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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Players compete during the last weekend of the 2014 Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. See story on page 13.

Pond Hockey investment pays dividends

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Now that the snow has settled and the players aren't on the ice, Head Lake is a lot quieter than it was over the past two weekends during the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships (CNPHC).

The event, which returned to Haliburton for the second year in a row, brought approximately 177 teams to the village or close to 1,100 players.

"We were jammed the second weekend," said Neil Lumsden, executive director of the event and J-Core Marketing. "We were almost at capacity. It would have been tough to play

any more games."

Between Jan. 31 and Feb 2, a total of 103 teams participated in games of shinny in the masters division. Most of these players were 35 years of age or older.

When asked how he would rate the success of this year's event, Lumsden said it was "outstanding."

"The response right across the board was just phenomenal," he said, explaining that he received positive feedback from veteran players and those who joined in more recent years.

"We've had a number of people – through Facebook – want to register for next year."

Although temperatures on the first weekend

were extremely cold, the volunteers were just as thrilled to be part of the event, said Lumsden.

"It was all hands on deck – people were awesome."

At the end of last year, the CNPHC announced that it had gained not-for-profit status. Prior to this 9th annual event (for its first seven years the event was held at Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville), it was hosted by J-Core Marketing, a sales and marketing firm based out of Hamilton.

J-Core Marketing continues to be involved in the event and provides services on a contract basis.

"People get paid on their hours," said

Lumsden, pointing out that surplus funds would not go to these paid contractors or J-Core Marketing. "That money stays – in a pot – that we build for execution next year."

One of the reasons to apply for not-for-profit status was to create an opportunity to seek out grants, said Lumsden. If the organization is successful in obtaining grants, it will allow them to buy pieces of equipment that will stay in the community for other groups to use. After this year's event, a trailer and three bambinis (ice resurfacing machines) were left behind.

The trailer, for example, could be used to help out the food bank during the summer, he said.

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Drivers will soon have to find a new way onto Bobcaygeon Road.

Change of direction: no left turns onto Bobcaygeon Road

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden Hills council has voted in favour of prohibiting left turns from Water Street onto Bobcaygeon Road, in a bid to attempt to reduce traffic issues at the problematic intersection.

Councillor Ken Redpath expressed his concern with the change during the Jan. 30 meeting of council, suggesting that banning left turns would create a parking problem. Redpath said that traffic coming in from any direction would be forced to avoid parking on the west side of the street.

"Either way you come in, you're going to be northbound on Bobcaygeon Road," he said. "You can park on the right side or east side, but how do you park on the left side without actually going across the bridge, making a U-turn and coming back?" Redpath said that council should consider prohibiting right turns instead.

Road superintendent Kevin Hill said that either a no left or no right turn bylaw would relieve some of the traffic faced at the intersection, but that he would be concerned about the need to reroute school buses through Milne and Newcastle streets if a ban on right turns at Water Street was implemented.

"It's a visibility issue as well, that you have to creep out into traffic onto Bobcaygeon in order to see a clear line to your right while making that left turn," said Councillor Brigitte Gall. "That's what causes the back-up that goes down Water Street. Prohibiting a right turn might address it but isn't an optimal solution."

Councillor Lisa Schell made note of the difficulty residents would have in getting to the hospital from Water Street if right turns were no longer allowed.

Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she would only support the reduction of speed on Bobcaygeon, and that prohibiting turns either way would not solve any problems.

"It may not be a perfect solution, but I think we need to get some experience with it," said Reeve Barb Reid. "If it creates some unintended consequences, then we revisit the issue. If it solves the problem, then we're good to go."

Reid suggested that it would be important to receive community input about the changes.

The new regulation will be implemented in May, along with crosswalk delineations that will cause the loss of two parking spots at the intersection. Council will assess the impact of the changes at the beginning of August.

New Highlands logo

By Sue Tiffin

County council chose a new Haliburton County logo on Feb. 5 after much discussion and after sending original concepts back to Crystal Image Studio to tweak. The new logo will not use the graphic intended to convey Haliburton's closeness to nature and the arts, but will be text-based with the county's slogan, #MyHaliburtonHighlands laid against a black background. The logo was revealed on Twitter that same day with councillors encouraging its immediate use.



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Highlander news

Propane prices put the squeeze on customers

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton County residents and business-owners are rethinking how they'll get through the winter as propane prices soar.

Mark Penman, manager of The Perfect Bite Eatery in Gooderham, said back in September he was paying \$1,000 to fill his three 420-lbs propane tanks. In January he paid \$900 to fill one-and-a-half tanks.

He was charged \$1.60 per litre.

"I was shocked," he said. "This is our first year as a business. We certainly didn't expect that kind of jump in propane. It's bad enough with Hydro."

The increase has caused Penman to adjust his daily operations in order to use less fuel.

"Basically what it did to us is make us start to turn the grills off and the fryers," he said. "You just have to start thinking about propane. Where we would come in and fire the grill on, we don't do that now."

The menu has been adjusted, focusing on easy-to-make items like soups and sandwiches that require less fuel to prepare. They've also decided to close early on Wednesdays.

"I keep thinking I wish I could put up prices that quick and people not say anything," Penman said. "You can't pass [the extra cost] on to customers. We live in an area where there's only 412 full-time jobs. Everyone's on a fixed income. We can't all of a sudden say coffee is \$2 per cup."

Where before The Perfect Bite was going through its three tanks every two or three weeks, Penman is now trying to make it work with only two tanks per month.

"It changes your business plan... you're still going to use propane, but you're not running full line."

James Callow, president of Budget Propane, said the resellers aren't happy

about prices either.

"Our control margin is very limited," he said. "The pricing comes from the producers."

Callow acknowledged the hardships his customers are facing, with propane prices almost double what they were six or seven months ago.

"This is unprecedented in the industry. There's going to be ups and downs, but it's never been like this before."

"Nobody predicted what happened this year."

The reason behind the price hike, according to Callow, is a lack of supply.

Much of North America's propane has been exported to Europe or Asia, where they pay a much higher price than we do domestically.

Propane is also used to dry crops like corn during crop dry season. So when you combine the wet fall – which meant more propane was needed to dry the crops – with the cold winter, the stress on the already-reduced supply of propane became too much.

In Sarnia, Ontario's major trading hub for propane, the demand to send the fuel to

eastern Canada and into Ontario has contributed to high prices.

Right now, Budget Propane is charging just over \$1 per litre of propane, however it was \$0.60 per litre only seven months ago. Callow said he's heard some companies are charging \$1.60 per litre and that's very high, but he's not sure of the circumstances behind those rates.

Callow said relief is on its way.

"As warmer weather comes in, there will be less demand and that will lower pricing," he said. "This cold weather just hasn't stopped."

However, Callow added that although there likely won't be a shortage again next year, if prices return to normal it won't be for another few years.

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James Callow
president,
Budget Propane

Murder trial to last 2-3 months

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Four men accused of murdering Ryan Kennedy are on trial in Oshawa.

Tin Wai Hong, Mason Gillard-Gatza, Nathaniel Cain, and Raphael Guerra, each face charges of first-degree murder and attempted murder.

The four men are accused of killing Kennedy, a 21-year-old Minden resident,

at a house on South Lake Road on Oct. 21, 2011.

Brendan Crawley, senior coordinator of media relations for the Attorney General's office, said the trial, which began on Jan. 21, 2014, is estimated to last two to three months. It is being heard daily in courtroom 208.

Crawley said the Crown would not comment on the case while it is before the courts. The case is under a publication ban.

Editorial opinion

Left in the cold

Two weeks ago I received a near-panicked call from my landlord.

She's been living in Florida since the weather turned cold. While she and her husband are away, Ashley and I look after the house – we rent the basement unit – and her on-site office.

We heat with wood, but the cold weather necessitated the use of our furnace. It runs on propane.

The landlord had just received her propane bill and she wasn't happy. She thought the tank should have lasted longer, but understood when I explained why we needed to use the furnace. It was the \$1,000 bill for the tank refill that really ticked her off.

I remember thinking how crazy that sounded. A thousand dollars for a refill – who can afford that? We have an all-inclusive rent agreement and I don't normally see heating costs, so I chalked it up to me underestimating how much propane we go through at the house.

It was about at that point when I started to hear the horror stories. The outrageous cost of propane was shutting people down. Families couldn't heat their homes, and businesses were closing on slow days because it wasn't worth staying open.

And the weather? Well, the snow kept falling and the temperatures stayed well below zero.

So what happened? How did the prices go from \$0.60 per litre to over a dollar within months?

My conversation with the president of Budget Propane, a reseller, was enlightening.

