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Out like a lion ... Haliburton's Tony Salvatori snowblows his driveway yesterday (April 4) after a winter storm blasted the region Tuesday night and Wednesday, resulting in the cancellation of school buses and widespread power outages. Like many of us, Salvatori said he's looking forward to the end of winter. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Total Site applies for bigger septic field

By Mark Arike and Lisa Gervais

With the arrival of spring, people with holding tanks and septic systems that need to be pumped out are wondering who will do it, and where the waste will go.

Haliburton-based company, Total Site

Services, has applied to expand its septic spreading operation from four to 10 hectares. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) will have the final say, but recently, Dysart council unanimously approved the processing of a rezoning request application.

"At this point, we believe the proposal complies and conforms with the Provincial Policy Statement and the official plan, but in this case, there have been a number of studies done so [we] are waiting to hear the outcome of the peer review and we will have to go through the public review

process," said senior planner Sue Harrison during a March 26 meeting.

A public meeting to review the proposal will be held in May. Then, a recommendation will be made to council.

Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey said the site

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An aerial image of the field spreading site. Google Earth.

Thomas, Elstone also making septage plans

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is ideal for expansion.

"If there was ever a site in Haliburton County that will do the job, this is the one," said Fearrey. "This is the absolute perfect site."

If there was ever a site in Haliburton County that will do the job, this is the one ... this is the absolute perfect site.

Murray Fearrey
Dysart Mayor

The company has the only approved septage spreading site in the county at the moment. The process involves putting raw, untreated sewage from septic and holding tanks onto a field. In Dysart, the municipal wastewater treatment plant can only handle a fraction of the population's waste.

If given the go-ahead, the company will create four sewage lagoons on the property, located off Coaldale Drive. There

are no lagoons on the site now. They will be able to increase their spreading capacity to 1,500 cubic metres each week. In 2015 and 2016, the business pumped 2,424 and 3,250 square metres of septage, respectively.

In the meantime, Haliburton Septic Pumping's appeal to the Environmental Review Tribunal, over its spreading field in Algonquin Highlands, is continuing.

It lost its environmental compliance approval (ECA) last fall. However, owner Dave Elstone is fighting that decision. A settlement hearing is scheduled for next Friday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall.

Francis Thomas Contracting also lost the ECA for its spreading field, located behind its office in Carnarvon, last fall.

Joe Cox, a controller at Francis Thomas Contracting, said yesterday morning that the company is still pumping out holding tanks and septic systems and "right now, we're working on contingency plans."

He said that Algonquin Highlands' lagoon in Dorset is one option.

Dysart news

Fire chief introduces new fees for preventable calls

Dysart's fire chief is recommending the municipality charge people who require his department's services in preventable circumstances.

Mike Iles presented three new fees at a recent council meeting. One is \$465 per hour, per truck, for calls that are "false, malicious, a nuisance or due to lack of maintenance." It applies to people who monitored fire alarms systems. He's also proposed the same rate for unapproved open air burning and uncontrolled open air burning.

"Some people neglect the systems and do not do the proper maintenance," said Iles, referring to the first fee. "[It] also could apply if people are having contractors in doing work who accidentally trigger a smoke alarm while they are working."

The third new fee allows Iles to recover the cost of any rental equipment needed to put out a fire. He mentioned the fire at the former Wagon Wheel property in Minden in December, saying Minden fire crews had to bring in heavy equipment.

Iles also recommended increasing the fee for responding to motorized vehicle accidents from \$410 to \$465 per truck, per hour. This fee is in accordance with the schedule established by the Ministry of Transportation.

Iles said the fees will be reviewed and

hopefully passed next month.

The last time the fire department reviewed its fees was in 2015.

Grant would help create seniors active living centre

Dysart is going after a \$50,000 provincial grant to create more recreational opportunities for seniors.

Council recently approved the recreation program coordinator's request to the Seniors Active Living Centres Program Expansion fund. If successful, the municipality will purchase equipment, rent a space and hire a coordinator to oversee the project. Seniors would be offered one day of programming and another day of cyber smart programming, possibly at the Haliburton United Church.

"The coordinator or volunteers would visit seniors in their homes to teach them computer-related skills on their personal computer," said Andrea Mueller.

The municipality would have to make a 25 per cent in-kind contribution. CARP and SIRCH Community Services have offered to make in-kind contributions, said Mueller.

Last year, the government announced its desire to expand up to 40 new centres through an \$8 million investment over three years. (Dysart briefs compiled by Mark Arike)

OPP news

Police say drugs thrown from vehicle

Early on March 22, Bancroft OPP responded to a vehicle accident involving injuries on Highway 118 in Highlands East.

Officers, and EMS arrived and police say they found two males, both suffering non-life threatening injuries. They were taken to a local hospital. One on them was later airlifted as his injuries were deemed to be serious.

At the scene, officers say they located a large quantity of Schedule II drugs that were tossed from the vehicle before officers arrived. Officers claim they also

located a Schedule I substance (cocaine).

As a result of the investigation, Kraig Davis Robertson, 19, of Barrie has been charged with: Possession of a Schedule II substance for the purpose of Trafficking - over 3 kg (marijuana), Possession of a Schedule I Substance - cocaine and, careless driving.

The accused was released on a summons and a promise to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bancroft on May 15.

The other male will be facing similar charges once released from hospital, police said.

Investigation is continuing and more information will be made available. (Lisa Gervais)

MNRF news

Haliburton man was hunting out of season

A Haliburton man has been fined \$4,000 under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act for hunting white-tailed deer during the closed season.

A Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) spokesperson confirmed on Tuesday that Bernie Nicholls, 56, is now also on a two-year probation, and has to complete the Ontario Hunter Education Course before buying another hunting license. The MNRF says it also seized his hunting equipment.

Nicholls pleaded guilty to the charge in

a Lindsay court last week. The MNRF says the charges stem from a December incident when conservation officers were in the Horseshoe Lake Road area in Minden. They say an officer saw a man dressed in full camouflage bow hunting from a ground blind. The MNRF says it also found out that he had been hunting the day before. It says he placed a bait pile, ground blind, and trail camera to hunt deer while being aware hunting season for deer had already closed.

The public can report a natural resources violation by calling the MNRF tips line at 1-877- 847-7667 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800- 222-TIPS (8477). (Lisa Gervais)

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Good, bad and ugly in provincial budget

By Lisa Gervais

There's "good, bad and ugly" in last week's provincial budget, Minden Hills mayor and former county warden, Brent Devolin, says.

The 'good' he told his council March 29, is that the government is investing \$500 million over three years in a bid to enhance broadband in northern and rural communities.

Included in the pledge is specific spending directed at bettering Eastern Ontario's cellular coverage, and money to aid the creation of a satellite network that will provide internet access to remote communities.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Network has been lobbying for just such a provincial government spend for more than a year.

Devolin called the announcement "a watershed moment" for Haliburton County.

He added that he had talked to Conservative MPP Laurie Scott and she indicated her party would also support such an initiative if it forms government after the June election.

However, the bad and ugly included a projected \$6.8B deficit, Devolin said, as well as a failure to do anything to address Ontario's multi-billion dollar infrastructure deficit gap.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce said the Ontario Government is harmonizing with the federal government's eligibility criteria, leaving more than 20,000 employers paying \$100 million more in employment health tax over the next three years.

In addition, businesses will be phased out of the small business deduction if they earn between \$50,000 and \$150,000 of passive investment income in the taxation year, resulting in an additional \$350 million in new taxes for Ontario businesses.

"Although the government is making smart investments in skills development, the ever-rising cost of doing business in Ontario is hindering economic growth," said chamber vice president Linda Baumgartner.

"The Ontario Budget not only fails to provide the offsets our members need, it will leave some businesses, including small businesses, paying more in taxes."

She said they're also concerned with the "precarious fiscal situation" the newly-announced investments will create.

However, she added they do support regional economic development funding, new dollars for public transit, the broadband spend, and additional resources for apprenticeship and skills development.

Scott said in a press release, "the 2018 provincial budget is a thinly-veiled attempt to pull the wool over Ontarians' eyes. That's what I'm hearing from people in our community, and they're right to be cynical. Predictably, the Wynne government has reached into their bag of vote-buying tricks to try and save themselves."



