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Photo by Mark Arike

Kids enjoy an afternoon skate on Head Lake this past weekend. From left, Mya Jones, Jonah Aldom, Micah Aldom, Rachael Aldom, Levi Aldom and Evan Jones.

County takes road complaints to province

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Frustration over the maintenance of local highways during the winter season were brought to the forefront at a county road committee meeting on Jan. 14.

"I don't think it's any secret that

nobody's happy with the way MTO [Ministry of Transportation] is maintaining our winter situation," said Warden Murray Fearrey.

Fearrey asked his fellow councillors if the county should be part of a delegation to address the matter. He indicated that MPP Laurie Scott was in the process

of forming a group to meet with MTO representatives.

Scott recently took aim at Carillion and the MTO in a letter to the Minister of Transportation, Steve Del Duca.

"I hear from constituents from across the riding after almost every snowfall describing the horrible and dangerous road

conditions on our provincial highways," wrote Scott in the letter. "Each time, I have brought their concerns to the attention of both Carillion and MTO officials, but we have not seen any improvement."

Carillion, an international company, is in its second of a 10-year contract with

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NDP's Edwards to face challenger

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A Scugog Township resident seeking the NDP nomination for the local riding in the next federal election was busy rallying support during a coffee tour that included a stop in Haliburton on Jan. 19.

In a Jan. 17 press release, Mike Perry announced his plans to seek the nomination, pitting him against incumbent Lyn Edwards.

"I've been involved in community support for a long time as a volunteer and in health care as my day job, and so I just felt that now is the time to take that to the next level," said Perry in an interview at the Kosy Korner.

A lawyer and social worker, Perry is the executive director of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team.

As a volunteer, Perry is a member of Fleming College's board of governors, chair of the Bobcaygeon Food Bank and a Rotarian. He also serves the boards of Community Living Kawartha Lakes, Neighbourhood Housing, and Kawartha-Haliburton Victim Services.

If successful in his bid for the riding, Perry wants to "shake things up locally."

"I see it as a chance to kind of harness the federal government – harness Ottawa – to work for us here locally, at the community level."

Perry ran for the nomination 10 years ago but had to drop out due to health concerns.

The meeting to nominate the next NDP candidate for the federal election will be held on Jan. 31 at the Victoria Park Armoury in Lindsay at 1 p.m. The 2015 federal election will take place in October.

Health Unit protests changes to dental programs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Proposed changes to dental programs offered by Ontario's health units could have a negative impact on thousands of children across the province, according to Dr. Laleh Sadeghi, director of oral health with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

"Across Ontario, about 33,000 kids will lose access somehow, to some extent," said Sadeghi.

At a meeting in November, board of health members heard about concerns over the proposed integration of dental health programs offered to children and youth.

"The purpose was to make the whole system more efficient and make it easier for families and caregivers to access and understand," said Sadeghi. "However, we have to measure concerns that will come as a result of these changes."

As of August 2015, six publicly funded dental programs will be integrated into one to provide "seamless enrolment, making it easier for eligible children and youth to receive timely dental care," states a press release from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

The release goes on to say that the new program will "streamline administration and delivery of services, reducing confusion for families looking to access care."

Despite these promises, Sadeghi is concerned that the access and eligibility to preventative health services will be significantly reduced and that there will be fewer dental treatments available for children with urgent dental needs.

The ministry currently funds three programs for children and youth from low-income families including the Healthy Smiles Ontario program, the Children In Need Of Treatment (CINOT) program, and the preventive oral

health services under the Ontario Public Health Standards, 2008.

The programs that would be integrated include Healthy Smiles, CINOT, oral health benefits under Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities, the Ontario Disability Support Program, Ontario Works (including temporary care assistance but excluding emergency assistance) and preventive oral health services.

"Starting April 2014, the province expanded eligibility for free dental care to up to 70,000 more children and youth from low-income families," wrote ministry

spokesperson David Jensen in an email.

In response to Sadeghi's comment that about 33,000 children are losing access to services, Jensen said that is not the case.

"The Ontario government intends to implement the Low Income Dental Integration commitment in a way that ensures that children and youth that are currently eligible to receive services under publicly funded dental programs and/or benefits that will be integrated continue to have access in the future program. This will include a continued role for public health units to deliver preventive services," he said.

As for urgent dental care for children, Jensen explained that although the CINOT program will no longer exist on its own, urgent treatment will continue to be provided to children through the newly integrated Healthy Smiles Ontario program.

"This component of the program will also be implemented in a way that ensures that currently eligible children and youth do not lose access to services as a result of the integration of programs."

The board of the local health unit approved a resolution and motion to send a letter to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne and provincial health minister Dr. Eric Hoskins outlining the concerns. Other health units across the province have also submitted letters, said Sadeghi.

"We are just trying to inform our community right now. We are working with our colleagues across the province to form a provincial campaign, which will be more public in a few weeks," she said.

The health unit is encouraging the public to communicate their concerns to their local MPPs and the minister.

Jensen said the ministry is working with public health partners to confirm the role of public health units as a result of the integrated approach.

"This includes discussion of how the continued role of public health units will be reflected under the Ontario Public Health Standards," he said.

He also confirmed that the ministry has received a number of letters from health units and other stakeholders "which have raised concerns regarding this change."

When asked if the government's decision to implement these changes will reduce costs, Jensen called it a commitment to "improving access to care as well as the oral health status of eligible children and youth."

Over the past three years, health unit screenings in local schools have found that approximately 37 per cent of junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten students suffer from some form of tooth decay, according to information presented to the board of health by Sadeghi in November.

Across Ontario, about 33,000 kids will lose access somehow, to some extent.

Dr. Laleh Sadeghi
director of oral health
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A screenshot from the new Haliburton Highlands promotional video.

Tourism director UNveils new campaign for county

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Amanda Virtanen wants visitors to the Haliburton Highlands to 'Unwind Local.'

The county's tourism director presented her vision for this year's marketing campaign to councillors during a Jan. 14 tourism committee meeting.