He told me it was a supply demand issue, which came as no surprise. The vast amount of propane that is harvested in Canada and the U.S. was exported to Europe and Asia

because they pay more. Without the reserves of propane, the wet fall and cold winter caused an increase in demand that simply couldn't be matched.

A perfect storm, you could say.

So what are we left with?

Well, what I was told is that the prices will come down, but it's going to take time. They may never fall back to what they were before, but it's also unlikely we'll see a shortage like this one again, either.

In the meantime, it's unfair to ask customers to pay these exorbitant prices. But what choice do we have? It's find the money, or freeze.

Resellers like Budget Propane have the option to help out by offering payment plans and not penalizing customers for late payments, but they, too, have to pay for the fuel they sell. They're also feeling the pinch.

No, it's unlikely we'll see any financial relief to help us through the rest of the winter. What we can demand, however, is better management of the propane supply.

I'm sure the wealthy gas barons, in their high-rise, electric-heated apartments, would happily continue to export vast quantities of propane out of the country for unimaginable (to us) profits. Unfortunately for them, we need that gas here. And that's where our government needs to step in and ensure that Canadians have guaranteed access to our own resources at reasonable prices when we need them.

If that means a cut in profits, so be it. Better that than frozen, broke Canadians.



By Matthew Desrosiers

The value of nothing

One of the currents crisscrossing the Highlands lately concerns the steady drip-drip of public sector contracts lost by local businesses. It's an important topic because for most of the year, the public sector is the main source of money coming into the Highlands economy.

Add the salaries of municipal and county employees, teachers, healthcare workers, grant-receiving non-profits to all public sector money that is used to purchase goods and services from local businesses, and it's by far the largest contributor to our economy. Nobody knows how large – and I've tried to get that kind of information – but I'd venture to say that at this time of year it's in the range of 75 per cent or higher. When you add in the CPP, OAS, allowances and benefits paid by the federal government, the figure could be much higher during our long, relatively quiet winter.

So when public sector organizations decide to save money, their actions have a serious impact on the Highlands economy. Lately they've been forced to, not because of overspending or mismanagement on their part, but because their funding comes from a province that throws away money like a kid in a leaf pile. For the province to continue giving \$500 million to offshore power plant investors, and it seems weekly six figure severances to incompetent and/or avaricious Crown corporation employees, it has to squeeze thousands of small towns and organs of civil society to give at least the impression that someone cares about what happens to taxpayer money.

One instrument of this sham austerity is the province's purchasing rules for public sector organizations, created partly in response to profligate spending and abuse by people working for said province – the vast majority of the culprits within a mile of Queen's Park. The rules are intended to ensure taxpayers get "value for money" but, perhaps unsurprisingly, have the effect of favouring big companies and often end up costing more.

The first problem is that the province has two contradictory definitions of "value for money". When it comes to external consultants and executives at Crown corporations, we are told we must pay the absolute top dollar to get the best people, a demonstrably false yet persistent belief. Yet when it comes to contracting out services like transporting non-emergency patients, for example, the argument is that taxpayer money can't be wasted and the lowest bid is almost always the best value.

Winter road maintenance is a good example of the false economy inherent in these myth-driven policies. In olden times, the plow driver worked directly for the town. If he was late, he'd get a call from his boss. And if he really screwed up, he'd

have to face the ire of his neighbours.

More recently, such jobs were often outsourced to local businesses who could generally provide the same services at a lower cost while still making a profit. Though the driver's accountability was no longer direct, the owner of the business was still a phone call away from the nearest reeve who would be on the horn in no time with a what-for if the job didn't get done properly. That same owner knew he would also suffer the wrath of friends and neighbours were he ever to leave them skidding on the roads, just as the owner of this paper knows that the local supermarket or community event is fair game for any and all complaints about what you read here or the state of the world in general.

That is accountability.

Today, as part of the drive to save money, our provincial highways are cleared by an Australian-based multinational. In theory, this company is accountable to a government contract and the ministry that signed it. In practice, however, there are no meaningful consequences for poor performance. Do you think the CEO of that company lies awake at night worried if our roads are clear? Do you think that one of our Reeves, who represent the people for whom these roads are plowed, can call and get some answers?

Of course not. Genuine accountability has been replaced with the illusion of accountability – along with a ton of paperwork and people dedicated to maintaining that illusion.

The multinational may have offered the best price, but in terms of value we've lost two things: service quality and accountability. We've also lost the income that used to be earned by local businesses for doing this work, with which they would shop in our local shops; those local business owners would also send their kids to our local schools and make use of our local health services, creating sustainable demand, the bedrock of a healthy economy.

The irony is, when you add up what we lose in tax revenue and local income, and subtract the loss of service quality every one of us can see with our own two eyes, these savings are actually costing us quite a lot. When it takes people or goods an extra hour to get to their destination because the roads aren't clear, that costs our entire economy. We won't need hospitals, schools, non-profits and municipal governments if there's no tax base and population to support them.

It's a perfect case of knowing the price of everything and the value of nothing.



By Bram Lebo

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Correction

In the article Film premiere 'Haliburton cool' (The Highlander, issue 119, pg. 15) we stated that Tammy Rea is the owner of Sticks and Stones Productions. That was incorrect. Tammy Rea is from Sticks and Stones Productions, a not-for-profit social enterprise dedicated to creation, education and exhibition in media arts. The Highlander regrets this error.

Letters to the editor

AH council has it wrong on shoreline use bylaw

Dear editor,

The council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands is proposing a bylaw to licence the use of shoreline properties owned by the municipality. This proposal will have significant impacts on those property owners who have structures like steps, decks, docks, boathouses, etc. on these shoreline properties. The proposed bylaw may in fact make it extremely expensive to retain these decades old structures, if not impossible to retain them.

Council is seeking ways to reduce their risk exposure of having the liability of the use of their lands by others (taxpaying cottagers and permanent residents). The proposal requires that these structures meet modern building codes and the township's zoning bylaws. Can you imagine all these decade old structures built by do-it-yourselfers decades ago having to meet modern building codes? The result will be that they will all have to be torn down and in many instances they cannot be replaced even if they did meet the current laws due to the restrictions of this proposed bylaw. Say goodbye to the cottage and its value.

In addition to having to meet the modern laws, council is also proposing some onerous application fees for the license to use their lands that have been enjoyed by the residents in many locations for almost a century now with little to no liability issues. The bylaw will also require the resident to indemnify and save harmless the township from any claims (legal gobbledygook that really says don't sue

me, sue them). Don't we already pay for that kind of insurance in our taxes through the township's corporate insurance policy?

Council is also trying to pass this bylaw with little to no solicited input from their constituents. A draft of the bylaw is already in place. Have you been advised of this? No you likely haven't and councillors have said "but we haven't had much feedback on this bylaw." No, of course you haven't, because you haven't asked. Council conducts municipal business that affect so many seasonal property owners during the time of year when the population is at its lowest and they wonder why they haven't had much feedback? Try advertising in tax bills and provide much more information on your website when you propose bylaws that have such huge negative consequences to the taxpayer. Have you ever called your constituents to ask what they think, Madame Reeve?

Council needs to rethink this proposal, they need to be fully transparent and conduct a public process that informs the public and seeks their input. Council needs to rethink this bylaw and find a solution that is much more palatable to all those who are affected.

Residents of Algonquin Highlands, pay attention to what your council is doing and express your satisfaction or dissatisfaction this coming fall when the next municipal election takes place.

C.A. Campbell
Halls Lake

Photo of the week



Photo by Guenter Horst

An eagle is caught mid-flight during an early morning visit to the Scotch Line landfill.

Harcourt no place for bombs

Dear editor,

It is with great dismay that I read that a company testing military equipment is considering Dysart et al as a place to come to. The company explained that they will be detonating bombs underground without asking about the damage that it will do to

local aquifers, local wildlife and the beautiful Elephant and Benoir Lakes that we all enjoy. Is this the vision we hold for the Haliburton Highlands, to be a test site for bombs? I certainly hope not.

Darlene Buckingham
Tory Hill

Hey Kyle, long time no see

Hey, look who it is. It's Kyle! You know Kyle, don't ya? You've got to. He's here, there, and everywhere. He's the guy who installs your satellite TV. He's the guy who serves you coffee at Tim's. He's the guy who fixes your computer.

Yeah, I thought you knew him...

Now, you may think I've picked the name Kyle at random and am using it as a nickname for the guy that everyone knows; the chap who you do see almost wherever you go and wonder just how you always seem to bump into him. And I could be doing just that, apart from the fact that Kyle is real, and he's my guy. He's the one who at regular intervals throughout my four years of living in Haliburton I have bumped into and each time he greets me with a big smile and a hearty handshake.