Chamber VP, Linda Baumgartner File Photo

CAS has new contract

By Lisa Gervais

There'll be labour peace for four years after the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS) and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 334 ratified a new collective agreement last week.

The CAS issued a news release March 29, announcing the pact between its board of directors and the OPSEU Local that represents 140 unionized staff.

The four-year agreement, which was reached after nine days of negotiations, includes a salary adjustment of 1.75 per cent for each year of the agreement.

"The agreement demonstrates the continued commitment of the leadership teams for both OPSEU and KHCAS to fostering cooperative labour relations within

the organization," the release stated.

Jennifer Wilson, executive director of the KHCAS, expressed her appreciation to the members of the OPSEU bargaining team for their efforts during the negotiation process, which helped to achieve an agreement she said was fair and equitable to both parties.

"This process is never easy. However, by working together, both negotiating teams have been able to forge an agreement that union members and the society can be proud of. Together, we will continue to provide the best possible service to children, youth and families within the Kawartha-Haliburton region."

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Minden Hills interim fire chief Mike Bekking checks out the progress on the new fire hall on Highway 35 in Minden. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Council purchases land

The township has finally purchased a piece of land adjacent to the existing downtown fire hall that it's been after for years.

Council endorsed the purchase from a private landowner for \$60,000. The vacant piece of land is at 4 Prince St.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the township "had been working diligently to try to acquire this" for at least two terms of council.

With the fire hall vacating the building next door, the township is considering plans to redevelop the area.

Changes to landfill hours

The township has officially endorsed closing the Scotch Line landfill every Wednesday in summer, effective July 1. The waste disposal site is already closed Wednesdays in winter.

Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager, said the July 1 date gives the township time to issue new landfill cards, which contain operating hours, along with the second tax billing. In addition, Ingram said the July 1 starting date will give his department time to install new bins and a retaining wall.

Further, it's been decided that the Ingoldsby waste transfer station will close an hour earlier in summer, at 7 p.m. rather than 8 p.m.

Low chlorine event at Lutterworth WTP

In 2017, there was one low chlorine failure at the Lutterworth Water Treatment Plant, but an adjustment to the chlorine flow rate corrected the issue, Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager, told council at its March 29 meeting.

Meanwhile, he said there were no failures at the Minden Water Treatment Plant.

Operators of drinking water systems have to submit an annual report to council on or before March 31 of each year.

Ingram said he didn't view the Lutterworth event as a failure, since the system did what it was supposed to do in warning of an issue and rectifying it.

"Otherwise, a perfect score again," he said of the reports.

The annual reports have been posted to the township's website.

New fire hall ready by end of April

Mayor Brent Devolin said the fire hall task force had met between the March 8 and March 29 council meetings.

He said the \$2m project remained on schedule and it's expected the Minden Hills Fire Department will move in, approximately at the end of April.

The public will really start to notice the transformation of the exterior of the building this week, the mayor said. It will feature siding and stone similar to the Haliburton County Paramedic Services building next door to it on Highway 35.

New arena doors at S.G. Nesbitt

The interior entrance doorway at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden is to be replaced.

It was damaged during a break-in earlier this year.

At the March 29 meeting, council approved a single source procurement quote from K. Enterprises. The cost to supply and install one custom size Kawneer heavy duty door system is \$12,836 plus HST. The money is coming from the arena reserve.

The township has also had to replace five aging emergency exit doors at the facility.

K. Enterprises also got that job. The cost was \$14,000 plus HST, also funded from the arena reserve.

Minor baseball league formed

Council has officially approved the formation of the Minden Minor Baseball League (MMBL), and the transfer of the Youth Softball to MMLB for 2018.

Mark Coleman, director of community services, said the transfer was conditional upon the provision of a certificate of insurance in the amount of \$5 million public liability naming the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills as additional insured.

Further, council approved the requested supports, as outlined in a proposal provided by Craig and Tammy Smith, including a Policy 91 application waiving facility rental charges for 2018.

Main street revitalization

CAO Lorrie Blanchard tabled a report on the Main Street Revitalization Initiative. It was announced last year that municipalities across the province would be getting \$26M to put towards their downtowns. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is the lead agency and the money will be administered by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Blanchard said. Townships can begin spending as early as April 1 this year but have until March 31, 2020. Blanchard said the township will be given \$43,031.29. The council will now be considering, along with interested parties, such as downtown businesses, how the money can best be spent.

(Minden Hills briefs are compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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Minden Hills councillors Lisa Schell, Jeanne Anthon and Ron Nesbitt, interim fire chief Mike Bekking, Coun. Jean Neville, grandson Hunter, and Mayor Brent Devolin raise the Autism Ontario flag at the municipal office on Tuesday, April 2 to mark World Autism Awareness Day, which was April 1 this year. Neville's grandson has autism. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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HSAD opens its red doors

Hundreds of prospective students will have the opportunity to explore the Haliburton School of Art and Design at its annual spring open house.

The college will open its big, red doors from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

"Open house is a great day for prospective students and their families to visit Fleming College," said Carrie Truman, manager of student recruitment. "Guests not only get the chance to see the campus and all of our facilities but they can also connect with current students, faculty and staff and get all of their questions answered."

The college will host tours of the campus as well as offer information on financial aid options, off-campus housing, and transitioning to college for students.

To showcase the hands-on learning that takes place at HSAD, guests can watch students perform live art demonstrations in the campus studios.

For a specific agenda, with detailed information about what programs, presentations and activities are taking place, see flemingcollege.ca/openhouse.

(Lisa Gervais)

Scott reintroduces bill

Local MPP Laurie Scott has re-introduced her Private Member's Bill, the Mandatory Sexual Assault Law Training for Judicial Officers Act.

Scott's bill would implement mandatory sexual assault training for currently sitting judges and justices of the peace.

The Private Member's Bill has received the unanimous support of all parties in the Legislature at second reading.

She said her bill is aimed at protecting sexual assault survivors from being re-victimized.

(Lisa Gervais)

County adopts investment policy

The County of Haliburton has developed an investment policy to meet provincial requirements and maximize returns on excess funds. Council passed the policy during a recent meeting, at the request of treasurer Elaine Taylor.

Taylor also recommended that all potential investments be placed in the Local Authorities Services – One Investment Program, a local government investment pool that offers short-term liquidity.

"It allows us to invest our monies with other municipalities and it has all kinds of options," said Taylor, adding that higher returns can be achieved.

Tax levy payments from local municipalities and a recent \$35,000 donation to the Haliburton County Public Library will go into this fund.

"We would like to have that invested so it can make some money for the library until we wait to use it," she said.

The policy is 18 pages and outlines its purpose, goals and several general conditions.

(Mark Arike)

Public input for Cardiff road repairs

By Mark Arike

About 75 people attended a recent special council meeting in Wilberforce to find out about options for much-needed road repairs in downtown Cardiff.

Four options were discussed at the meeting, and in the end, consensus was that Highlands East should pave about six km of road and ditch the town site. The cost will be about \$350,000. A federal grant will contribute \$75,000 for culverts. The rest has been budgeted for.

"In my opinion, it was well-received by the public," said CAO Shannon Hunter in an interview. "They [the public] had their chance to ask questions about options that could be available."

Their input resulted in a unanimous vote by council, said Hunter.

The road infrastructure dates back to the early 1950s, according to a report by roads

superintendent Earl Covert. At the time, the road system had "adequate culverts, catch water basins and ditches."

"Over the years, ditches have been filled in, catch water basins buried and nonfunctional, and culverts eroded, buried and/or sticking out of the ground," said Covert.

"It is agreed that the surface of the roads in the town of Cardiff needs to be replaced."

Environmental supervisor Stewart Hurd reported his concerns about surface water runoff with the current infrastructure.

"Without the ability to do so (as originally designed) the potential for surface water to add to the existing groundwater table may increase significantly and further enter into the sanitary sewer/sewage pumping station via basement weeping tile/floor drain connections," said Hurd. "In turn,

this additional water may be a potential contributor to the frequent number of days in which the sewage pump station/lagoon capacity is exceeded."

In an interview, Mayor Dave Burton described the roads as "tired."