Last year, Virtanen, formerly Ranson, launched the #MyHaliburtonHighlands brand to help promote the area as a destination in central Ontario.

She used the term "local" to capitalize on other current popular trends in the area, such as Shop Local and Eat Local.

"In this marketing program I'm using local a little more loosely, convincing people to travel locally – meaning within the country, within the province," she said.

Virtanen said the #MyHaliburtonHighlands brand would be tied in to some "fantastic visuals." She also made an effort to connect with the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization's campaign, which is called Wander.

For the past couple of months, the tourism director has been working with Positive Media to create a one-and-a-half minute video that captures the new direction. The "rough cut" included imagery of life in the Highlands – from dining and the arts to outdoor adventures – and several words that began with "un," such as untapped and unbelievable. "Un" words will also be used in print marketing materials, she said.

The video received a round of applause from councillors and others in the room.

"It's really got that 'we're young, we're fun, come see us' feel," said Virtanen.

Councillor Brent Devolin asked Virtanen what the video's

shelf life would be in an ever-changing market. She indicated that the video could be edited and freshened up by the production company fairly quickly.

"We could get 18 months, maybe two years out of it," she said.

Tourism committee member Bruce Ballantine asked whether locally should be used instead of local, as that is grammatically correct.

While Virtanen admitted that Ballantine's point was valid, local "fits in a little nicer with the trend."

"That's the unfortunate trend," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"I think that you're right: it is modern and you just have to go with that. It does fit with Shop Local and all the other grammatically incorrect campaigns that are out there."

Once the final video is ready, it will appear on social media channels and various other online outlets. Virtanen said she would be looking into YouTube's advertising program, which will be free to use if visitors watch less than eight seconds of the video.

Moffatt pointed out that one of the big challenges will be to get more tourism providers on board in order to maximize the effectiveness of the county's marketing efforts.

"There are people who are not holding up their end of the tourism market and we need to encourage them to be a better partner," she said, referring to the level of customer service that some businesses provide.

Virtanen told The Highlander that the final cut of the promotional video should be ready sometime this week.

The tourism department's proposed advertising budget for 2015 is \$115,000 – an increase of about \$28,000 over last year. The campaign has yet to be approved by council.

County to send road delegation to MTO

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the province for the winter maintenance of highways.

A Huntsville resident recently launched a petition calling for better road maintenance. As of Jan. 15, the petition had over 2,200 signatures.

Councillor Carol Moffatt said she received word from Scott to go forward with a delegation to "at least get the

information in."

"They can deny if we don't have enough information, but if we don't put it in by Friday's deadline then we lose the opportunity," she said.

County CAO Jim Wilson confirmed that the county has submitted a delegation request to the minister regarding the matter.

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Editorial opinion

Under the knife

Budget talks are underway across Haliburton County, and already the new OPP billing model is taking its toll.

The model, which came into effect on Jan. 1, is expected to cost Haliburton County an additional \$3 million across our four municipalities. The increase is being phased in over five years, but even the first year is cause enough for concern.

As much as municipalities want to find a way to play with the numbers so all programs and services remain intact, the reality is that cuts are most definitely coming. We shouldn't expect much in the way of new programs, either.

But what should get cut?

You can't really touch roads or infrastructure funding. As county council discussed during their meetings last week, there are major projects that must go ahead, including rehabilitation of the Head Lake Bridge in Haliburton Village. As for road maintenance, leaving potholes in the middle of highway is just not acceptable. What about emergency services?

While it's true that some savings can likely be found in fire department budgets – salaries and stipends, reigning in personal expenses – the big line items such as equipment, maintenance and training are necessities. In the event of an emergency, we can't have a pumper that doesn't pump enough water, or firefighters who don't know how to use it.

No, the cuts are going to come from non-essential – depending on whom you ask – programs and services, the extra-curricular stuff that gives a little flavour to life in the Highlands.

Examples are recreational activities and programs, educational programming, arts and culture. If a choice has to be made between maintaining roads or having an exciting museum, history has, historically, always lost that toss-up.

The OPP billing model also means that community-driven initiatives are now under fire.

Take, for example, a request at last week's Minden Hills council meeting to help manage the feral cat population in town. A group of kind-hearted citizens wants to vaccinate the felines, but they need \$3,000 from the township to make it happen.

Unfortunately for them, both the cats and their supporters, there are too many other priorities. And while it's possible the treasurer finds that money for them, it's highly unlikely their request will pass subsequent budget deliberations with so many worthy projects demanding funding.

This is the question that councillors have been mulling over for the past six months: how are they going to make it work with the new OPP costs, and who or what will have to go? We've yet to hear any solid answers. However, the next month should reveal some definite plans.

In the meantime, county warden Murray Fearrey said it was still worth fighting the new model and that people should get in touch with all their contacts to plead our case. Given the limited results of earlier efforts, that strategy may be debatable. We should probably assume the changes are happening until further notice. What hasn't happened, and still can, is a full discussion of what it would cost to run our own police force, so at least we know what our options are. There are a lot of notions and opinions about that, but few numbers and facts.

It's not fair, but a lot is resting on the creativity of our municipal leaders. Can they find a way to keep some colour in the Highlands while still balancing the budget? The alternative – cutting down to the bare essentials – would make for a very spartan place to live. This year is shaping up to be one of the most financially challenging for our local leaders in recent memory.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Road work ahead

I'm not sure how far back to take this and I wasn't exactly sure where to lay the blame at first but it has to said – or at least echoed by me this time – Carillon is doing a terrible job at maintaining the county's highways. "Atrocious" may be a better word.

Despite the company's recent explanations/excuses that say the weather is to blame, it has now come to light that the problem appears to be much higher up, as in at the provincial level. Word has it that the contracts given out to the various providers just aren't suitable for realistic snow clearing duties. Evidently there are a lot of other municipalities dealing with this veritable snow job like we are.

This seems especially troubling to me. First off, is this government new to Canada or to this province? Doesn't historical precedent factor in to the equation somewhere? Last year seemed to be worse for severe weather and snow accumulation yet the problem (from this perspective at least) seemed less of an issue than it is this year.