I like Kyle.

I have to admit that I was unsure initially, though.

He was the guy, who, as I mentioned, came to install my satellite TV dish when we first moved here. Just three days into living in Haliburton, just three days into living in Canada for that matter, we booked a service engineer to come and hook us up,

and the very next afternoon Kyle knocked at our door. There he was, big smile, hearty handshake, dish in hand. Boy this guy could chat. As he worked he bombarded me with questions.

"Where are you from? Why come here? What do you do? Who's this little guy? What's the wife's name...?" And on and on but all in such a polite, and smiley manner that this reserved Englishman couldn't help but pour out his life story.

Then, TV installed and just a few checks to make, Kyle flopped down into an armchair and told me all about his life. In order to seem polite my lovely wife offered him a cup of tea and he accepted. Of course he did. And we chatted some more. By the time he left I felt like I'd known Kyle for years. I also felt like he'd stolen part of my identity, such was the sheer amount of information that I'd divulged to this satellite service engineer stranger.

I didn't quite know what to make of it but the TV worked OK so all was well.

Not six months later we bought a house and moved from our rental accommodation. We needed the satellite rewired in the new place and who should turn up? Kyle. Not

surprising I guess. Same guy, same area, and so I thought nothing of it. We had the same super friendly chat as before, with Kyle now seeming to assume the unofficial role of official Canadian sage to all of my new Canadian questions. He stayed longer than he had to. He relaxed back into an armchair as before. He smiled lots and gave hearty handshakes at the start and end of his visit (I call it a visit because it was more than a service call with Kyle. I bet old ladies loved him visiting for a chat and a service call, such was his warmth and familiarity).

Then, I didn't think about Kyle again for over a year. It's not that I'm mean hearted, just that I didn't have TV issues and didn't bump into him on the off chance. But, that all changed when I went into Tim's and there he was, hairnet and all.

"Hey, Will. How's it going?"

I took a moment, possibly longer than a moment to recognize him, I'm sure.

"It's Kyle, your TV guy!" he boomed.

How foolish I felt. My Canadian sage stood there larger than life and I'd not recognized him. The line grew longer behind me as Kyle chatted, his big smile

intact, his eyes noting my sidelong glances at the growing restlessness of the queue, his nonchalant wave saying 'hey, who cares, we're chatting.' Good old Kyle.

And then, some two and a bit years later, just the other day in fact, my laptop broke down. I called a local technician and he told me to bring it in. As I put the phone down a spark of recognition flickered. That voice...

Yep, you guessed it. Kyle.

"Where have you been? You've been gone for ages," said my lovely wife when I returned from the computer store. I laughed heartily and smiled, just like Kyle would have, and told her who I'd just met. Again.

Now you understand. Now you are thinking, 'oh yeh, I know Kyle,' or Bob, Brandon or whoever. He's that guy: the one who's always got a smile and a hearty handshake for you. The one you hope never to meet when you're in a rush and the one who always sends you away grinning. Thanks Kyle. I'll see you again soon.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: How are heating fuel prices affecting you?



Delores Blair
Haliburton

They are not bothering me at all. We use electric and it is about the same as last year.

Harley Vineham
Gooderham

Well they are a little expensive especially when you have a family of five. Right now we are heating with wood and even it is expensive.



Helen Hall
Haliburton

Of course they are bothering me. Somewhere some fat cats are getting very rich as they sit there and the money rolls in.

John DeWilde
Tory Hill

You would not believe how they are bothering us. It is unbelievable because we heat with propane. The cost is terrible.



Steven Mann
Minden

We heat with an electrical furnace. The hydro delivery charge is what annoys me a lot. It costs more than the electricity we use for our heat!

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin



Photo by Mark Arike

Volunteer Jane Schmidt greets a player at the entrance to the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships.

Championships put 'heads in beds'

Continued from page 1

Over the past two years, the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) have invested \$40,000 into the event (\$10,000 each per year) since it was relocated to Haliburton. Lumsden couldn't confirm if requests for financial assistance would be made for next year's event.

"I have no idea. We're going to continue to do sponsorships on our end, we're going to continue to do some local sponsorships..."

Lumsden said that with all of the players, their friends and family coming to the county, the return on investment is substantial.

"The investment that they make – the county in dollars – I looked at very much like a tourism buy. The money they spent came back 10, 11, 12-fold – in heads in beds, food and beverage, gasoline, shopping and all those

other things."

Many of the players stayed at the Pinestone Resort, which according to what Lumsden heard was booked solid during the final weekend of the event.

Within the next month, the players will receive a survey with a number of questions, said Lumsden. One of the questions in last year's survey asked them about their spending habits during their time in the county.

"They all spend between \$250 and \$300 a person, which includes their food, dinners, their hotel, or lodging of some sort. Then you just multiply that by the number of people that came that were playing, and all of a sudden there's the dollar that sits within the community itself and stays there."

When asked if local businesses in the area would be surveyed for their feedback, Lumsden said that would be "a little bit tougher."

"We want to first talk to our customers to see what they think. We've had responses from a lot of people in the community that bought a rink sponsorship... my feedback was it was well worth it."

A report will soon be prepared and submitted to the county for their review, said Lumsden.

"We monitor everything pretty closely, but we haven't talked about that side of it. We're trying to build it to find a way to bring more players here, for longer periods of time."

A new initiative at this year's event was a food drive for the food bank. According to Lumsden's most recent figures, players donated over 700 lbs of food.

"That's a good thing," he said.

Last year, volunteers from the Haliburton & District Lions Club collected approximately \$4,300 (a portion of proceeds) for their club by manning the event's food and beverage

tent over the two weekends, said Lumsden. Although the final total was unknown as of press time, the same arrangement was made this year.

Local supplier Summit Foods provided the food they sold at a discounted rate, which allows for "a better profit margin," said Lumsden.

As for the future of the event, Lumsden said it would be nice to secure a long-term commitment.

"Let's get it done so we can continue to build on the relationships we've started, whether it's from a sponsorship perspective or a fundraising perspective or grants or any of those sorts of things, so that we're locked in."

He did confirm that everything would once again be held at one venue, saying "it's the only way to go."

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Meetings and Events

February 11

7:00 pm, Events Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Community Centre, Hindon Room

February 13

9:00 am, CoTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00am)

1:00 pm, Budget Standing Committee and Budget Public meeting, Minden Council Chambers

February 15

5:00 pm & 6:30 pm, Lochlin Spaghetti Dinner, Lochlin Community Centre, call 705-286-6087 for reservations

February 16

8:00 am, Minden Fire Department Annual Family Fish Derby, Pigeon Lake,

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* Chili Competition~ Curling Club

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* Inner Tube Soccer~ Parking lot by Scout Hall
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* Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides!
Starting at 10am. Meet outside arena.

* Figure Skating Performance~ SG Nesbitt Arena
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Highlander news

Gall, Neville throw their hats in the ring

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Brigitte Gall and Jean Neville both say they spent their first term in office learning as they went.

The councillors, Gall of Ward 1 and Neville of Ward 3 (Snowdon), have filed their nominations as incumbent candidates in this year's municipal election race and both say that they feel confident about their role on council with one term behind them.

"It's a real learning experience and I'm still learning," says Neville. "You're kind of thrown in and all of a sudden you're passing laws, and it's not easy the first go around."

"You fly by the seat of your pants and then you figure it out," says Gall. "There were so many growing pains in this term, and it was never a big secret that there were some rather large issues on the table. I feel I've learned to navigate some of those larger, contentious

issues."

Neville, a mother of three and grandmother to two, says that she is proud of her effort in this past term and that she was successful in being involved with half a dozen committees. She doesn't live in Snowdon Township, but owns 100 acres of land there and lived most of her life there.

"I know most of the Snowdon residents – I went to school with some of them. I think that's really important to get to know the people. I think I've gained a lot of trust with a lot of people. They know I'm sincere, I'm not just doing it because I'm a councillor."

In the next term, Neville wants to continue working to upgrade and promote Snowdon Park so that it becomes more prevalent in the community. It's a major project which she says has a glimmer of hope because of this year's proposed budget. She also wants to get more municipal funding for small community centres.

"I thrive on being busy," says Neville, a Rotarian. "I don't know what to do with myself if I have a day off."

Gall says that she is a worthy candidate because of her own life experience. She says as a mother of two she can advocate for those with needs that relate to children, and that she, along with fellow councillor and parent Lisa Schell, bring that awareness to council. She says that because she was a seasonal resident prior to moving here, she can understand the concerns of taxpaying cottagers and can help them understand the process to become a full-time resident. And she says that she lived out of her house for 34 days last year when her family was affected by the flooding so she shares the expectations of those in the community in regards to emergency planning.