"They've done their job," said Burton, adding the pavement is broken and there are potholes.

He stressed that the recent repairs to the town's water system had nothing to do with the need for road work. A lot of the work will be done in-house, said Hunter. A tender will be issued for paving and a few studies need to be completed. The municipality will begin ordering materials immediately and completing paperwork for contracts. Hunter was unable to say what the impact on traffic will be at this point, except that residents will face a summer of construction.

Are you interested in running for council?

The municipalities of Dysart et al, Highlands East, Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills will be hosting a joint information session for citizens interested in running as candidates for municipal office.

The candidate information session is Thursday, April 26, from 6-8 p.m. at

the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, at 719 Mountain St., Haliburton.

Representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will be facilitating the session and will cover a range of topics including: nomination process, election process, what to expect if elected, and

roles and responsibilities.

Nominations to run for council start on May 1, with nomination day on July 27. The election will be held on Oct. 22. Advance registration for the session is encouraged by emailing Deanna Smith at dsmith@mindenhills.ca or calling 705-286-1260 ext. 212 by April 16.

Are you eligible to vote?

Eligible electors can find out whether they're on the list to vote for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at voterlookup.ca. Voterlookup.ca is an online service, provided by the Municipal Property Assessment

Corporation (MPAC), used to collect and confirm information that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to

your property address. If you do not have access to the internet, please visit your local library. If you need support, please contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722. (Lisa Gervais).

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GoFundMe for county internet?

When I saw Amanda Robinson's GoFundMe campaign last week, I had a good laugh.

And, that was part of what the Haliburton County businesswoman hoped to achieve.

For those who don't know, here's the story.

Robinson got a call from Bell Mobility notifying her she was at a nearly \$600 bill for data usage in March, with eight days to go on her billing cycle.

She was flabbergasted.

Robinson works from home and purchased an internet data hub a few months ago. In her words, it was a band-aid solution for shaky internet at the cottage while waiting for the condo repairs to be complete after a catastrophic flood in early January.

She called Bell back. She had purchased a plan for 50-100GB at \$145. For each GB she went over 100, she would be charged \$5.

She and detective friends figured out that 103GB is actually 196GB, according to the bill's extra charges section. And, her bill was indeed \$559.85.

She says she called Bell customer support and after a long talk, they knocked \$279 off the bill.

Still, she said it goes down in history as the most expensive single month internet of her life.

"If you need me, I'll be on dial up drinking wine", she joked.

So, she created the GoFundMe campaign, asking for \$147, which was the difference between what she would normally be paying, \$145, and her now reduced bill of \$279. Plus the campaign charges.

Needless to say, she reached her goal very quickly.

While no doubt it was a bit of fun, Robinson's plight highlights a continuing problem in Haliburton County for numerous full-time and seasonal residents.

This paper has run a number of stories about frustrated entrepreneurs trying to work from home and compete in a global market, only to be stalled by dodgy internet. Full-time residents are constantly writing letter to complain about the lack of service but the high price. And, we've all seen the cottagers who descend on our libraries in summer for the free Wi-Fi.

When it comes to internet and cell phone capability, Haliburton County is a third world country.

So, perhaps the best news in the Liberal provincial budget handed down last week

is a commitment of \$500 million, over three years, to enhance broadband in northern and rural communities. Notably, there was mention of specific investments aimed at improving Eastern Ontario's cellular coverage and money to support the development of a satellite network that will provide internet access to remote communities.

We'd feel better about this if the other parties vying for office in June echoed the Liberals' commitment, but at least it is more on the radar now than it has ever been before.

It doesn't mean Robinson is suddenly going to get affordable, reliable, high-speed internet at the cottage but it could mean that she will one day within the next three to five years. It isn't a GoFundMe type of windfall, but at least it's a start. In the meantime, maybe the rest of us can begin a campaign to help us fund the current high cost of our unreliable, low-speed internet. Who knows ... maybe the premier will kick things off by donating a few bucks to our cause.



By Lisa Gervais

Careful what you wish for

I was three-deep in a lineup of four customers at a local store on the weekend. It was nothing terribly insurmountable although some amongst us might have been a little more bothered by the quandary. For me, it was just a matter of an extra few minutes. No big deal really.

Sensing the potential of building customer frustration (and no doubt following advised corporate procedure) the young guy running the till mentioned to all of us that there was indeed some self-checkout stations for anybody using debit or credit cards. None of us moved. I think the guy running the till thought we were either stupid or, more likely, technologically-inept. I was neither.

I fought the urge to say something at that point but decided to keep from spouting some unwanted but certainly warranted advice. It would have simply been: "The more of them (self checkout stations) there are, the fewer of you (cash boy) there will be in the future." Of course, the kid was just doing his job and was probably too young and too enamoured with technology to get the dire implications of the policy but I did and I hope the others in line did as well.

Technology is a strange beast and our fixation with it is even stranger. By no means am I against the advancement of technology, I just think we're reaching that point where we have to seriously look at what we want from it. Too many of us (especially those who design this stuff) think tech is the elixir for everything and they're wrong for one very simple reason: They equate that faster is better, for everything. "Easier" is better, "safer" is better, and "smarter" is better but faster, plain and simple, isn't necessarily better but try telling that to the tech people. Keep in mind that to them, "faster" equates to "cheaper" and tech companies are nothing if not dollar-driven (fair enough).

Thing is, it's up to us as consumers to determine where the lines will be drawn here. I'm sure there are those reading this thinking "it's a self-checkout. Relax" but you need to respond when the house is being designed, not when the drapes are being installed, or your objections become protests. Just think about the retail scenario I'm highlighting though if you need to see it clearer. The store has people working

cash registers and self-checkout stations as options. Gradually, as more people are corralled towards the stations, it's not so important to have so many actual people working the floor. Soon you're left with nothing but a manager and some inexperienced people stocking shelves. Multiply it by a store the size of WalMart and now try getting your refund or exchange. No wait, the robot will help you with the refund – assuming you answer the questions appropriately.

As paranoid as this may sound, this argument isn't coming from a Luddite with no tech experience whatsoever. My job is actually heavily immersed in this world but there are times, and situations, that just don't need to be run by bots no matter how much "easier" it would make the process. I guess I'm saying I have no real issues with having to deal with the "imperfections" of another human being. Who knows, we might even like each other. Put that in your algorithm.



By Charlie Teljeur



Have an opinion?

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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: Who do you want to see win the Stanley Cup this year?



Doug Alton

Minden

I would like to see the Leafs win it.



Grace McDonald

Burnt River

i would like to say Toronto, but Winnipeg is coming along pretty good. As long as it's a Canadian team. If not, then the Vegas Golden Knights.



Kathryn Montgomery

Toronto

The Leafs. Auston Matthews is going to do the job. They've got a good defence and a huge fan base.



Mike Burrows

Minden

I hope this is the year for the Leafs. We've been waiting a long time for them to hoist the cup again.



Stephen Montgomery

Toronto

Winnipeg. They're pretty energetic and have a good mix of veterans and youth.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

Letters

Neither rain nor snow nor dark of night ... just efficiencies

Dear editor

Anyone who knows me, knows that I love to receive personal mail. I correspond with people across North America, in the U.K and Australia, and send hundreds of cards and letters every year. I'm old-fashioned. I like the personal touch. I like the sensation of ink flowing onto paper, as I compose my thoughts, feelings, observations, condolences, best wishes ... and I deeply appreciate receiving the same, from the people in my life.

I have become increasingly dismayed by the length of time it takes for family and friends to receive my carefully chosen cards, sent in a timely fashion ... and shocked to learn that often my mail has never been received.

Not wishing to cast aspersions on the lovely people who work at our local post offices, and who know me personally, I made enquiries. No longer does our local mail go directley to West Guilford,

Wilberforce, Tory Hill, Gooderham etc. the day after mailing, but it is shipped to Mississauga, to be sorted, cancelled and re-routed back to our local communities, and throughout the world. Our local staff have been downsized, and stripped of their ability to process local mail, and provide the efficient customer service so sadly lacking in the Canada Post organization.

With the cost of fuel today, I am hard-pressed to understand the efficiency of my mail travelling to Mississauga only to hopefully be returned to local recipients at some protracted date.