The problem is essentially two-fold. One are the conditions we live under in this province and two are the conditions we live under in this county. The first basically being an issue of outsourcing – getting a company from outside of your region, or in this case country, to somehow maintain the integrity of your road system and the second being the simple fact that Haliburton County doesn't factor too heavily into the overall thinking on a provincial level. It's isn't just that we have a relatively sparse population to service but we also have lowered classified roads and highways in our jurisdiction. Translation: we're the "downest" part of the trickle-down effect. Our roads are some of the last ones plowed. It's just where we live.

In all honesty I don't know when the whole scheme of things changed in regards to sufficient snow removal in this area, but I don't recall it ever being this bad, this long, especially this early into the season. You start

to think maybe we'd all be better if our citizens were just given grants to buy plows for the winter. Then we'd all just all be responsible for a small stretch of highway, making them safer overall. It seems just as reasonable for the money they're spending.

What makes this particularly scary is the real cost of doing this. Not the actual cost dollar-wise but the cost someone may unfortunately have to pay in regards to their own safety. We're not talking about a problem where we're angry about the lack of weed care, we're talking about an essential service that could cost someone his or her life.

That's the part that really gets me. Can we not at least be able to guarantee some semblance of safety within a reasonable time limit? I've driven certain roads days after a so-called winter blast and they're still very treacherous. Worst of all is the inconsistency, a cleared stretch followed by a bad stretch on the same highway. Explain it however you want to but we all know how a snow plow works. Keep it on the road and push the precipitation to the side. Repeat if necessary. The contract states that and it simply needs to be done.

I'm not implying that people in the plows don't care. It's just that they're not paid to care. Whether it's a budgetary thing or a lack of connection with the area, clearing the road to a prescribed degree in the reasonable time allotted just isn't happening right now and it's up to all of us to hold those responsible to the highest safety standard possible by letting the people in charge know they're not doing a very good job. No, not because we pay their wages but because the cost of not doing so is much too high to bear.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

Common sense food solutions

Dear editor,

Heads up Highlands East council: the new food centre in Minden is now open. Instead of Highlands East spending so much money on a somewhat copycat venture – the anticipated food centre in Wilberforce with walk in freezer and cooler – why not contribute to the one in Minden and work with them in a cooperative approach to assist the needs of those in Wilberforce and area? The centre has the ability to help in the shipment to other food banks. I am at a loss as to why Highlands East council wouldn't investigate the opportunity being offered by a facility already in existence with all amenities needed instead of jumping into a venture which would cost ratepayers on an ongoing basis. Even

with the grant being offered I am sure no investigation has been undertaken as to the cost to build and house a walk-in freezer and cooler, not to mention monthly hydro rates. Believe me I know full well those costs. Contact Joanne Barnes, food bank manager, to see what assistance and interaction can be implemented to assist those in need in outlying areas from Minden. Co=operative approaches in all aspects is going to be required and be the norm for all municipalities within Haliburton County seeing the new policing costs are to take effect this year. The need for common sense, cooperative interaction, and restraint must prevail.

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A red squirrel enjoying its light snack.

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Freezing, fishing and finking

So, I persevered and you guessed it, I actually caught a couple of fish while ice fishing. Two nice walleye: the ones that, when filleted, are the perfect size for the pan. The funny thing is that I caught the first one just as I was explaining my ice fishing conspiracy theory to a mate who is visiting from England. There I was pontificating on the likelihood of us freezing the ends of our fingers off for absolutely no reward because, 'well, that's about all that is meant to happen!' There I was whinging that only city folks and gullible Englishmen (two of us now) even thought about partaking in such a ridiculous pastime. There I was ranting that the only way we'd catch a fish was if some local in a wet suit swam beneath our feet and hooked on a long dead grocery store cod. "And they had better hook on a nice filleted piece, too, because I'll be damned if I'm filleting it!" I harrumphed, when suddenly the line on my rod went taut. After a brief tug-o-war, out popped not a shrink-wrapped fillet but a shiny, flapping fish on to the snow. We looked at each other incredulously and, somewhat out of character for Englishmen, raised hands for a chilly,

glove muffled high five. I was stunned. I was also frantically getting the line set back down the hole, in hope of another fish, when my companion calmly stated: "Did you know that there's this Danish guy called Stig who swam 250 feet under ice like this? It's a world record..." I gawped at him. "What the..." I began but tailed off. "How in God's name did you remember that?" I asked, but before he could answer my attention had been drawn elsewhere, to an ice hut, in fact. An ice hut that was no more than 60 feet away from us. Those damn locals! Sitting in their hut, probably listening to me go on about ice fishing, and then, after a quick round of 'eeny meeny miny moe', one of them slipped quietly through the hole in the hut floor and under the ice to my rod. And so, despite catching a couple, my theory of the great ice fishing conspiracy lives on. But conspiracy theories aside, my chum's recollection of that obscure world record got me thinking about the information that our brains retain, and why we can, for example, remember every word of some 1980s pop tune – not even one that we like – and yet we

draw a complete blank on a name when we meet a near neighbour in the village. My English friend and I discussed this obviously extremely important topic over a beverage or two later that same day. The crux of our debate was, just what does your brain choose to remember, and why? Some would say memories that are important to you are hardwired into your mind, and I agree, but random stuff like the time thirty-five years ago when I locked a school friend in our rabbit hutch, why is it so easy to recall that? Then there are the snippets of information, such as the aforementioned world record, that hold no relevance whatsoever until a time sometime in the future when you can recall them and annoy your buddy who has just caught a nice walleye! The mind is a wonderful thing but I am yet to understand the way in which mine works – there are probably a few folks who will say they could have told you that about me a long time ago. However, while I may struggle with your name (apologies if that happens/has already happened) I revel in the randomness of facts, and fiction, that my mind fires at me each day. And, as I go about my business, I

am always on the lookout for the little thing that will spark a memory deep inside my head, only for it to be stored, archived there until... well, until just after such a time that I could have used it and been the smartest chap 'in class'. That's what usually happens to me. And so it was that I stood on the ice, rod in hand, still pondering life, conspiracies and the meaning of memories, when my chum's rod twitched and he hooked into another walleye. He shouted and whooped and leaped about as he hauled it in. I commando crawled over to the ice hut and pressed my ear to the metal outer surface, hoping to hear the local clambering back out of the hole in the ice, chortling to his conspiracy compatriots. What actually happened was that my ear stuck to the side of the ice hut and the guys from inside had to come out and peel me off. They were valiant and kind about the incident. I was embarrassed. Some memory that is!

TheOutsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What winter activities have you been enjoying so far?*



Bob Tarverner
Minden

Nothing too much so far but I am really looking forward to the car ice racing series that starts this week. My daughter and son-in-law are both race car drivers.

Brian Davis
Minden

A fair amount of ploughing. We do a bunch of nature walking. I am more of a summer person and my wife is too.



Kristen Boylan
Minden

We go tobogganing, play hockey and lots of skating. The boys are on a hockey team so we are all over the county.



Rob Colcicchia
Minden

Snowshoeing! Lots of fun. Much easier to get around on the snow and snowshoes than trying to walk through the bush in the summertime. Lots of traction. Go anywhere.



Shelley Pearson
Black Lake

Just enjoying the walk to my car in the morning. It is always so beautiful to see the snow on the ground and covering the trees.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Farmers ask: what the cluck?

Minden Hills council urged to consider allowing backyard hens

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The chairwoman of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association wants Minden Hills to lift restrictions that prohibit residents from raising backyard hens on their property.

During her presentation on Jan. 15 to council, Angel Taylor spoke about the current zoning in the township, which excludes chickens from all properties except farms or rural open spaces.

"The goal of this delegation is to start a conversation about our zoning bylaws," said Taylor. "They affect small-scale agriculture, particularly regarding backyard hens."

Taylor posed the question, "are the bylaws friendly to small-scale, agricultural food production?"

Under Minden's bylaws, chickens are classified as livestock.

In a slide show, Taylor presented councillors with images of backyard hens in other municipalities.

"A third of municipalities in North America now permit backyard chickens, some in rural areas, some in downtown," she said, pointing out that her daughter lives in Los Angeles, a

city that permits backyard hens.

Taylor shared information on how neighbouring communities are handling the issue, including Lake of Bays and Huntsville. She said in these areas, hens are permitted in zones designated as rural residential, hillside residential and community residential.

Lake of Bays permits up to five hens on .4 hectares of land and 10 on four hectares. For the same lot sizes, Huntsville permits as many as six and 12 hens, respectively.

At this point backyard hens are prohibited on waterfront properties in Lake of Bays.

"They talked about respecting cottagers' culture and have decided at this time that it is not permitted," said Taylor, adding that the township's planner told her that if they were approached by one of these property owners the township would "entertain a convincing case."

Before any changes are made, Taylor said that social and environmental concerns would need to be addressed.

She spoke with Dr. Peter Doris, an environmental specialist for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Ministry of Rural Affairs, to find out more information about the possible environmental

impact of hens on land.

What she learned is that nitrogen and phosphorus in the bird's feces isn't a concern in a small number of hens.

He told me "10 hens would produce 16.5 cubic feet of manure," explained Taylor. "If you break that down to a daily rate, it is a small amount."

At high levels, nitrogen and phosphorus can cause blooms in water, she said.

Facts that Taylor shared about chickens are that they're quiet and can lay eggs without a rooster; are great recyclers; eat bugs, garden pests and kitchen scraps; and are able to reduce the need for pesticides.

Taylor said the average dog produces three quarters of a pound of excrement per day, which is filled with "dangerous pathogens and parasites."

"It is unsuited to composting, higher in nitrogen and phosphorus than the manure of cows, chickens and pigs," she said.

On the other hand, the average chicken produces .19 pounds of manure daily, which is "excellent for composting."

However, chicken poo can contain bacteria, including salmonella, said Taylor.

Finally, she suggested forming a committee

"with interested parties" to review the current bylaws.

"We do have a group working on a food assessment and they are currently looking at bylaws, and how friendly they are or are not to local food production and sustainability."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin thanked Taylor for her tactful approach to the topic, adding that it's an item that's been on his radar for quite some time.

"I've already had discussions with our planner and one of my suggestions was to look at our neighbours, because you don't need to necessarily reinvent the wheel," said Devolin.

He then referred to the Walkerton tragedy, which was caused by the contamination of the town's water supply from farm runoff.

"There were rules that came about provincially that guides the basic principles that we have for zoning," he said.

Devolin added that patience will be required and warned that the current rules must not be broken before any changes are officially made.



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Service medal program could fall to budget cuts

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Due to increases in the 2015 budget, some minor cutbacks are going to be made to a program that recognizes the outstanding work of men and women in emergency services.

Through the Governor General’s exemplary service medal program, police, EMS and fire services staff receive a medal for their outstanding work. In most cases, staff attend an event to receive their medal. During a Jan. 14 emergency services committee meeting, county councillor Carol Moffatt expressed concern over the costs involved with the program during what will be a tight budget year.

“I’m all for supporting good work, especially by our emergency services personnel, but I’m really struggling

with this budget in this year,” said Moffatt. Craig Jones, director of Haliburton County Paramedic Service, said it would cost \$2,500 to send two recipients to the event, provide them their uniforms and pick up the tab for accommodations.

“To me it’s about making sound financial choices in what is inevitably going to be a very tight budget year for Haliburton County and the lower tiers,” added Moffatt. County Warden Murray Fearrey suggested making a compromise.

“I’ll buy their uniforms, but I think they can afford to stay in a room overnight or stay with a friend or something,” said Fearrey.

Craig responded favourably, called it “a very fair compromise.”

The emergency services draft budget for 2015, which is nearly \$2.7 million, will be included in county council’s budget deliberations.

To me it’s about making sound financial choices in what is inevitably going to be a very tight budget year for Haliburton County and the lower tiers.