Gall says that she is interested in seeing more communication available to residents, and that the redesigned Minden Hills web site will allow for that.

"I'd like to see more town halls with direct dialogue. That was one of the things we ran on, but we only had two meetings. What happened? It's a great idea, and an extraordinary opportunity to let people know what's going on and to also get information."

Gall says that in the next term, there are exciting opportunities like the Pan Am Games and the Senior Winter Games for Minden Hills residents to move forward as a community that has more pride, and that she wants to help cultivate that.

"We know we're not Muskoka, but we haven't identified yet who we are. I think after the pivotal event that was pond hockey, we'll see our town through the eyes of other people and recognize ourselves in that. We'll say, 'oh my God, we're extraordinary!' It's not, 'I just come from a small town.' No, you come from this small town."

Dysart candidates file papers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two current Dysart councillors have filed their nomination papers for the 2014 municipal election.

Current Ward 2 councillor Dennis Casey has filed for deputy-reeve, while Ward 4 councillor Susan Norcross registered for the same seat she has held since 2010.

As of press time, current deputy-reeve Bill Davis couldn't confirm whether he would seek re-election or not.

No other nominations have been filed at this time.

Nominations close on Sept. 12 with the election taking place on Oct. 27. A full election guide for candidates and voters is available online at www.dysart.ca.

Health care boards to merge

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Work is underway to bring Community Care Haliburton County together with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) in a merger that will see the two organizations become one by July 1.

Dale Robinson, HHHS past-chair and head of the nomination committee, met with Community Care's committee to break the ice and start working through how the post-merger governance model would look.

"Specifically, we focused on board make-up, number of vacancies, how we're going to fill those vacancies, and so on," Robinson said at a HHHS board meeting on Jan. 30.

When the merger is complete, the new entity – which has yet to be named – will maintain a 14 board member maximum, he said. Currently the HHHS board has a 14-member maximum, but only has 11 directors, leaving three vacancies.

"It was agreed those vacancies for the coming year will be filled by board members from Community Care," Robinson said. "One of the vacancies that will be filled will be the vice-chair position."

Robinson said this week he would be sending an e-mail to the existing HHHS board to find out who intends to remain on the board, who will be seeking renewal, and to ask whether or not there are any resignations.

"If we have further resignations or people stepping down, any vacancies that we have will be filled if possible... by members of the Community Care board."

Robinson said the meeting between the two organizations started off uneasily, but both groups had a positive outlook by the end.

Maureen Ruttig, Community Care's executive director, said her organization is satisfied with how the meeting went and the decisions that came from it.

"We sat down with [HHHS] and had a really great meeting," she said. "We as an organization are going into this merger with a very positive outlook because we want to do things right the first time. This is a good thing overall for the community."

Ruttig said having three seats on the new-look board of directors is acceptable.

"Our biggest thing is... we want to ensure there is a very strong board of directors for this one new entity."

The way Community Care chooses its board members is similar to that of HHHS, where directors are chosen based on what skills they bring to the table.

"We're all on the same page and in the same book," she said.

HHHS chair Len Logozar said the two organizations have targeted July 1 for the merger, at which point the new entity will take over.



By Sue Tiffin

Water flows on Bobcaygeon Rd

A water main broke on Bobcaygeon Road on Feb. 4. Township crews were there to fix the pipe and had it repaired that same day. Those on the scene weren't sure about the cause of the incident.

Highlander arts

Too fast, too dark

The thing about winter was you had to experience it outdoors. Maureen had been telling her co-workers this for years, often to the rolling of eyes or mechanical head nodding. But she also practiced what she preached. Skating, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and just plain walking in the frosty air filled her weekends. With warm clothing, she found she could be quite comfortable. And the really cold days also usually meant a deep blue sky and sparkling sunshine.

However, winter nights were another story. She hated driving in the dark and feared getting stranded on an out-of-the-way road in a blizzard. This had never happened, but she thought the more she could avoid such travel, the less chance it ever would. Moonlight on snow was lovely but best seen through her kitchen window.

The one winter activity Maureen had never tried was snowmobiling. The opportunity had not presented itself. But it sure looked like fun. She often saw the sleds zooming

across the lake, like ants on icing sugar, their whine carried up to her house on the hill. Rarely would she see a single machine. Like ants, they tended to travel in groups.

So when her neighbour Gerald offered to give her a ride on his brand-new, never-thought-he-could-afford-it snowmobile, how could she say no? Besides, it was the kind of day Maureen loved – cold, clear and bright. Gerald even had a snowmobile suit for her. It was his wife's but she had had to stay in the city for the weekend.

When Maureen climbed aboard behind Gerald she felt strange hanging onto his waist. However it only took a moment for that feeling to go as Gerald quickly accelerated and they lurched forward across the lake.

Maureen found herself holding on for dear life as they sped into the open expanse of white. She had not counted on her smooth nylon clothing sliding around the sled's seat. If she didn't keep her arms tightly around Gerald's thick middle, she would have slid

right off the machine. Of this she had no doubt. Gerald seemed totally oblivious to her predicament as they zoomed along.

While Maureen had skied on the lake in the past, riding a snowmobile over the same terrain was a different matter. For one thing, they were travelling fast, covering a lot of ground quickly. Maureen had not realized how many bumps they would encounter. As the ice expanded and contracted in the fluctuating temperatures, pieces were thrown upward, forming ridges like the back of some giant prehistoric animal. Hitting these at a high speed could be jarring and sometimes she wondered if she was squeezing Gerald breathless. He gave no indication of discomfort. All his concentration seemed to be on hanging onto the handlebars.

They were heading toward the bridge that marked where one lake merged with another. Maureen surmised they might stop for a coffee at the little café. For once she would be one of those women who pull off their helmets and let their hair tumble out like a surprise.

Just like a real snowmobiler.

What an experience, thought Maureen. Although sometimes rocky, other times they seemed to almost fly across the smooth ice. The rush of air on her face and the wide-open expanse before them was exhilarating. In that moment Maureen felt free as she had

never anticipated. Even the sound of the sled's engine seemed to fade into the background, leaving only speed and space to fill her consciousness.

Now that space had begun to contract somewhat as they drew closer to the narrows and the bridge. Maureen knew there was a trail along the shore that led up to the highway and the cafe.

Up ahead she saw the black of open water where the current between the two lakes never froze. To the side and well back from the ice's edge was the trail, obviously well travelled. But then Gerald began to slow down. In a minute he had stopped, lifted his visor and turned toward Maureen.

"Do you see that?" he asked her with an odd look on his face. She also lifted her visor and followed his pointing arm. Two lines from a snowmobile's tracks stood out on the otherwise flawless white. They were fresh and they ended where the water began. She felt her stomach turn over.

Later they heard the news with their coffee. A youth had gone into the water the night before. Another reason not to travel at night in the winter, thought Maureen grimly. On road or lake.



By Sharon Lynch

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. Carthage: a novel by Joyce Carol Oates
2. A Song for the Dying by Stuart MacBride
3. Worthy Brown's Daughter by Phillip Margolin

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. The Sports Gene: inside the science of extraordinary athletic performance by David Epstein
2. RRSPs: the ultimate wealth builder by Gordon Pape
3. The Land Between: encounters on the edge of the Canadian Shield edited by Thomas F. McIlwraith with The Land Between Circle

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. Jackpot: a Swindle Mystery by Gordon Korman (JF)
2. Baby Penguins Love Their Mama by Melissa Guion (Picture Book)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. In a World... (DVD)
2. The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

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Highlander business



Photo by Mark Arike

Consultant Jim Blake provides an overview of the recent changes to the Eastern Ontario Development Program.

HCDC announces \$2.5M commitment

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Due to recommendations from the federal government, the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) will focus on jobs, innovation and growth over the next five years.

Along with this set of priorities, the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) will have access to \$2.5 million to help create new "sustainable" jobs and new "innovative" businesses.

"I think all of us collectively can make all of this work for us, and make a better community out of it," Andrew Hodgson, vice-chair of the HCDC, told a large group gathered at an information session held at the Pinestone Resort on Jan. 28.

Hodgson said that despite the recent changes to the EODP, it's going to continue to be "a very good program." He pointed out that in the past, the HCDC has been able to fund projects on a year-to-year basis.

"We're now able to fund and be a part of projects for five years," he said.

The first area of focus will be to promote the growth of new and existing businesses.

"You can see a pattern here: create new, sustainable jobs," said Jim Blake, a consultant who has been working with the HCDC since the inception of the program.