I now print on the front on my mail, the date on which it is sent, in the hope that, should it be received, the recipient will realize just how inefficient the time-honoured tradition of mail has become. I am not electronic. What else can we do.

**Cheryl Cohoon
Haliburton**

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Hershe, the Haliburton Forest's Moose. Photo by Mark Arike

Sick as a bunny

As I write this, I'm feeling a little bit sick. And, I know that the chunks of chocolate egg in the crumpled gold foil wrapper that sits beside my laptop will not make me feel any better but I unwrap them anyway. And I eat them one by one. I don't savour their taste. I don't cherish the silky smooth sweetness of the chocolate. I just eat them because it's Easter and that's what you do. I gorge on chocolate, most of it that cheap sickly sweet kids stuff, until I feel queasy. Then, I look at the few brown shards of egg that remain lying in the foil and I eat them too.

Can you get the chocolate sweats, because I think I might have them.

Now, for some of you, Easter is about a little bit more than confectionery. You will no doubt have other ideas about

this holiday just past. You'll point me to the Bible and remind me of stories of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. You'll chastise me for making light of a sacred religious festival and I'll be suitably ashamed of my 'throw-away' attitude of your version of Easter. But, I might come back with a question or two, such as, "so what have bunnies and eggs got to do with it, then? Where do they fit into the story, such that their images are ingrained into present day Easter festivities?" And, get this, squirrels, too! Plus a dinosaur, Chewbacca and large yellow Pokemon thing ... the list goes on, you see. The plethora of Easter gifts, all chocolate and candy, all given to celebrate a holy festival, all so lovely but ultimately so meaningless, too.

And there is it, I guess, what I am truly struggling with: the commercialization, the consumerist, corporate, calamity that has befallen a festival that at one time or another was the most holy of holy, the celebration of the resurrection, the realisation, the proof no less to his followers that Jesus was indeed the son of God.

Surely, we could celebrate this, be we religious or not, with a modicum more of respect. I get it, folks want a party or feast, a gathering and to go with it, lovely treats. So, yes, some chocolate should be included if you fancy, but in the shape of an anatomically incorrect Tyrannosaurus Rex! Let's ditch the dinosaurs and Pokemon. And especially the Easter squirrel.

What about the bunnies, I hear you say?

Well, every festival needs something that's round and cuddly, just ask Santa, and like his jolly fat redness they've been hanging around for eons but Easter squirrels, they should be kicked into touch. Or saved perhaps, for fall and the harvest festival and Thanksgiving when we can purchase the likeness of these chattering nut thieves pressed from plastic moulds in sickly sweet pumpkin pie flavoured candy. Now there's a million dollar idea!

But leave our Easter alone, you marketeers. Let us celebrate in our own chosen ways and only make ourselves feel sick while eating chocolate in the form of bunnies, or eggs or Jesus

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander news

Window rebates of up to \$5,000? *That sounds too good to be true!*

“That’s a typical reaction we get from those who hear about the new Green Ontario Fund rebate program for the first time, and with good reason”, says Wayne McNelly, General Manager of Nortech Windows.

“This government fund goes far beyond any previous renovation programs offering rebates for windows by offering substantially more money to homeowners.”

The mandate of the “GreenON” fund is to reduce greenhouse gases by offering incentive programs to encourage homeowners to increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

“This is very good news for anyone considering an upgrade to their windows at this time,” says Wayne.

The plan is very simple. The fund provides \$500.00 per window opening up to a maximum of \$5000.00. Earlier programs only offered \$80.00 per opening.

Homeowners need to meet only a few conditions to be eligible for the rebate, according to Wayne.

The replacement windows must be included on the Energy Star Most Efficient 2018 List. These high-performance windows feature very low heat transfer and are rated for Zone 3, which covers all of Canada.

Homeowners must be replacing an existing window, including the full frame. The opening must be insulated back to the wall studs for better efficiency.

The windows that are being replaced must be part of an existing structure. New construction is not included in this program.

The windows must be installed by a contractor registered in the program who holds a Window Wise Certification and is a member of the Siding and Window Dealers Association of Canada, which sets training, quality, financial and ethical standards and audits for its members.

“That’s basically it,” says Wayne. “Very simple. The contractor submits the required paperwork to the government on behalf of the homeowner.”

“The high performance windows will cost a little more, however, the cost is usually more than offset by the rebates. It’s our experience at Nortech that people are paying thousands of dollars less for the higher efficiency windows than they would have paid for regular dual-pane windows without the program.”

An added bonus is that participants will continue to save more on energy costs year after year as well, says Wayne.

“It seems to me to be a win-win situation. It’s better for the environment, and it’s better for the pocketbook.”

Wayne does have a word of caution.

“The program is slated to be around for 2018 and 2019.

However, the funds are limited, so when they run out, it will be over.”

Nortech is already experiencing considerable interest in the program.

“People are signing up even in the middle of winter,” says Wayne. “I think it’s going to be a very busy year. My advice would be that if you’re thinking of taking advantage of the program, it’s probably best to do it sooner rather than later.”

Nortech Windows, part of family-owned Nortech Home Improvements Inc., has been serving the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough regions for more than 20 years. Nortech’s goal is to provide the very best in products and customer service. As a result, Nortech receives most of its business from repeat customers and referrals.

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Highlander people



Mike Bachynski with his new scooter. Photo by Mark Arike.

Scooting around on his beloved mobile

By Jennifer Hughey

Mike Bachynski is loving his new ride.

The well-known Haliburton resident was floored when, after only 15 days, almost \$5,000 was raised for a new mobility scooter through a GoFundMe page, set up with the help of friend and former co-worker, Andrea Strano.

"I saw that Mike was having trouble with his old scooter and I wanted to be able to help him somehow," the local real estate agent said. Bachynski and Strano used to work together at Bowes and Cocks in Haliburton.

She told *The Highlander* about reading social media posts about Bachynski's old scooter, the repairs he was constantly having to make, and how it was likely that it wouldn't get him around much longer.

"I contacted Mike the next day and asked what he thought about the idea of me starting a GoFundMe page, with a photo and some information about him, and sharing the page with the community."

Bachynski was born with a form of spina bifida, a congenital defect of the spine which often causes paralysis of the lower limbs. In 2012, a bone infection resulted in the amputation of his left leg below the knee.

He said he uses a prosthetic, which helps him get around a bit better. But, without his scooter, he wouldn't be able to leave home and do things such as going to work at Community Living in Haliburton or errands in town.

"The scooter is important to me for my everyday travelling," he said. "If I didn't have one I would be housebound."

Strano said Bachynski was thrilled by

her offer and they decided to launch the campaign right away.

"The response from the community has been amazing," she said. "In just over two weeks, the funds were raised in full and [on Mar. 29], Mike received his new black scooter complete with a heavy-duty carrier."

Donations came from local residents, anonymous donors, business owners from out of town and the Lions Club of Haliburton.

"Many people stopped into the ReMax office to deliver their donations in person, and I was able to manually enter those donations into the GoFundMe account," Strano said.

Bachynski said he was shocked at the outpouring of financial support, especially an anonymous donor who tipped them over the edge.

"I would like to say thanks to everyone ... and that it was muchly appreciated," he said. "If it was not for the community coming together, and for Andrea and Jeff Strano with all their help with this whole process, I would be housebound."

For Strano, it's just another example of why Haliburton County is a great place to live.

"Mike is a really great guy, always smiling and friendly and helpful to everyone around him," she said. "I'm so happy that I could help out in this way. I think both him and I were both surprised at how many people came forward to donate, and that the goal was reached so quickly."

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Highlander health

HHHS appoints temporary board member

By Mark Arike

A long-time health care worker has joined Haliburton Highlands Health Services' (HHHS) board of directors.

Due to vacancies on the board, HHHS recruited Jane Adams by reaching out to the organization's Patient Family Community Advisory Committee (PFCAC). She was appointed a director for about four months, between Feb. 27 until the annual general meeting on June 21.

"I'm very pleased to be joining the board and I'm sure I'll find it very interesting," said Adams at a board meeting on March 29.