Carol Moffatt
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January 29

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Check out our nomination here
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OPP claim R.I.D.E. checks working

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

According to information from the East Region of the OPP, fatal collisions on police patrolled highways have been on the decline over the last three years.

As part of this, seat belt-related fatalities have dropped over the last five years while the number of alcohol-related deaths have remained constant.

Closer to home, the Haliburton Highlands OPP report there was one alcohol-related fatal collision in 2010 and one seat belt-related fatality in 2013.

During the recent Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere) campaign, which ran from Nov. 24 to Jan. 2, police conducted a total of 114 checks in Haliburton County. Of those stopped, seven drivers provided a breath sample (all of which came in under 50 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood), three three-day driver's license suspensions were issued, one drug possession charge was laid, along with seven Highway Traffic Act charges and two Liquor License Act charges.

There was also one non-R.I.D.E.-related impaired driving charge and one three-day



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suspension during this six-week period.

"While OPP officers do increase their number of R.I.D.E. stops over the holidays, we want to remind motorists that R.I.D.E. stops are carried out throughout the year, throughout the province as part of the OPP's Provincial Traffic Safety Program (PTSP)," wrote OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee in an

email.

"Wearing your seatbelt properly will dramatically increase your chance of surviving a motor vehicle collision," she said.

The OPP is encouraging the public to report suspected impaired drivers by calling 1-888-310-1122, 9-1-1 or *OPP (677) on their cell phone.

County bridges need \$300K

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Some of Haliburton County's infrastructure is in need of repair, and the county's public works department is asking for monies to be set aside to complete the necessary work.

According to a report from the department, the budget for roads and bridges is about \$3 million, which is an increase of 15 per cent from the previous year.

On Jan. 14 during a roads committee meeting, engineering assistant Travis Wilson presented county councillors a four-year capital works plan that highlighted the current issues with a culvert at Lower Cup Lake on Highway 118 and problems at Dark Lake Bridge.

"It's a culvert that's in good shape, but it has some problems with it right now," said Wilson, referring to the culvert at Lower Cup. "[It has] some serious deficiencies that if we don't look after now and fix we'll be looking at some larger repairs later on."

The culvert repairs are expected to cost \$90,000.

With \$240,000 of work needed, Wilson called Dark Lake Bridge "the real bad news story out of all of them." Its traffic barriers are rotting away and the expansion joints are beginning to deteriorate, he explained.

Roy Haig, manager of engineering and 911 services, added that an additional \$60-70,000 will be required to repair four of the bridge's piers.

"We're actually closer to \$300,000 [in repairs]," said Haig.

Haliburton's Head Lake bridge is also in need of significant repairs, however the

county has applied for nearly \$800,000 in funding through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to help pay for it.

According to county treasurer Laura Janke, the repairs could cost as much as \$1.45 million.

County councillor Liz Danielsen asked Haig what would happen to the bridge in the event that government funding doesn't come through.

"We're waiting on a report for that pier and that will be our priority," he said. "The rest of the Head Lake structure is pretty stable."

Although the bridge is deteriorating, it's not happening at an "accelerated rate."

Haig said the only major concern at the moment is the pier, and that he could provide a more definitive answer once the report is available.

Haig said of the two bridges, Head Lake's is in worse condition.

Janke told council that the OCIF funding announcement will be made at the end of February.

"Right now we have \$583,000 in a bridge reserve," said Janke. "The plan for Head Lake Bridge is over a two-year span. Our plans are to continue with what we were going to do to get that project done. ... There's a lot to get it done for 2015, so we're going to carry on and do that."

If unsuccessful with the grant application, Janke said the county would apply again.

"I'm personally very hopeful that that funding will come through in February," she said.

Some of the other increases in the budget include \$100,000 for winter maintenance and \$13,000 to hire an engineering student. Capital and reserve increases amount to \$226,000.

Two face charges after traffic stop

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a traffic stop in Minden on Jan. 15 that led to drug charges for two men.

At approximately 11 p.m., officers pulled over 24-year-old Creighton Griffin at Highway 35 and Clarence Road. During the stop, the officers determined Griffin had been consuming alcohol. He was arrested after failing a roadside approved screening device. Police also seized what they suspected was marijuana and morphine.

Griffin was charged with driving with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood, possession of a controlled substance – morphine, and possession of a controlled substance – marijuana under 30 grams.

Griffin's passenger, Walter Garrison, 61, was also charged with failing to comply.

The two men are scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 4 to answer the charges.

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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Dr. John Purc (middle) is staying with the VDO for another year to finish work on his patients. To his left is wife Kathy, who also volunteers, and dental assistant Alana Bannister.

Dentist puts retirement on hold for VDO

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

When it comes to his patients, Dr. John Purc can't leave a job half done.

A dentist in Minden since 1970, Purc moved to the Highlands to open his practice after graduating.

"That's where I started," he said.

Purc sold his practice in 2008, but stayed on for another few years. He then decided to join the Volunteer Dental Outreach of Haliburton County (VDO) in December 2010.

"I had been retired and I knew there was a big need for dentists in the area," he said. "I thought, I don't mind doing that to help out, and I've been here ever since."

VDO board member Lisa Kerr remembers when Purc first came to the VDO.

"He attended the first start-up meeting in December 2010 and expressed how important it was for this community for the volunteer dental clinic to succeed because, based on his experience, there was an overwhelming need for people to have a place to have their dental work done who could not afford it," she said. "Dr. Purc volunteered almost every week since the clinic opened, sometimes twice per week."

Last year, Purc was at the VDO working one day each week. He said he accumulated a third of all the billings for the clinic, but was starting to think about retirement.

"I couldn't make up my mind, but I was sure it was time to pack it in," Purc said. "But when I talked to one of the dental assistants here, she said we don't have many dentists left for the winter."

That caused Purc to re-evaluate his plans. During his retirement party, he announced to members of the VDO and his friends that he

would retain his licence to practice for another year and continue to volunteer at the clinic.

"I had done a lot of patients and hadn't totally finished them," Purc said, adding that he currently has 486 patients in various stages of care. "Some are patients I did specialized dentistry on, and I still have some procedures that I'd like to finish for them."