Supporting research and development that has "a strong potential for the creation of new products and services" will be

another key priority.

"You just don't go from having an idea to all of a sudden having a product that's out there being sold," said Blake. "There's a lot of research and development that has to happen. So through EODP, we can support businesses and organizations to undertake that."

Collaboration between businesses and organizations to undertake "broad initiatives" that could lead to "new wealth" in the community will also be identified.

Eligible projects can be one-year or multi-year, up to five years.

"That's pretty exciting. People can actually do long-term planning and have a long-term project. The federal government saw the light and understands that development actually takes longer than a year for some things to happen."

The EODP will contribute up to 50 per cent of the cost of a project with a maximum contribution of \$100,000. Applicants must contribute at least 50 per cent in cash to each project.

For each year of the program, \$225,000 will be designated for business development while another \$225,000 will go towards community innovation.

Blake indicated that each year \$50,000 of that will go to cover administration costs.

In the past, a variety of programs fell under the EODP umbrella. Some of these

included the Skills Development Program, Business Planning and Market Expansion initiative, and the Youth and Non-Youth Internship programs.

From the next five years, things will work a bit differently.

"We don't have those distinct programs

anymore," he explained. "What we have is this implementation program, and so what we're saying is basically whatever it takes to implement your plan – whether it means hiring new

people, whether it means sending your staff off to get training, whether it means buying some new technology – all of those things are bundled in there."

Several local residents attended the information session to find out about the changes, and what they could mean to their business or organization.

"I am concerned that the new guidelines will reduce the number of applications to EODP and increase the competition to the Local Initiatives Program," said Thom Lambert, a volunteer who is involved with several organizations. "I do think that there are some great possibilities for funding within the arts sector in the Collaborative Economic Development Projects, but it will require some out-of-the-box thinking on the part of arts organizations, local government and the tourism sector."

The Local Initiatives Program supports local projects that are incremental (a new initiative, enhance existing activities or in addition to existing activities) and involve not-for-profit organizations. This program pays up to 80 per cent of eligible costs.

Lambert was impressed with the way the HCDC staff presented the information, which can be complex at times.

"Their preparation and presentation really show a commitment to local businesses and non-profits," he said.

Heather Reid, director of operations and strategic initiatives for Abbey Gardens, was equally as impressed by what she heard.

"I think that the event was another great example of how lucky we are to have HCDC in our community," said Reid, adding that she attended the event to learn and network with other local organizations.

"Abbey Gardens is excited about expanding our work to benefit the Haliburton community and the EODP program could assist us in moving forward."

According to Andy Campbell, general manager of the HCDC, the organization has been managing the program locally for 10 years. The program is available throughout eastern Ontario and delivered by 15 Community Futures Development Corporations, including the HCDC.

To learn more about funding opportunities available from the HCDC call 705-457-3555.

You can see a pattern here: create new, sustainable jobs.

Jim Blake
consultant

Highlander sports



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Lord Stanley's Cup was on display during the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament cocktail party.

Morrison comes through for Community Care

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The weekend was a busy one for Scotty Morrison at his charity hockey tournament from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 to benefit Community Care.

A charity cocktail party started the event off on Jan. 31. Guests were fed with appetizers from Rhubarb restaurant, the Stanley Cup and Memorial Cup were on display, and both silent and live auctions enticed attendees to donate to Community Care. Morrison estimated that the past five years of the event had raised \$138,000 and anticipated

raising more this year. An autographed Cody Hodgson hockey stick sold for \$400 to George Smith, son-in-law of Doug and Ruth Mitchell.

"I wanted it," said the Newmarket resident after the win. "We've got Matt [Duchene]'s stick and we wanted Cody's too."

Hodgson and Duchene were generous sponsors of the event. Besides donating collectibles, they also sponsored ice time and the cocktail party.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey was at the cocktail party to support Community Care, an organization that he said was involved in helping his mother.

"I just know the work they do," he said of

his reason for attending the fundraiser. "I don't know what we'd do without them."

Former NHL linesman Ray Scapinello was the special guest at the party. The intended guest speaker, CHL president and OHL commissioner David Branch, was absent due to illness. Scapinello shared stories of his NHL experience and encouraged those listening to donate to Community Care.

"You don't know how important Community Care is until you need them," he said.

The hockey tournaments showcased 33 hours of hockey, including an exhibition game between the former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Redmen and Red Hawks.

That game, on Feb. 1, was refereed by Scapinello and former NHL linesman Bob Hodges, and saw a lot of competition between the two teams. The game ended in a 1-1 tie but the Redmen won the game in an overtime shootout.

"I really think we're going to exceed last year's total [raised]," said Maureen Ruttig, Community Care executive director, after the event.

She credited the charity committee and volunteers for doing a good job.

"Everyone enjoyed themselves, there was a great turnout, and the sportsmanship from the hockey teams were fabulous."



Photos by Sue Tiffin

The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships came to a close this past weekend as the Greybeards and Masters divisions champions were crowned on Head Lake.

Pond Hockey winds down

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The ice on Head Lake was busy with activity again this weekend for the final days of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. The Masters weekend took place from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 and, despite low temperatures, players and volunteers said they were having a good time.

Jamie Walker, who owns property in Ingoldsby and is part of The Kash Raiders, enjoyed the ice time despite his team of just four placing last in the Grey Beards – Pool A.

"It's just an opportunity to get a bunch of friends out," he said at half-time, which his teammates were aching for after a few minutes out on the ice.

Winners of the weekend's tournaments were the 2nd Rate Dames (Women's Masters division), the Dawgs (Greybeards division), and The Relaxos (Masters Champ division).

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Haliburton Family Medical Centre Pee wee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Leading into their play-down with the South Muskoka Bears, The Highland Storm Pee wee AEs, sponsored by the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, were consistently looking better and gaining momentum. The trend continued into their first two games against the Bears in the play-downs. The first game was played in Haliburton and the Storm came out strong, outplaying and forechecking the Bears at every turn. Although the Bears were first to draw blood, the squad quickly came back off the hot hand of Carter Bull on a goal that was assisted by Colby Lamshead and William Petrie. Unfortunately, halfway through the third period, the Bears capitalized off a defensive miscue and then stole the lead for good on an empty-netter to win 3-1.

The Storm were not to be deterred though and started the second game in Minden much the same as the first. Forechecking has always been the key for this unit, and in this game the Storm may have put in their best effort of the season. Paul Turner fed Tanner Crang for the first goal of the game and although the Bears stole the lead briefly in the second on two quick goals, Denver Allore wrested a beauty from the side of the crease that was assisted by Crang and Lexie Tait to tie it up. Bull reclaimed the lead with help from Brady Baldry and Turner but the Bears evened up again in the third. Noah Black's blast from the point powered its way past the Bear goalie for the winner and Baldry sealed the win for good on a determined empty-netter that was assisted by Black to tie the series.

Unfortunately, momentum is as elusive as trying to grasp water and in the third game the wheels started to fall off. On this night, the Bears took over to reclaim the series and they would never look back.

By the time the fourth game's second period was over, the Storm were in a tough spot. Down 3-0, the squad had to dig deep

and find a way to turn their early misfortune around, but it was not meant to be as South Muskoka won the series and ended the season for this hard-working squad.

Special thanks to our sponsor, Haliburton Family Medical Centre, to the trainers, Jamie Walker, Brad Robinson and Brian Alexander, to the fantastic management courtesy of Shannon Robinson and to our head coach, Jarrett Campbell, for volunteering their time and making this a great season. Thank you also goes to the parents for coming week in and week out and continuing to support the team no matter the score. But most of all, thank you to the Pee wee AE players.

The Lions Club Atom AE

Submitted by Richard Smith

It's the best time of the year for hockey fans. The Lions Club Highland Storm Atom AEs played two playoff games this weekend, home and away. On Saturday, the Storm stole a big 4-0 win off the first place Huntsville Otters in Huntsville. It was a terrific game for the young club, where they dominated every aspect of the game.

On Sunday the Otters barged into the Minden rink and slammed the Storm back. The Storm worked hard and played well but couldn't get a bounce. The 8-2 final doesn't reflect the team's effort as they were down early but refused to quit. Nick Phippen scored unassisted, and later on Phippen tipped in an Emma Tidey shot as the two scrapped in the Otter crease desperately trying to get their team back into the game. Now we've got ourselves a playoff series and our hands full. Good times ahead.

Well done kids!