Adams said she's worked in six hospitals across the province as well as in South Africa. She's a social worker with a master's degree in ethics.

"My interests have spanned palliative care, discharge planning, mental health and certainly geriatrics," she said, adding that the challenges of delivering those services in a rural area interests her.

Adams has been visiting Minden for more than 40 years. Her husband's family are local residents. She said her heart is in health care and Minden.

The board also greeted John Smith, a Kennisis Lake resident who is the new chair of the PFCAC. He replaced David Coulson. His work experience includes senior positions with business and technology companies, including IBM. Smith first got involved with the committee two years ago.

He explained the committee, formerly known as the Community Advisory Committee, provides advice to the board and CEO.

HHHS currently has 10 board members and is looking to add two more. The nominating committee will interview nine candidates this month. They will present their recommendations to the board in May for presentation at the AGM. If Adams plans on staying on the board, she would need to be reappointed at that time.



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board welcomed Jane Adams to the table on March 29. Photo by Mark Arike.

Hospitals excel at violence prevention strategies

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has impressed the Ministry of Labour with its workplace violence prevention strategies, according to CEO Carolyn Plummer. And when compared to other health care organizations, it's set the

bar high.

Ministry staff recently visited HHHS to examine its strategies to keep patients, staff and visitors safe. Similar visits are being conducted at other organizations.

"The outcome of that visit showed we are

ahead of the game in terms of making sure we've got appropriate measures in place," Plummer told the board during a recent meeting. "Overall, it was a very positive visit."

HHHS has installed more security cameras

and panic buttons in both hospitals. The buttons allow staff to place an immediate call to police during an unsafe situation. Staff are currently developing policies to provide "background support" to the strategies, she said. (Mark Arike)

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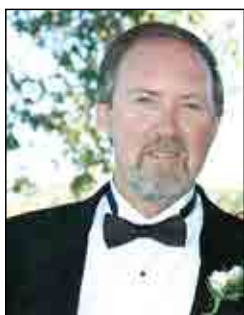
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Author unearths county's alcohol-fuelled past



Author Larry Cotton will talk about his latest book at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Saturday. Submitted.

By Mark Arike

Author Larry Cotton dug deep into the rough and tumble days of Haliburton and the Kawartha Lakes. What he found was that it was a lot like the Wild West, minus the many shootouts.

"It's every bit of Wild West as the Wild West was," said Cotton in an interview.

His latest book in the Trent-Severn Waterway series, aptly titled *Whiskey and Wickedness*, recounts the role whiskey played in the social and economic development of the area between 1825 and 1910. It was the lumber industry that opened the door to a lot of drinking, duels, prostitution and gambling. Shantymen, who were products of Scottish and Irish cultures, were prone to drinking and recreational violence, he explained.

"Drinking and fighting were part of their DNA," said Cotton.

Workers had a whiskey boss who would serve them alcohol while they were on the job. They also drank and fought at local hotels, such as The Dominion Hotel in Minden and The Pattie House in Cobocok.

"There's lots of stories about events centering around those two establishments," he said.

For example, one of those stories involves a gunfight on Bobcaygeon Road between the hotel's proprietor and a hotelkeeper from Gooderham, said Cotton.

He obtained many of the anecdotal stories from early newspaper reports. Some information came from the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

The book also features ghost stories, lake

monsters and sea serpents. It's full of pictures and old hotel advertisements.

Cotton, now 71, began writing in 2004, after retiring from a 40-year career as an environmental planner. He was interested in local history and told his golfing buddies about his research. They encouraged him to publish a book.

He's put out 20 books so far in the series and there are four "in the can." The next release will focus on Peterborough.

This Saturday (April 7) at 2 p.m., Cotton will do a book talk at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. The event is being presented by Bark Lake Cultural Developments. Admission is by donation. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

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2. *Cut You Down* by Sam Wiebe (AF)
3. *Surprise Me* by Sophie Kinsella (AF)
4. *Promise Me, Dad: a year of hope, hardship, and purpose* by Joe Biden (ANF)
5. *Same Kind Of Different As Me* (DVD)

Highlands East supports summer music festival

By Mark Arike

After presenting a budget to the municipality, the Gooderham Community Action Group will receive \$1,000 and in-kind support to host a music festival this summer.

Highlands East council unanimously approved the financial request on March 21.

The total cost of the festival is pegged at about \$2,600. Organizers plan to raise \$2,800 through vendor fees, sponsorships, advertising and the

municipality's contribution.

"Expenses would possibly decrease with the municipality providing the in-kind portion requested," said CAO Shannon Hunter in a report. They will offer free printing, valued at 25 cents per sheet, and social media promotion.

Earlier this year, organizers informed council the event would take place Aug. 4 from 3-9 p.m. Although it's free-of-charge, they planned on paying five musical acts \$700 each. That amount has decreased to \$400 in their budget.

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When: Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, located at 719 Mountain Street, Haliburton ON.

Representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs will be facilitating the session, covering topics such as the nomination and election processes, what to expect if elected, and roles and responsibilities.

Advance registration is encouraged by emailing Deanna Smith at dsmith@mindenhills.ca or calling 705-286-1260 ext. 212 by April 16, 2018.

Meeting and Events

Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Apr 12 - 9:00 am, Committee of the Whole Meeting
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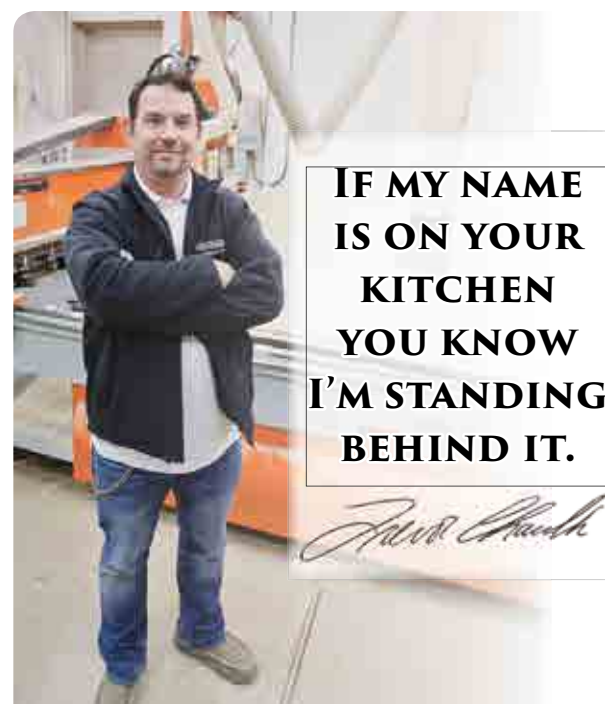
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Top left: A boy shows off one of his eggs. Top right: Evan Cole, 1, reaches under a car for an egg. Above: A young girl begins collecting plastic eggs. Far left: Children eagerly await the start of the hunt. Left, Avery Bullock, Kennedy Gill, Jazmin Smith, Tori Allen and employee Beverly Curry hold treats. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

A big crowd for Easter Egg Hunt at Curry Chevrolet

About 300 enthusiastic children and their families raced through the parking lot at Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited during the fourth annual Easter Egg Hunt. The

March 30 event was the most well attended hunt to date. After collecting plastic eggs, children traded them in for a treat bag and prizes. Other festivities included photos with

the Easter Bunny, face painting and balloons. Cupcakes, popcorn and hot chocolate were served. The free event is sponsored by the local car dealer. *(Mark Arike)*



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Highlander business

Chamber's influence expands beyond county

By Lisa Harrison

The growing success of the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce is translating into greater influence for its members and the community throughout the province.

Local net membership has grown by eight per cent in the past year compared to the provincial average of zero to two per cent, said president Richard Wannan in an interview. The county member retention rate is now 94 per cent versus the provincial average of 80 per cent. Many former members are returning. This year's chamber gala saw the most awards nominations to date.

At an Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) Advocacy Day, chamber manager Autumn Wilson met with Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, to discuss labour shortages. Wilson was also invited to serve on the "Bringing Your 'A' Game" panel at a Chamber Executives of Ontario conference, where she discussed the chamber's new workforce development marketing video tool to attract new businesses to the community.