"I felt I wanted to finish working on them and get their treatment completed."

Kerr said Purc's decision to stay on was a welcome surprise.

"We had arranged letters of congratulations from the president of the Ontario Dental Association, Barry Devolin and Laurie Scott to present at the [retirement party]," she said. "We were all delighted to put those letters on hold when Dr. Purc announced that ... he was not ready to retire and would agree to keep his licence to practice for one more year."

Kerr said that although the clinic has Dr. Kerr, Dr. Oldfin, Dr. Proctor, Dr. Tabri, Dr. Gray, and Dr. Butera as regular volunteers, having Dr. Purc stay means more patients will be seen in 2015.

"It also gives the board more time to find the three or four volunteers it will take to replace what Dr. Purc contributes to the VDO," she said.

For Purc, it's about helping people feel confident in their smiles again. To that end, he has spent a lot of time over his career studying and taking courses in specialized dentistry, like extractions and periodontal work, to better be able to help his patients. In fact, he met his wife Kathy on one such training course.

"[Helping these patients] makes me feel really good," he said. "The one case I did that was just amazing, is a young man came in and had a broke right upper lateral incisor. He wouldn't want to smile a lot, and he wanted to

get work but said 'I just don't feel confident in my smile.'"

Purc rebuilt the man's mouth and tooth for the patient.

"The next time I see him in Minden, he tells me he's getting married and is applying for a job. It's really neat."

The patients that come to the VDO are usually in dire need of dental care, he said.

"A lot of it is a real drastic need," Purc said. "They usually come in with really bad teeth, broken teeth or abscessed teeth, a lot of

missing teeth. A lot of them need a lot of work and haven't had their teeth cleaned for years."

The reason oftentimes is that they cannot afford the care, which is why the VDO is so important.

"These people need a lot, but if you could see the transformation of the before and after, it's amazing."

Purc will stay on with the VDO for the rest of the year, at least, he said. He's also going to try and recruit more dentists for the area.



Photo submitted by Dave Allen

Ex-CFLer joins Haliburton Legion

A former Canadian Football League player and two-time Grey Cup Champion has been inducted into the Royal Canadian Legion Haliburton Branch 129. Gary Chown, who played for the Montreal Alouettes, was inducted to the legion on Jan. 17. Pictured above, Haliburton Legion Branch 129 president Bill Timms (left) inducts Gary Chown into the legion.

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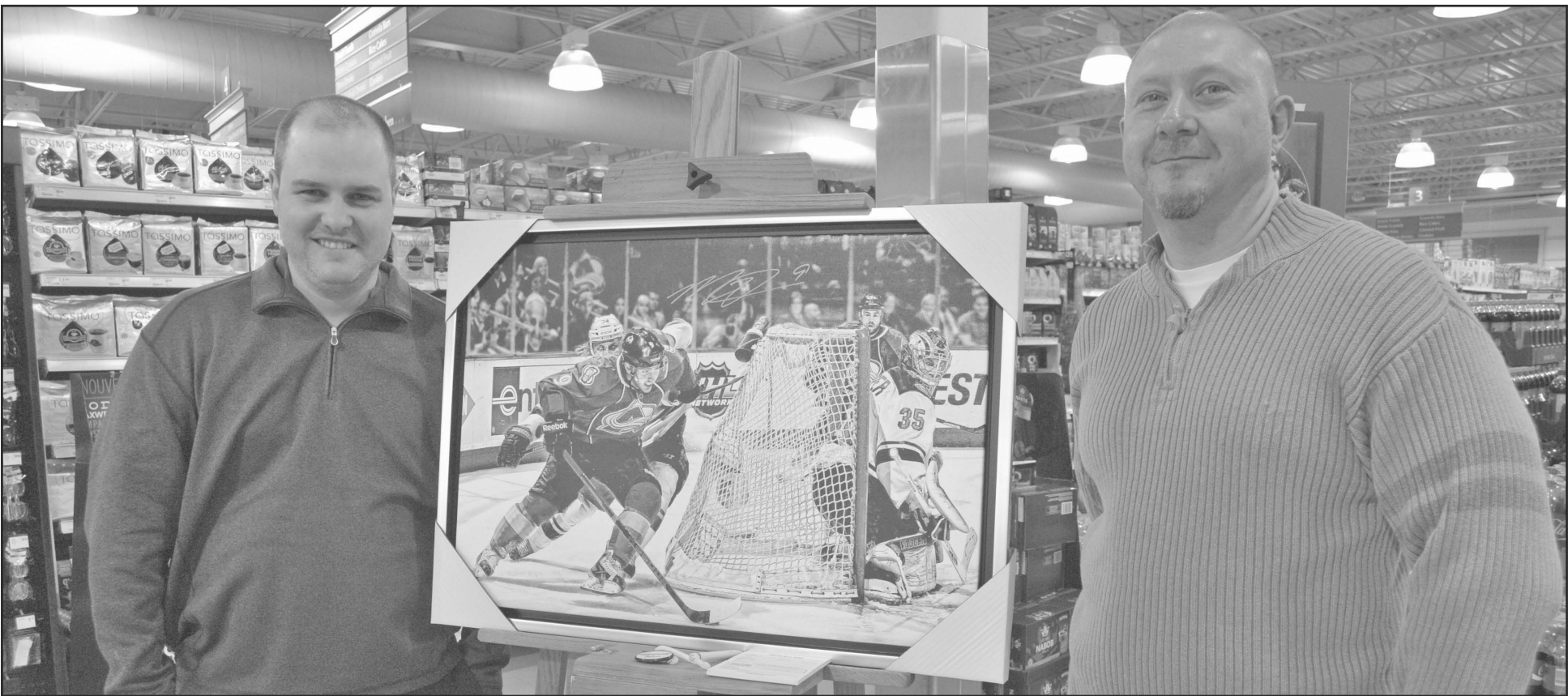


Photo by Mark Arike

Haliburton Foodland store owner Brad Park, left, and Food for Kids coordinator Aaron Walker stand next to an autographed Matt Duchene picture that is now up for auction.