Dollo's Foodland Pee wee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

The Dollo's Highland Storm Pee wee A team defeated Parry Sound in Minden on Saturday and again in Parry Sound on Sunday advancing to the next playoff round which will start against Gananoque next weekend. The game in Minden started evenly in the first period with no score until finally Parry Sound scored a short-handed goal early in the second period when the Storm team got caught deep in the Parry Sound end and had to scramble on a one-on-one Parry Sound play. This, however, was soon followed by a Highland Storm power play goal by Nick Dollo after Parry Sound took their second penalty of the period. Tied 1-1 going into the third period Highland Storm dominated the rest of the game with Lucas Haedicke scoring the game winner early in the period on a rebound with assists by Dollo and Sean Walker.

The Storm started off strong and had good puck possession in game two in Parry Sound but ended the period down a goal. The Highland Storm tied the game in the second period when Dollo scored on a shot from the slot assisted by Haedicke and Sean Walker. Dollo scored again late in the period after he deked the Parry Sound defence and put in a shot again from close in. With the Storm team up 2-1 going into the third period,

the Parry Sound team fought back as their coaching staff in desperation donned their lucky green top hats and their team scored twice late in the period.

The Storm tied it up and took the game to overtime, where they won with an empty-netter with 5.1 seconds left in the game.

The Highlander Midget A

Submitted by Wendy Sisson

The Highlander's Highland Storm Midget A team, though putting up a good fight, has had their season come to an end.

After winning the first game against Ennismore, the next would be a loss to the home team in their barn. Game three was back in Haliburton and despite a hard-fought game the Storm would come up on the short end of a 5-2 score. Stats for this game were Curtis Ballantyne scoring both goals with assists from Noah Dollo and Devon Upton.

Game four was back in Ennismore with a must-win for the visiting team. The Storm would go up 2-0 with the home team getting a goal late in the second before intermission. In the third, the Eagles would even it up only to have the Storm go ahead again. The home team would tie the score at three and get the winning goal in the last minute of play in the game. The parents and players would like to thank our sponsors, The Highlander, and the coaching staff: Jaime Dollo, John Ballantyne, Mark Snell and Gord Wood for a fun and successful regular season. This team won the Brian English tourney in Elmvale for the second straight year and finished the regular season in first place. Good luck to the rest of the Storm teams!

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Craig Smith

The Highland Storm Smolen Dentistry Bantam As took on Parry Sound on Friday Jan. 31. The Shamrocks knew that they had to win or else their season was going to end.

In the first period both teams were battling hard but neither team could beat the hot goaltenders. After switching ends the boys realized that the nearly full house at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena were ready to see some action. Forty seconds into the second period Matt Wilbee opened the scoring with assists from Nolan Flood and Jake Bishop. Half a minute later, Kyle Cooper made it 2-0 on a pass from Ethan Keefer. The Shamrocks battled hard but were facing elimination as the Storm turned it up late in the second with 3:17 left when Chase Burden scored assisted by Chris Thompson and Ethan Keefer. Then another goal at the 2:02 mark from Nolan Flood, assisted by Owen Smitty Smith and Matt Wilbee, to end the period 4-0.

The Storm came out strong three minutes into the third when Keefer scored, assisted by Cooper and Chase Burden. Then came the Storm's final goal at the 6:06 mark by defenceman Jacob Bishop from Wilbee to put them up 6-0 before the Shamrocks were finally able to beat the hot Storm goalie Josh Bellefleur to end it with a 6-1 victory. The Storm wins the series 3-0 and will now face

the Ennismore Eagles. Games could start next weekend but the schedule is unknown at this time.

Minden CARQUEST Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Highland Storm Midget B girls started their league playoff Sunday afternoon in Minden. They hosted the Durham West Lightning in their first round of the Lower Lakes East Midget B division. The Storm took the challenge to Durham West from the beginning faceoff generating many scoring chances in the first period, mostly as a result of the numerous penalties the Lightning took.

Early in the first period, Sydney Feir wristed home the eventual game-winning goal off a nice feed from Alicia McLean. The Storm continued to have many power play advantages and capitalized with their second goal midway through the second period. Sydney Feir tallied her second of the game to put the Storm ahead 2-0. Connor Marsden made save after save, and along with our defence, shut down the Lightning the rest of the game. The gritty Durham West squad never gave up their attack trying to break the shut-out, but could only get on the score sheet with their penalty-filled effort. Great first game Storm girls! Get ready for game two in Pickering Saturday to finish off the series, hoping to avoid Sunday and a game three.

Tom Prentice Trucking Bantam AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

After a long hiatus, the Bantam AE Highland Storm squad, proudly sponsored by Tom Prentice Trucking, started their play-downs this past weekend by playing a home-and-home against the Huntsville Otters.

The Storm dominated the opening minutes of the game, pressuring Huntsville from the first puck drop. Despite many chances, the Storm were unable to capitalize and as the seconds ticked away on the first period it was the Otters that were able to score first.

The Storm continued their relentless pressure and were rewarded when Matt Manning's shot from the point deflected off Zak Shantz stick and into the back of the net, but the momentum shift didn't last for long. Three unanswered goals by Huntsville sealed the game away despite Jon Morrison's beautiful goal top shelf in the dying minutes to make it 4-2.

On Sunday, the squad travelled to Huntsville and on the very first shift the puck found its way back to Aiden Garbutt who fired it past the unsuspecting Otter goalie. As has often been the case though, Huntsville came back to even it up on the very next shift. It was a tight-checking affair with both teams trading many chances, but the Storm would prove to be the better squad this night. It was a great game for the Storm. Be sure to come out to Haliburton on Thursday night at 7 p.m. and cheer the Storm on to victory!



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Highlander sports



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Fraser MacDonald pipes in the teams during the Todd's Independant bonspiel.

Bonspiel at curling club hosts locals and tourists

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The Haliburton Curling Club hosted an invitational bonspiel of 60 curlers for the Todd's Independent Tournament last weekend. Both local and out-of-town curlers joined the event, which went through the night and lasted until the early hours of the morning each day. Some curlers, like Michelle and Mike Horner, Dominique Proulx and Denis Lafrenieve, came from as far away as Sturgeon Falls. The guests said they thought Haliburton was beautiful, cozy, and very busy. "It's so busy in Haliburton this weekend that we thought we'd be sleeping at the curling club," said Michelle.

The weekend was a good one for John Smillie of Haliburton, who lost his match but made what Haliburton curler Wayne Hussey proclaimed was "the best shot he'd ever seen." "His last name's Smillie, and he was smiling when he made that shot," said Hussey. Smillie waved off the attention, saying that Hussey "doesn't get out very much." He did acknowledge that the shot was exceptionally rare, but that in the end it didn't matter because he still lost. Hussey said the bonspiel was great and that he was looking forward to more curling events in the future. The Highland Lassie Bonspiel for women will take place on March 1.

Local musher embarks on Yukon Quest

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On Feb. 1, local musher Hank DeBruin and his team of huskies got off to a strong start in the Yukon Quest – a 1,000-mile race that starts in Fairbanks, Alaska and ends in Whitehorse, Yukon. "And they are off!" wrote Hank's wife, Tanya McCready, in a post on Facebook. "Ward [McCready] and I both agree we haven't seen Hank this nervous since his first Iditarod. Maverick and Charlie [led] out and the team had a smooth march to the starting line with the help of local snowmobilers tying onto the back sled for control." Early Wednesday afternoon, McCready told The Highlander that DeBruin was in 12th place out of a total 18 teams. "The team is running well, everyone is healthy and currently making good but very careful time up the Yukon river which is very icy toward Dawson City where there will be a mandatory 36-hour layover," she wrote in an e-mail. Together, McCready and DeBruin own Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton. DeBruin competed in his first Yukon Quest in 2011 and the Iditarod in 2010 and 2012. McCready confirmed that the "handler crew" arrived in Whitehorse at 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday. She posted that two of the

dogs – Howler and Jay – were now out of the race and with the crew. "Jay was dropped because he got too hot on Rosebud Summit and Howler was dropped because she was a bit lame on her back leg and got too hot on the run Monday on Birchy Creek," she wrote. The first 200 miles of the race proved to be very challenging for the team, McCready reported. "Folks have been commenting he is running slow. This is not a coincidence. The first 200 miles of the trail were very tough for the dogs and while some were a little sore we were lucky in that we had no serious injuries." Due to a mix of mild temperatures, freezing rain and a thaw in Fairbanks just prior to the race, the trails from Fairbanks to Rosebud were "very hard and fast making for fast times." These trails, said McCready, are tough on the dogs' feet, wrists and shoulders. The snow in Rosebud was "punchy," which meant the dogs sunk into it. After that they faced an "overflow." "Overflow happens when things get mild and water runs but stays on top of the ice, making for a wet, cold, slushy crossing. Not fun for dogs or musher." For regular updates on Hank and the team visit the Winterdance Facebook page or check out a live race tracker at www.yukonquest.com.