Wannan said the chamber's recent progress is due in great part to Wilson, who has been manager for about 18 months. In the interview, Wilson cited the board of directors' responsiveness to her ideas, which she said makes her the envy of her peers.

Both expressed excitement over the "great opportunities" the chamber is experiencing to communicate the needs and concerns of local businesses (in which the chamber includes its non-profit members).

Wilson said her one-on-one conversation with Minister Hunter is a good example.

"I had let her know that ... because of the employee shortage ... we're at a point where our businesses are desperate for growth. They want to grow, but we just don't have the people to do it. And that's a really frustrating position to be in as a business."

This is the main concern the Chamber hears from members "so that's why these kinds of initiatives came about, and we started looking at ways to solve it," said Wilson. "It's good to see that work pay off."

Wannan chose community involvement as his main mandate and has been reaching out to strengthen relationships with organizations such as the Haliburton County Home Builders Association, service organizations, the county, the four municipalities, MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott.

"I think the municipalities is the big step, and the county," said Wannan. "To get the [county] funding we have for the workforce marketing video is incredible. We're partners in this. They're not just giving us the money."

The local chamber is one of the many



Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce manager Autumn Wilson (right) met with Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, at a recent Ontario Chamber of Commerce event. Submitted photo.

rural chambers providing strong feedback to the OCC.

"Over the past year, we've seen a lot more of the Ontario chamber reports [to Queen's Park] more related to what's happening here," said Wilson.

"So [serving as] the voice of business, we're really becoming the voice of business locally, provincially," said

Wannan.

"We have value that we give to our members, only the work that we do ends up benefitting the entire community, because when the business community succeeds, so does the entire community," said Wilson. "It's a very interrelated system – the businesses obviously can't be here without the people, and vice versa."

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2017 - 2018 TIMBITS INITIATION 1 YEAR IN REVIEW



A message from coaches Ryan Wood & Brad Park

Our Initiation 1 Timbit hockey team was comprised of 32 kids aged three to six in their first and second year of hockey.

Our season started with a lot of tears, frustrated parents/coaches and kids trying to learn how to skate.

We focused our efforts on trying to make hockey fun, while teaching the fundamentals of the game.

By the end of the season, we had lots of smiles, proud parents, and a team full of kids that were skating on their own and having fun!

The highlight of the season was the Glen Dart

Tournament, where our little stars got to show off their skills to friends and family, winning their first of many medals!

We would like to thank our sponsor, Tim Hortons and would like to thank Hydro One for making a generous donation to the team allowing us to purchase coaching aids, assisting in the children's development.

Also, thanks to all the coaches who helped out weekly; Ryan Scheffee, Chris Little, Mike Pockett, Chris Bishop, and Curtis Reynolds.

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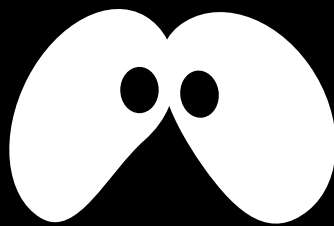
commitment of the parents who braved the weather and brought their children to the rink week in and week out, your support is appreciated.

In summary, we had a great, rewarding year. I hope all the children had fun and have acquired a lifelong love for hockey.

I look forward to seeing everyone next season! Make room for more banners, the future is bright for the Highland Storm!

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2017 – 2018 TIMBITS INITIATION 2 YEAR IN REVIEW



A message from coach Jesse Johnson

In the 2017/2018 season, I had the privilege of coaching the initiation 2 hockey team. During this time, with these boys and girls, we felt as coaches that our main goals were to teach basic hockey skills while still having fun. Our time doing this was very much a success for these young minds.

Our practices consisted of a lot of skating drills, both forward and backwards, tight turns, stops and starts, and crossovers. After our skating warm up, we would introduce pucks into drills. Lots of stick handling drills with the use of pylons and other obstacles. Shooting, passing and other competitive drills were also used. Lastly, at the end of the practice, we would have a scrimmage, which the kids loved most.

We had the opportunity to watch all these girls and boys develop over the course of the year. Everyone out there can now stop, skate backwards, pass, shoot, and play as a team. It's amazing how far they have all come as hockey players.

I would like to say thank you to all of the players and

parents for a great year and the support from coaches Jeff Iles, Stewart Hurd, Cody Mills, Jeff Wilson, Cory Simms, and Scott Addison. Big thank you to organizer/manager/coach Dawn Hurd.



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Highlander sports



Friday night A division winners were the team of Ed and Mary Copeland (spared this evening by Scotty Boyd and Pam Weiss) and Warren and Lisa Ross.



Thursday night A division winners were (L-R) Jeff Cook, Janice Cook, J.D. Thomas, Kevin McGillivray (sparing for Brian Hamilton).



Friday night B Division winners were (L-R) Dave and Barb Millington along with Gail Sheppard (spared this evening by Allison Mallette) and Brad Elkins.



Thursday night B division winners were (L-R) Richard Kennedy, Sandy Kennedy, Dave McKay, Tracy Benson.



Friday night League winners were (L-R) Ray Kidon, Janet Kidon, Jacey Baldry and Robert Hall.



Thursday night league winners were the team of (L-R) Jeff Cook, Janice Cook, Meribeth Barron, Robert Barron.

Minden Curling Club wraps up 2017 – 2018 season

The Thursday and Friday night mixed league finals were played at Minden Curling Club on March 22. This is always a fun event, winding up the winter season and acting like a springboard to golfing season.

Highlander events



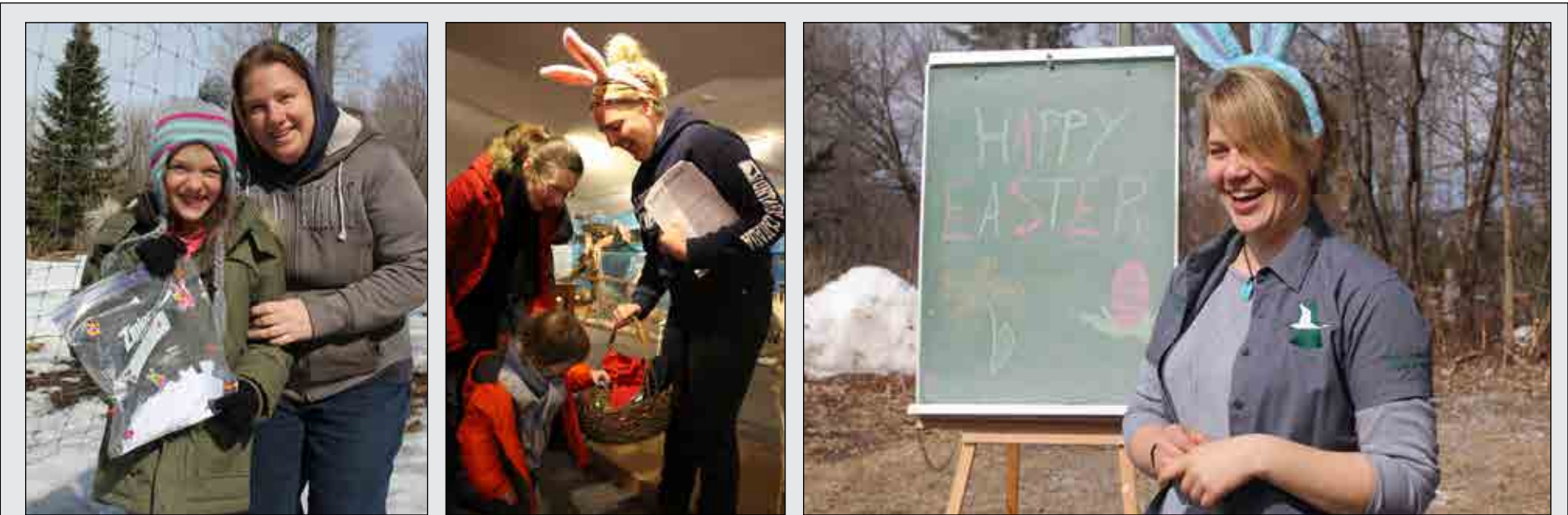
Left: Phil O'Reilly flips pancakes in the kitchen. Centre: Highlands East volunteer firefighters Jenn Woolcott and Shane O'Reilly serve pancakes and sausages. Right: Sydney Howlett enjoys a sausage and pancake breakfast with her parents, Laura and Matthew. Above: The Lloyd Watson Centre was packed last Saturday morning for the 40th annual Maple Syrup Festival. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