Park starts the bidding in Food for Kids fundraiser

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Some rare sports memorabilia will be on display at Haliburton Foodland as part of a fundraising program that will benefit Haliburton County’s Food for Kids program.

Store owner Brad Park recently decided to partner with Frameworth Fundraising Solutions after being approached by a local resident who wishes to remain anonymous.

“In North America, there are only two companies that basically own a lot of the rights to the really big name athletes,” said Park. “This is one of them.”

According to the company’s website, Frameworth Sports Marketing has been manufacturing high-quality sports memorabilia since 1992. Their products cover all major sports, including the NHL, NFL, MLB, PGA and the CFL.

Over the next several months, a variety of

sports-related items will be on display and up for auction in the store. The first item up for bid is a signed and framed Matt Duchene photo printed on canvas. The piece is valued at \$349.99, but the starting bid has been set at \$225. There are 652 pieces in circulation, with the one in the store being number 52.

Duchene, a Haliburton native and gold medal athlete, is one of the company’s exclusive athletes.

Park was able to select his charity of choice, which will receive 20 per cent of the winning bid.

“It’s pretty neat,” he said.

“People can come in every two weeks and see something new, and they’ll keep rotating it out.”

There is no cost to Park or the charity to participate, and Frameworth will arrange delivery of the piece.

Park said that other sports memorabilia will be set up at different locations in Haliburton

County in the near future. Like Park, the owners of those businesses will be able to pick a charity that will benefit.

“That’s awesome,” said Aaron Walker, coordinator of the Food for Kids program, upon learning about the fundraising initiative. For many years, Park and his father Bob, the

store’s former owner, have been supporters of the student nutrition program. Park currently provides the charity discounts on all food purchases and hosts occasional fundraisers, such as barbecues.

For more information about Food for Kids visit foodforkids.ca.

Through my eyes

Safety in Skype

By Austin McGillion

We have all heard of the computer communication program known as Skype, but little did I know the impact it would have on me.

Skype has changed how I interact and how I view others. It has also helped to improve my social abilities. As we all know I have some serious issues with people face to face and I rarely ever interacted with others, sharing my views or emotional reactions. But finally, with Skype, I feel like I fit right in and my social fear is gone. Why, you ask? Because I don’t have to be in the same room or worry about people touching me or confronting me face to face. I have nothing to risk because I am in the safety of my own room.

For those who don’t know Skype, it is a free voice or video call program that requires no cost for simple group calls. It is useful if you just want to play a game with friends and talk strategy or just discuss everyday things – like meeting a neighbour in the grocery store. I understand how enjoyable games are when you can play them with friends, an experience I have never had because of the required physical proximity to others. Skype makes this possible for me.

I cannot begin to count the number of games I have thrown away because I had no peers who understood a certain game better than me and could share the information with me. I was nervous about video calls and was afraid to try them. When I first met my friend Justice, he asked if I used Skype. I was confused, but I researched it and got comfortable with how it worked and I now use the program almost every day. It’s easy to use on the computer and I use it on my phone and my playstation vita as well.

When I was younger, this kind of technology wasn’t available to me. Communicating was uncomfortable for me, but there was no way around it. It made it hard for me to have friends, because I couldn’t interact with them the way most kids could.

But I’ve since learned that a true friend is someone who may make jokes at your expense but they never truly mean any harm. A friend is someone who trusts you and respects you the same way you respect and trust them. I have those friends now thanks to Skype.

United Church women support palliative care

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Haliburton United Church Women have added \$500 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation’s (HHHSF) palliative care fundraising campaign.

On Jan. 20 at the Haliburton United Church, members of the volunteer group donated the funds to HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and campaign co-chair Don Popple.

“It’s really to help the community,” said Doris Lane, secretary and treasurer for the

group.

Lane said the funds were raised through events such as dinners and a Christmas cookie sale.

With funds raised from 2014, the group also made donations to Water Ambassadors Canada, Food for Kids and Point In Time’s summer camp programs.

According to Walker, the group has donated over \$3,000 to the HHHSF over the many years that they’ve been a supporter.

The campaign for a new palliative care centre at the Haliburton hospital has raised \$675,000 to date.



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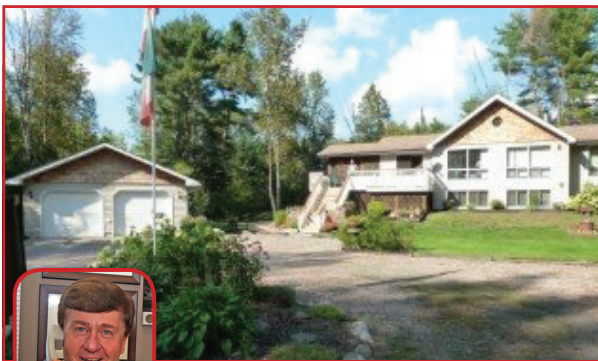


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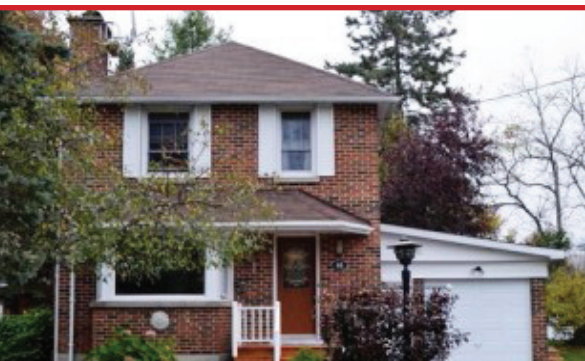
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Highlander sports



Photo by Mark Arike

Kurt Browning shows off his moves to members of the Youth Ensemble Choir.

Browning takes a spin on Head Lake rink

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A Canadian figure skating icon will make a cameo appearance in a pre-taped video that will be played during the opening

ceremony of the Ontario 55+ Winter Games.