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OBITUARIES



John Dron
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Suddenly in his condo in the Port of Newcastle, Ontario, with his loving wife, Diane Dron, by his side. Survived by daughter, Liane (Richard), and sons, Kevin (Laurie), Mike (Jennifer), Dan (Kim), and Jim (Leah). Papa to Eve; Grandpa John to William, Ellie and David; Ryan, Ari and Sofi; Kelsey and Scott; and Katie and Cassie. Best friend to Shawn Hagerman and friend of many others.

John was born in Saskatchewan and spent half his life in Toronto, before moving to his much loved "Shining Times Farm" in Haliburton, where he resided until this past June. He retired at 50 from Regal Greetings and Gift, where he worked as a Warehouse Manager. Retirement consisted of being a stay at home dad to daughter, Liane, and working the occasional construction job for various local cottagers. John enjoyed reading, gardening, fishing, making maple syrup, cooking, volunteering, playing sports, and travelling, especially to Myrtle Beach. Forestry conservation was a particular passion of John's and he planted hundreds of trees on his property in Haliburton and donated numerous plants to the Drag River Rehabilitation Project. He was a member of Stanhope Township's Recreation Committee for many years and a member of St. Peter's Church. He was considered by many of Liane's teammates to be the team's biggest fan, as he frequently attended practices and sports events. Many will miss him dearly as he leaves a gaping hole in so many hearts. In lieu of flowers the family asks that a donation be made to the SickKids Foundation or a tree be planted on your property in the spring.

You are invited to attend a celebration of John's life on Sunday, February 9 at the Newcastle Funeral Home (386 Mill St. S., Newcastle – just north of 401 at the first lights). Visitation will occur from 1-3pm, with a service to follow at 3pm.

EVENTS

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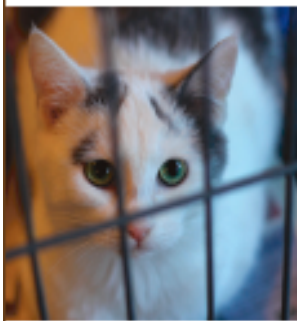
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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Kenneth Bruce Stevens

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Nursing Home, Haliburton on Thursday, January 30, 2014. In his 88th year.

Beloved husband of the late Doreen (2004) and the late Isabel (1977). Dear father of Gordon Stevens, Bonnie (Robert) Thornton, dear step-father of Elwood (Janet) Morrison, Evelyn Stevenson, Bernice (Colin) Taylor. Loving grandfather of Jason, Tiffany "Giggles" (Barry), Kenneth "Kenny-Jim", Madeline, Sheila, Crystal and great grandfather to Ashton and Emma. Brother of the late Marlene. Fondly remembered by his 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 on Monday, February 3, 2014 from 11:00 am until the time of the combined Royal Canadian Legion Service (Branch #129) and the North Entrance Lodge Masonic Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Spring Interment at St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers would be appreciated by the family.

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Charles 'Chuck' W. Hicks (Resident of Ingoldsby, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, February 3, 2014 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Iola 'Toots' (nee Parish) for over 53 years. Loving father of Shelley (Richard van Nood), Steven Charles (predeceased 1968) and Kimberley (Paul Robinson). Proud Poppa of Brittney (Trevor Fatrey), Adam (Kim Kavanaugh), Mazey, Ashley and Courtney. Dear brother of Reg (Doreen), Helen Newton and Maurice. Special brother-in-law of Claude (Gail) Parish, Tom (Barb) Parish, Stan (Sandra Anderson), Julie (Larry Hartin). Also remembered by his sisters-in-law Lorna and Donna. Predeceased by his brothers Lester, Harold, Donald, by his sister-in-law Liz and his brother-in-law Alvin.

Chuck left his mark in the Community as a talented builder, stone mason and jack of all trades. Most evenings he could be found in his garage tinkering with his truck or his Model A, 'Precious'. Chuck was a very well respected and humble man.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday afternoon, February 7, 2014 from 4-7 pm. Then to INGOLDSBY UNITED CHURCH 1741 Ingoldsby Road, Ingoldsby on Saturday morning, February 8, 2014 for Funeral Service at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later Ingoldsby Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Ingoldsby United Church or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Charles 'Chuck' Perrott (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

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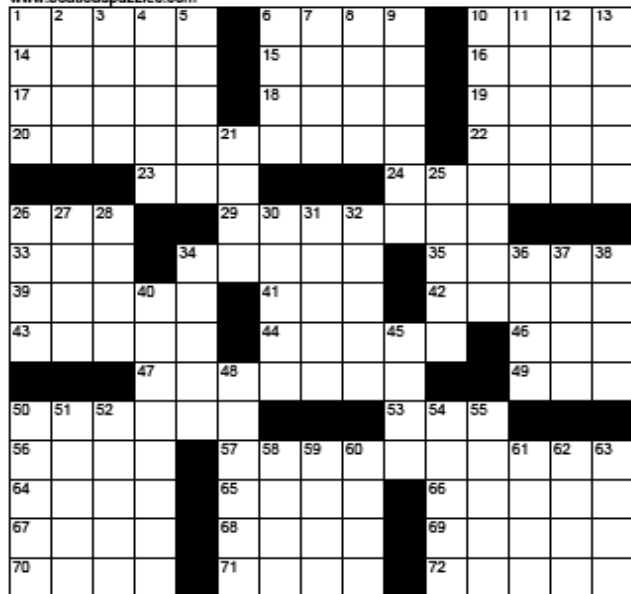
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ACROSS

1. Walk heavily
6. Dog's name
10. Hurl
14. Carved brooch
15. Passed effortlessly
16. At one time
17. Etching fluids
18. Blend
19. Baking place
20. Cooking device
22. Dryer fuzz
23. Third letter
24. Actress Julia ____
26. ____ Moines, Iowa
29. Legislated
33. Perform
34. Little
35. Nimble
39. Musical symbol
41. Struggle
42. Jewish feast
43. Traveler's stopover
44. Ease up
46. Island garland
47. Delta or United
49. Get by
50. Morally pure
53. Donkey
56. Long fishes
57. Slept through winter
64. Glen
65. Not ashore
66. Animated
67. December 24 and 31
68. Char
69. Jeopardy
70. Family rooms
71. Female birds
72. Odor

DOWN

1. "The Lion King" villain
2. Folded tortilla dish
3. Leave out
4. Military doctor
5. Sheriff's helpers
6. Glory
7. Bakery employee
8. Food shop
9. Most peculiar
10. President Calvin ____
11. Blacksmith's tool
12. Setting
13. Camp shelters
21. Look
25. Pester
26. Go quickly
27. Canyon sound
28. EMT's word
30. Marine
31. Suspect's story
32. Immaculate
34. Divided
36. Inactive
37. Onionlike veggie
38. New York's canal
40. Appraise again
45. Salty drop
48. Go over again
50. Surrendered
51. Throw
52. Woody or Tim
54. Breaks suddenly
55. Massachusetts city
58. Words of comprehension (2 wds.)
59. Lima or kidney
60. Hearing organs
61. Become weary
62. Harmful
63. Secluded valley

Last week's puzzle solutions

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FUN FACT:

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

FEBRUARY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m. Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.	Fur and Flintlock – Dorset arena, 9-3 p.m. Haliburton County Folk Society presents: an evening with Corin Raymond – Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.	25th annual Poker Run – Haliburton Forest, 8 a.m.	Country music jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m. \$7 admission, proceeds to Community Living. The Highlands Male Chorus presents The Best of the Last Ten – Haliburton United Church, 3 p.m.
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
	Guided snowshoe hikes – Frost Centre (20130 Hwy 35), 10:30-12:30 p.m. Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.		Seniors standing balance exercise class – Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m. Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 Happy Valentine's Day	Frost Festival – Head Lake Park Polar Bear Challenge – Head Lake Park, 1 p.m. Skate for a Cure, a fundraiser for Angelman Syndrome – S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Winterfest Minden – S.G. Nesbitt Arena	Winterfest Minden – S.G. Nesbitt Arena
WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION FEB 6 - FEB 12, 2014			
Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Valentine's dance, Saturday, 9 p.m. until close. L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9-12 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.	

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Highlander events

Catch a Cure for Minden's Angelman kids

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

Minden believes in angels.

The community has rallied behind two families who came together to raise awareness of Angelman Syndrome (AS), a neurogenetic disorder that causes developmental delays, motor coordination problems, lack of functional speech, and epilepsy.