Maple Syrup Festival celebrates four decades in Wilberforce

The community came out in droves to celebrate four decades of maple-infused tradition in Wilberforce. The Lloyd Watson Centre was abuzz with activity during last Saturday's 40th annual Maple Syrup Festival. A fundraiser hosted by the Old Rec FUNraising committee, it featured all-you-can-eat pancakes and

sausage, kids' activities, a baked beans contest, flea market and crafts tables. Organizer Kathy Rodgers said there was so much interest this year that she had to turn away vendors. The baked beans contest also had more entries. "We mostly keep it [the festival] going because it's a

good event for the town," said Rodgers. About 30 volunteers contributed to the festival's success. Proceeds will help purchase new tables for the Wilberforce Fair. *(Mark Arike)*



Left: Brampton residents Anastasia Medeiros and her mom, Joanne, find a clue by Hershe the Moose's enclosure. Middle: A young child grabs an Easter chocolate from Jean Webb, outdoor educator and dog sled guide. Right: Outdoor educator Ines Wallner gives directions to visitors. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

Easter fun at the Haliburton Forest

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He was skiing in the mountains he loved when he left us in the late afternoon on March 1, 2018.

Lockie leaves behind his most precious treasures, his three children, Brody, Jordan and Whitney.

Together with his family and friends they will celebrate his life this summer when he comes back to his land and lakes.



In Loving Memory of

Earl Ashley Cooper

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at home where he was born 91 years ago, surrounded by his family and music.

Beloved husband of Eleanor Elspeth Cooper (nee Owens). Dear father of George Neilson Cooper (Shireen), Alan Ashley Cooper (Sophy), Elizabeth Elva Cooper (Paul-deceased) and Andrew Earl Cooper (Kim). Loving grandfather of Luke, Adam, Daphne, Melissa, Philip (Tatiana), Thomasin, Sharai and Logan. Survived by sisters Evelyn Bradley, Shirley Rapson, by sisters-in-law Mildred Cooper and Louise Cooper, and predeceased by his siblings Lorne, Bernice "Toby", Adrian "Al" and Sidney. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 5:00 until 8:00 pm and then to St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St., Haliburton on Friday, April 6, 2018 for visiting from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Earl's Life at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at St. George's Anglican Church (downstairs). Spring Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Masonic Service on Thursday at 8:00 pm at the Funeral Home.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation-Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Anna Karoline Franke



Born on January 26, 1938, Anna passed away March 25, 2018 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre with her family at her side. Lovingly remembered by her children Karen (Bill) Donaldson, Christian (Darcy) Franke; grandchildren Brandon, Amber (Tanner) Holly and Damian, extended grandchildren Brody (Sherrie) and Cody. Fondly loved by her brother Karl and sister in law Christa. Tante Annemi to her nephews and nieces, she held a special place in her heart for Gunter (Cyndi), Gordon (Angele), Sarah Louise, Samuel, Peter (Suzanne) Ryan, Madeline, Carolyn (Tony), Taylor and Noah.

Our mom is with our father, her husband of 58 years. We know they are now out camping, next to the water, fishing and relaxing after a lifetime of not sitting still.

Private family cremation arrangements. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Robert & Noreen Bishop

(Residents of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at their home in Eagle Lake, surrounded by their family on Tuesday morning, March 27, 2018. Loving parents of Rob (Michelle), Chris (Nancy), JD (Janice), Angela (Doug) and Steve (Joanne). Fondly remembered by their loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. Bob Bishop started R.J. Bishop and Son Real Estate in 1958. He created CATV Cable TV in Haliburton and Minden. They purchased Sir Sam's Inn in 1965 and cleared three trails and installed a T-Bar lift for the winter of 1965/66. They sold the Inn in 1979 to James and Liz Orr. The family has run the ski business for the last 52 years.

Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held. Those wishing to remember Robert and Noreen may do so by making a donation to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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"Thank you for a wonderful life in My Haliburton Highlands."



Paul Brewer

1945-2018

Paul passed away in Campbell River Hospital on March 16, 2018. Paul lived on Cortes Island, BC as a paramedic for many years. Having previously lived in Ontario his love of nature inspired him to acquire property in Haliburton where his parents Kay and Alf (predeceased) retired. Paul was a wandering soul which took him on many adventures. His quick wit and ability to make people laugh was renowned. He moved back to Haliburton in 2016 and stayed until 2018 when he decided to venture back to Cortes Island.

Paul will be greatly missed by his family and friends.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

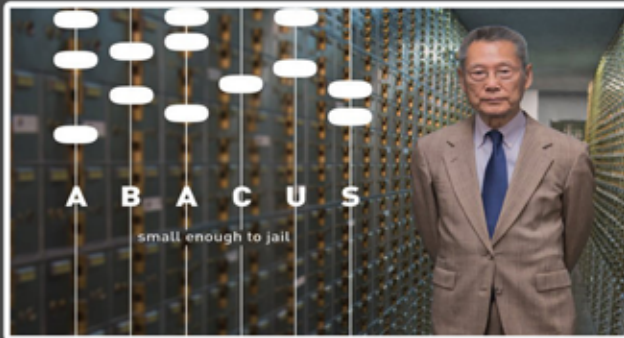
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SATURDAY APRIL 7TH 2018



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A gripping real-life legal thriller with far-reaching implications. Accused of mortgage fraud, Abacus becomes the only U.S. bank to face criminal charges in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. The indictment and subsequent trial forces the Sung family to defend themselves--and their bank's legacy in the Chinatown community.

2018 Academy Awards nominee.



2:00 PM **BOMBSHELL: THE HEDY LAMARR STORY** 90 MIN

When Nazi U-Boats torpedoed a ship carrying 83 school children during World War II, Hollywood movie star, Hedy Lamarr, "the most beautiful woman in the world", decided to exact revenge. At night, after shooting her scenes on set, she worked on a secret radio system that would revolutionize communications all over the world.



4:00 PM **FACES PLACES** 89 MIN

Faces Places is a lively, fun, stirring tribute to art and its ability to touch people and bring souls together. Equal parts breezily charming and poignantly powerful, Faces Places is a unique cross-generational portrait of life in rural France from the great filmmaker, Agnès Varda.

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7:30 PM **RUMBLE: THE INDIANS WHO ROCKED THE WORLD** 103 MIN

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What's on

Doc(k) Day shines light on important issues

By Mark Arike

This year's Doc(k) Day film festival will shine the spotlight on people who were once silenced but are now being heard loud and clear.

"It's going to be a really interesting ride," said Tammy Rea, a member of the organizing committee. "At the end of the day, the message is positive."

The lineup for this Saturday's festival at the Pinestone Resort includes Abacus: Small Enough to Jail, Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story, Faces Places and Rumble: The Indians Who Rocked the World. They will be shown between 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The last documentary, for example, looks at how some of the most treasured artists and songs found their inspiration in ancient native melodies and harmonies that were infused with a desire to resist. Rea says it's timely because of Pope Francis's recent decision not to apologize for what happened at Catholic-run residential schools.

After the film, local residents Stan Russell and Joe Truss will reflect on their music careers and discuss the role of Indigenous people and the politics of music, said Rea.

Also that day, moviegoers will hear a story about one man's battle with Facebook. Will Riley, a former local who now lives in Montreal, claims the social media giant wouldn't allow him to register his band's name, The Gays. He will join the festival via Skype for a short chat.

They are also going to show his new music video, filmed by Rea's students in the Haliburton School of Art and Design's Moving Image Design program.

"It ties in with our theme about being accepted for who you are, and people trying to squash that out," said Rea.

This is the seventh annual festival hosted by Those Other Movies, a non-profit organization. It's usually held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, but organizers relocated to the Pinestone when they were told about renovations. Those renovations aren't happening anymore, said Rea, but it was too late to move it back this year.

"It's nice to have it all in one place," she said.

The films will be shown in the ballroom on a big screen. The sound system is being provided by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Conversations will take place in the former Heatherwood bar.

