in Prince Edward Island, where wacky murders and mysteries keep occurring.

"The circumstances (that happen in the books) and the really weird ones are from life. The person that pitched a tent in the kitchen to last out the winter in his family, that happened, I knew that guy. It seems like some fantastic imagination, but nope, (it's real)," said MacLeod.

MacLeod isn't known for being too "inside the box" either. The other week, she showed up for a radio promotion in a full lobster costume, which she created herself. Lobsters, and other sea life, have been a reoccurring theme in her books.

"(The lobsters) came with the novel. I researched lobsters, and realized, how weird they were. And how funny. And how creepy. And now I've never given up lobsters ever since," said MacLeod.

This description of lobsters also applies to her novels, in most senses. The quirky characters and dark comedy, as depicted in the reviews of her books, is destined to entertain readers.

MacLeod will be here next week, at the Parrott Centre, with fish shaped cookies in tow. She plans on speaking not only about her book, but is also looking forward to discussing some of the "dark secrets of publishing."

Bulls end Frontenacs with a 6-3 win

Photos and Story by Jack Carver

The Bulls made a big comeback with a crushing victory over Kingston Wednesday night.

The Bulls made six of their 50 shots on net count while Kingston scored half as many with 60 shots on Belleville.

The Frontenacs looked hopeful with a goal by Slater Doggett (24) in the first 20 seconds. In response, the Bulls came back with three goals in the first by Remi Elie (12), Scott Simmonds (25) and Jordan Subban (14).

Belleville held a dominating lead over Kingston for the rest of the game, adding insult to injury with an open-net goal in the last period after the Frontenacs pulled their goalie as a last-ditch effort to tie the game.

Kingston looked to be out for battle with 12 interferences which earned them a total of 22 minutes in the box.

Belleville looks to continue their momentum when they host the London Knights on Nov. 16.



Bulls centre David Tomasek and left wing Scott Simmonds celebrate after Simmonds scores a goal on Kingston goalie Matt Mahalak.



Bulls centre Garrett Hooey scores his second goal of Wednesday night's game. Hooey also walked away with two assists.

Council approves facelift for Kinsmen pool

By Kristen Oelschlagel

Belleville city council has approving a tender for major upgrades to the Kinsmen Pool.

A submission from Acapulco Pools Ltd. was the lowest of four tenders, coming in at just under \$559,000 including HST.

The city's director of recreation, Mark Fluhrer, said the project will be a complete renovation of the pool, which was built around 1948.

Upgrades include replacing all of the mechanical systems, making the building more energy-efficient and accessible, fixing the deck, adding shade features and upgrading all of the equipment.

The Kinsmen facility was previously approved for one of the two splash pads coming to the city, which will be built by the same contractor.

An additional \$250,000 has been budgeted to give the neighbouring park a facelift as well, Fluhrer said.

The complete package of projects at the Kinsmen is expected to be done in time for a July 1, 2014, opening.

Trojans off to OFSSA

By Andrew Heliotis

The Moira Secondary School Trojans have added yet another piece of hardware to their trophy case. On Friday the team travelled to Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute where they took on the LCVI Spartans in Central Ontario senior football championship action.

The Trojans fought through wind and cold, finally clinching a third straight Central

Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship. The final score was 21-6 for the Trojans. The Trojans won the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship last year and will be looking to defend on Nov. 26 at Etobicoke Centennial Stadium.