Bethan McCutcheon's family is one of those. Her two sons, 10-year-old Tecwyn and eight-year-old Tathan, both have AS. McCutcheon met with Sue Tiffin, whose daughter Harper also has AS, to organize a small event for International Angelman Day on Feb. 15.

"We met for a chat... and we thought we would do something small and simple," McCutcheon said. "Our friends and family in the community just started to say 'we want in, we want to do something.'"

Together they planned Catch the Cure, an evening event at the Minden Community Centre.

"Feb. 15 is International Angelman Day," McCutcheon explained. "It coincides with rare disease month and it's on the 15th because it's the 15th chromosome that is affected [by AS]."

The goals of the day are to raise awareness of AS worldwide, mobilize people to action, encourage fundraising for research and education resources, and to empower the kids of our towns and showing the world what a small community can do.

"That's exactly what's happened."

Shortly after renting Minden's arena from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the skating portion of the event, the two ice times were sponsored. The Minden Lions Club sponsored one hour, while Suzanna Harrison and Paul Sharpless sponsored the other.

It took off from there.

Meghan Reid of Just Movement Fitness will donate proceeds from her Feb. 15 classes to the event, while Ritchie and Liz Lyddiatt are donating profits from snack bar sales at the arena as well.

Hot chocolate has been donated by Tim Hortons, professional chef Sarah Hall is organizing a bake sale, the Minden Masons are donating proceeds from their maple taffy sales, and Dollo's Foodland has started a donation campaign at the checkout for AS.

"They've put signs up all around the store," McCutcheon said. "What you can do is go to the teller and donate whatever you'd like, and the teller will give you a set of wings. You write your name on it and stick it on the window."

Jamie Dollo, owner of the Minden Foodland, said the cause is worth supporting.

"I know the family and have met the kids before," he said. "They're great people and it's a good cause."

"We're happy to help anyone we know in the community that way."

They've also had horse and trailer rides donated by Casey Cox, and insurance for the rides by Floyd Hall Insurance.

Catch a Cure will also showcase a silent auction with numerous big-ticket items up for bid.

In order to accommodate all the items, McCutcheon had to rent the Curling Club as well, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Items for bid include a Matt Duchene signed jersey, Carey Price signed jersey, Bernie Nicholls signed jersey, Johnny Bower signed jersey, a guitar signed by Foreigner, Toronto Maple Leaf tickets versus the St. Louis Blues, Ottawa Senators tickets versus Colorado Avalanche, a scenic plane ride over Minden and more.

All the money raised from the event will



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Dollo's Foodland is holding a fundraising campaign for Catch the Cure, an event to raise awareness of and funds for Angelman Syndrome research. Each donation at the checkout will earn you a set of wings to stick to the window. From left are Justin and Sue Tiffin with daughter Harper, Sean and Bethan McCutcheon with sons Tathan and Tecwyn, and Jamie Dollo.

gotowardsresearchingacure for AS, which McCutcheon said is close.

"There's a potential cure," she said. "They have mice in the lab that have AS, and they've been able to reverse it in mice."

She said the money is needed to transition the research to human trials.

"To think that money is standing in the way of your child and the cure is heartbreaking. It's hard."

For more information on AS, visit www.cureangelman.org. To support Catch a Cure, visit www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/catchthecure/threekids, or stop by the Minden arena on Angelman Day.

EVENTS

Bereavement Group

We invite all who have been touched by loss to join us. Meetings begin
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What's on

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What's on



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Celebrating the Olympians

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Olympics spirit is alive and well in Haliburton County, and to prove it, residents can celebrate the opening ceremonies in the common room at Monk's Funeral Home on Feb. 7 before participating in a 17-day Olympic Challenge at home to take place over the course of the Olympic Games.

Fitness instructor Lorie Kah is inviting all residents to celebrate the Games by participating in the program designed around health and awareness, and Canadian pride and spirit. Participants will be given a package filled with stickers and tattoos and a program that details activities that can be completed at the same time that the Olympics are happening. Activities are divided into Gold, Silver, and Bronze categories, and offer fun ways to celebrate the Games, while also encouraging good health and well-being.

Those aiming for the Gold category are asked to consider doing things like drink 51 bottles of water (three a day) throughout the program, be thankful for some place or

something in Canada for two minutes a day, enjoy 11 days of two fruits per day, and wear red every day during the Olympics program. Three physical activities – everything from catching 10 snowflakes on the tongue, shoveling a neighbour's driveway, or making a Canadian craft – should be done each day.

The Silver and Bronze categories include many of the same ideas but are slightly less involved. There are even tasks for people who will be vacationing during the Olympics, with suggestions ranging from using Canadian luggage tags to writing Canada in the sand.

"I want it to be something fun that everyone can do, that doesn't cost anything, and that gets people moving and motivated," said Kah. "You're not competing against each other, you're completing a challenge."

Like many residents, Kah is very excited about Matt Duchene's first-time appearance in the Olympic Games and wants to honour his involvement.

"It's because Matty made it," she said. "It's such a gift, to get your dream like that. We should celebrate that, and be thankful for all the hard work those athletes do."

Lorie Kah has challenged county residents to capture the Olympic spirit, get fit, and show Canadian pride.

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- Level cleared areas, driveway, hydro at lot line
- Private year round road
- 1 km to Eagle Lake beach/boat launch
- Great nature lover's retreat

GREAT VALUE \$85,000



- Family home 20 minutes to Bancroft
- Spacious living-dining room, wood stove, hardwood flrs
- 4 bedrooms, 2 sitting rooms, 2 bathrooms
- Main floor laundry
- Being sold AS IS

SPECTACULAR KUSHOG LAKE \$499,900



- 2 lake chain for lots of boating
- Clean shoreline, expansive views
- Over 2,000 sq ft of luxury living
- Amazing guest cabin
- Attached and detached garages

STARTER HOME \$99,900



- Year round brick bungalow with well and septic
- Recently renovated
- Great retirement or starter home
- A short walk to the Municipal Beach and the town of Gooderham



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KAWAGAMA LAKE \$349,900



- 550 feet frontage, 3 acres
- Clean rock shoreline, expansive views
- 1390 sq ft cottage with boathouse
- Hydro on island, rare opportunity
- Island getaway - great privacy

CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$749,900



- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3038 sq ft living space
- 107 ft sand frontage, 0.53 acres
- 22 ft pine ceilings, stone fireplace
- Floor to ceiling windows, custom kitchen
- Stunning expensive southern view

CUSTOM WATERFRONT HOME \$499,900



- Great swimming and boating
- Year round private escape
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
- 3 walkouts to covered deck
- AC, Jacuzzi, hardwood floors

BE YOUR OWN BOSS! \$199,900



- Screaming Eagle Paintball
- Turn-key business opportunity
- Endless possibilities
- 95 plus acres, stream, 2 ponds
- Cabin, mature bush with trails



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IRONDALE RIVERFRONT \$29,900



- 100 feet of shoreline on .40 acres
- Level treed lot with good privacy
- Situated at the end of a year round road
- Hydro available at lot line
- Ten minutes from Kinmount

IRONDALE ROAD \$189,000



- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, open concept main floor
- Great kitchen - lots of counters/cabinets
- Newer propane furnace, central air
- Propane fireplace, carefree laminate floors
- Minutes to Salerno Lake boat launch

KOSHLONG LAKE \$699,000



- Extremely private custom waterfront home
- Spacious with many extra features
- Towering pines, rock shelf shoreline, great swimming
- Extensive decking
- Year round road close to Haliburton Village

GLAMOR LAKE RD \$38,900



- 1 km to swimming and boat launch at Glamor Lake
- Fairly level
- On municipal road
- Hydro at road



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ABSOLUTE STUNNER! \$289,000



- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2200 sq ft living space
- Almost 400 ft riverfront, 2.85 acres
- Walkout to huge deck, lower level screen porch
- 9 year new Royal Home, open concept
- Year round access, endless possibilities

4 SEASON HOME/COTTAGE \$299,900



- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1200 sq ft home
- 100 ft frontage, sand shoreline
- Wet slip, boathouse w/rooftop deck
- Detached 1.5 car garage
- Turn-key set up

4 SEASON RETREAT \$439,900



- 3 bedrm, 1.5 bath, 1218 sq ft
- 231 feet waterfront, 2.16 acre
- Master bedroom with walkout to deck
- Pine floors, trim, doors, central air
- Large lakeside deck and dock areas

CUSTOM BUILT \$559,900



- 2552 sq ft of luxury living
- 3 + 2 bedrooms, 2 washrooms
- Walkout fully finished basement
- Extensive upper & lower decking
- Fully furnished ready to enjoy!



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