Free popcorn will be available all day and complimentary appetizers will be served after the last film. Patrons can buy food and drinks from the resort.

Rea believes people enjoy the community conversations that happen and the local angle they incorporate in it.

About 60 passes have been sold so far but more are available. They are \$30 each. Individual tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$10. To get yours, call Lisa Kerr at 705-286-3696 or visit brownpapertickets.ca.

More information about the films can be found at haliburton-movies.com



Tammy Rea, a member of the Doc(k) Day film festival committee, talks to the audience at a past Doc(k) Day. *File photo.*



Social worker and TV host in Haliburton for workshop

Dr. Gary Direnfeld, a renowned social worker who hosts a reality show, is coming to Haliburton to talk to parents about "raising awesome kids." His presentation is today (April 5) at 7 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

"He promises to be an enlightened and

entertaining speaker," said Jackie Mayhew, head secretary at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The event is being put on by the school's parent council and is possible because of a \$1,000 Parents Reaching Out Grant.

The workshop addresses the stress on

children and families, and provides practical tips to manage and thrive while building resiliency and capacity in kids, according to a poster. Parents will be able to ask questions. The event is free.

To learn more about Direnfeld, visit yoursocialworker.com. (Mark Arike)

At left: Dr. Gary Direnfeld will talk to parents about "raising awesome kids." *Facebook.*



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9 a.m. – noon – Volunteer Income Tax Service, at the Haliburton Legion. Service runs each Friday until Apr. 20, 2018

April 7 & 8

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Lindsay & District Annual Spring Train Show, at Victoria Park Armoury, 210 Kent St. W. Lindsay – Held each year since 1974, the show continues to attract large crowds of ardent train fans and families seeking entertainment. Thomas the Tank interactive layout will be appearing this year! Admission \$5/adults, 6-12 years \$2, under 6 free! See Idmr.org for more info.

Saturday April 7

8 a.m. – noon – Highland Grove annual pancake breakfast, at the Highland Grove recreation centre. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, coffee/tea, juice, fresh syrup! Adults \$8, kids \$6.

10 a.m. – noon – Flying Club: Dorset indoor model airplane and helicopter flying, in the gym of the Dorset Rec Centre. All interested flyers (children welcome) should contact Peter Kourtz at 705-766-2722 for more information. Cost is \$1 per person & indoor gym shoes are required.

Noon – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends "Guitared & Dangerous", at Minden Legion. Light lunch available noon – 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m., show from 2 – 5 p.m. No cover charge.

4:45 or 6 p.m. Lochlin Community Centre Spaghetti Dinner, at 4713 Gelert Rd. Bring your family and enjoy an evening while supporting your community centre. Adults \$12, Kids under 12 \$6, 4 and under free. For reservations call Nancy 705-286-3339.

Monday April 9

9 – 9:45 a.m. – Walking Club at Dorset Recreation Centre. Daily guest fee, or free with membership. Call 705-766-9968 or email recreation @algonquinhighlands.ca for more info.

10 a.m. – noon – Tai Chi Class at Dorset Recreation Centre: Learn to

relax & energize with Tai Chi, Chi Kung & Meditation on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. (Advanced Class from 10 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.). Beginners welcome! Pre-registration is required. Classes are taught by Valerie Houston Peel of Temple Knights Holistic Martial Arts. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Yoga at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Bring your own mat, a towel and wear comfortable clothing. The cost is \$10 per person or pay what you can. All levels welcome. recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca 705-766-9968.

Tuesday April 10

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Selling Food to Ontario workshop, at Dorset Recreation Centre. Come out to learn about food regulations, opportunities, trends, getting your product out to resorts and restaurants, costing and pricing. \$10/person, registration required. Register at (705) 766-9968 or recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca. Bring a lunch, light refreshments provided.

Environment Haliburton Enviro Cafe 7:30 pm Minden Cultural Centre: food waste/ hunger/ climate change and what you can do about it.

Wednesday April 11

9 – 9:45 a.m. – Walking Club at Dorset Recreation Centre. Daily guest fee, or free with membership. Call 705-766-9968 or email recreation @algonquinhighlands.ca for more info.

10:30 am - 12:30 pm – Sexual Health Clinic. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

2 – 3:30 p.m. – Volunteer Income Tax Service, at the Wilberforce Legion. Service runs until Apr. 25, 2018

Friday April 13

9 – 9:45 a.m. – Walking Club at Dorset Recreation Centre. Daily guest fee, or free with membership. Call 705-766-9968 or email recreation @

algonquinhighlands.ca for more info.

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Saturday April 14

10 a.m. – noon – Flying Club: Dorset indoor model airplane and helicopter flying, in the gym of the Dorset Rec Centre. All interested flyers (children welcome) should contact Peter Kourtz at 705-766-2722 for more information. Cost is \$1 per person & indoor gym shoes are required.

11 a.m. – Dave Chalmers Memorial Dart Tournament at the Coboconk Legion branch 519. \$80 per team, includes doubles. Register at 10 a.m. start at 11 a.m. sharp. Lunch included with entry fee.

1 – 3 p.m. – Minden Animal Hospital's "Customer Appreciation Day" – A great way to meet the staff if you are new to the area, or just want to visit our facilities, and for our valued clients, a chance for us to thank you for your loyalty. Refreshments, cake, and events. Hope to see you there!

8 p.m. Haliburton Folk Society open stage, at the Haliburton Museum. Every second Saturday of the month. Singers, story-tellers, spoken word artists are invited to perform. Haliburtonfolk.com/open-stage.html

Monday April 16

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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 6p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot -last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 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 cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

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

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

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.;

Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed

darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts;

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Apr. 11 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

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Moore Lake - \$589,500



Big Lake View

This 4 bdrm., 2 bath Home or Cottage will surprise you. It offers everything you need for waterfront living. 193 feet of excellent shoreline with Southern exposure on a 3-lake chain. The lot has loads of level space for entertaining and fun. A huge Quonset hut holds all the toys and provides a great workshop area. Beautiful perennial gardens and landscaping, a wrap-around deck, fabulous sunroom and best for last – a gorgeous kitchen!

Benoir Lake – Deeded Access - \$345,000



Amazing details and craftsmanship have gone into this 4-season getaway. Cedar log cottage with 2 bdrms on the main floor and a large loft overlooking the livingroom. Cathedral ceiling with loads of windows. Comes fully furnished with handmade furniture – ready to use. The lot is level and lovingly landscaped with a little pond off to the side. Deeded access to a beautiful sand beach, excellent swimming and miles of boating.

Point Lot Cottage - \$895,000



Amazing point lot cottage with a Viceroy cottage built in 2007. Almost 400' of water frontage on a 2-lake chain with excellent swimming and boating. The year-round cottage has cathedral ceilings, a prow front to enjoy the view, spacious kitchen/dining area, and a fabulous Haliburton Room. 3 bdrms plus space to create a fourth in the lower level with walkout.

Beautiful Home/Cottage on 3-lake Chain - \$825,000



A gorgeous property with 650' frtge on both Benoir Lake and Fishtail Creek, 5.26 acres of wooded property and excellent privacy. The 2,076 sq. ft. home is quality-built with soaring livingroom ceilings, large dining area, 3 bdrms., 2 baths and so much more. Wait until you see the 2-bay oversized garage with loft above!

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- 3 Bedroom Cottage with Lots Of Wood Finishings, Cathedral Ceiling
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- 3 Bedroom Year Round Home/Cottage on Lake Chain
- Level Lot, Sand Shoreline, Sunset Views
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- 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Year Round Home/Cottage
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- West Exposure, Sunsets, Extensive Docking
- Oversized Drive-Thru Double Detached Garage with Loft
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- 3+2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home/Cottage in Quiet Lake Bay
- 262.59 Feet Frontage, Sandy Shoreline, Deep Water off Dock
- Open Concept, Many Upgrades, Private Deck
- Partially Finished Walk Out Basement
- Hours of Enjoyment at Your New Getaway

\$449,900 PERFECT GETAWAY



- 2 Bedroom Cozy Cottage with Bunkie
- 104 Feet of Clean Rock Shoreline, South Views
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