On Jan. 20, Kurt Browning showed off some of his fancy footwork on Head Lake as Sticks and Stones Productions filmed the special introduction to the Games.

Some of the other participants in the shoot included Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey, Games Chair Alan Clark and members of the Youth Ensemble Choir.

Browning, a longtime cottager in the

Minden area, will serve as the emcee of the opening and closing ceremonies.

The Games are scheduled to take place from Feb. 17-19.



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Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Jan. 12

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 207
High single: Ken Thompson – 235
High single handi: John Witty – 268
High triple: Claude Cote – 664
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 706

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 176
High single: Solveg Stout – 194
High single handi: Solveg Stout – 268
High triple: Chris Cote – 461
High triple handi: Sandra Legge – 690

Monday night, Jan. 12

Men: High avg: Rick West – 210
High single: Jim Therrien – 262
High single handi: Jim Therrien – 312
High triple: Doug Reinwald – 683
High triple handi: Doug Reinwald – 755

Women: High avg: Cathy Snell – 224
High single: Cathy Snell – 281
High single handi: Cathy Snell – 283
High triple: Cathy Snell – 755
High triple handi: Cathy Snell – 761

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 13

Men: High avg: Ken Thompson – 211
High single: Claude Cote – 250
High single handi: Nick Biljetina – 272
High triple: Claude Cote – 685
High triple handi: Nick Beljetina – 744

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 179
High single: Chris Cote – 209
High single handi: Rae Shephard – 260
High triple: Rae Shephard – 538
High triple handi: Rae Shephard – 700

Wednesday Special Olympics, Jan. 7

Men: Jason Cochrane – 183
Robert Boccitto – 153
Gerald McKnight – 146

Women: Buddy Plouffe – 123
Robin Fletcher – 120
Dawn Piercy – 110

Thursday, Jan. 15

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg & Jim Cummings – 177

High single: John Bell – 219
High single handi: Rick Mastine – 300
High triple: Rick Mastine – 548
High triple handi: Rick Mastine – 812

Women: High avg: Pat Stiver –
High single: Elli Welch – 196
High single handi: Rose Cummings – 251
High triple: Edith Alzner – 530
High triple handi: Edith Alzner – 689

Friday afternoon, Jan. 16

Men: High avg: Ken Thompson – 204
High single: Claude Cote – 247
High single handi: Tom Marshall – 292
High triple: Claude Cote – 670
High triple handi: Tom Marshall – 738

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 174
High single: Chris Cote – 207
High single handi: Chris Cote – 249
High triple: Chris Cote – 591
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 717

Highlander sports



Duhaime wins spiel

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Youth won the day over experience this past weekend, as hometown curler Connor Duhaime and his rink took home the 56th Annual Skyline Bonspiel championship. Duhaime defeated Dave Gray in the finals on Jan. 18 to take home top prize.

“[The game] was pretty good,” he said. “It went how we wanted, but they did put some pressure on us.”

The bonspiel ran from Jan. 16-18. Duhaime’s rink included his brother Owen as third, Tyler Warham as second, and lead Todd Johnston.

Duhaime curled in Haliburton during high school and competed in the Ontario juniors. His brother still curls in Haliburton.

“It was a good weekend,” he said. “The ice is awesome out there. It’s always fun playing all the Haliburton guys again and seeing the familiar faces.”

Duhaime said it was nice to get a chance to curl with his brother Owen again.

“It’s always fun playing with Owen. We played quite a bit. We played in high school together, played in juniors. It’s pretty familiar playing together, but we haven’t in quite a while so it was fun.”

Wayne Hussey, bonspiel manager, said overall the weekend went well.

“I think it was very, very good,” he said. “The people that come up, a lot of them have been coming up for a number of years.”

One of the reasons it was such a success was the camaraderie, he said.

“Everybody really enjoys each other. They’re a good group that come up and they really like the people in Haliburton. We’ve created some good friendships with people who have been coming to the spiel.”

Hussey said it was nice to see the young Duhaime rink win the tournament.

“The young guys, we were talking, it’s nice to see younger people coming in,” he said. “They won the Ontario provincials in juniors in 2009, Connor and his brother, and Warham. Those guys won it together.”

The calibre of curling was high, said Hussey. Part of the reason was the ice.

“Our ice is as good as anywhere I’ve played. We get a lot of compliments on that. We’ve got a great lounge, good parking, and good facilities.”

The Skyline Bonspiel was sponsored by Haliburton Lumber, Curry Motors, Walker’s Home Hardware, and Dawson Insurance. Hussey credits these companies for allowing the bonspiel to provide such good value for the money.

“We provide them with a lot of food and camaraderie, and good prizes,” said Hussey. “[The sponsors] have been sticking with



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top: Skip Connor Duhaime (left), and his winning rink that includes brother Owen (vice), Tyler Warham (second), and Todd Johnston (lead). Above: Connor Duhaime calls a shot.

us and helping us out, and that allows us to provide good prizes for people coming to the spiel.”

Hussey said a lot of the teams keep coming back for this bonspiel each year.

“There are probably a lot of teams that have

been coming here for eight or 10 years. ... They put our bonspiel at the top of their list, every year. We get good compliments, and they said it was really really fun and they’ll be back.”

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Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls hosted the Wolverines from Keene Monday night in Wilberforce as they continued their late season push for first place in their LLFHL Eastern loop. The girls looked to continue their focused team play from their Orillia tournament championship as they hit the ice.

Erin Little opened the scoring midway through the first period finishing off a rush with a wrister to beat the Keene tender. The Storm jumped out to a 2-0 first period lead with another tally from Little putting a loose puck into the net off a goalmouth scramble. The aggressive Wolverines never gave up and scored on a power play midway through the second period drawing close at 2-1. In the third period, the Storm kept up their level of play and pushed up their offensive attack, scoring two more unanswered goals. Brynn Meyers went five-hole off a two-on-one rush and Little added another for the hat trick with an empty netter to solidify the 4-1 win.

On Saturday, the Storm girls travelled to Frankford to take on the Cold Creek Comets in one of their last four regular season games. Needing three points to guarantee first place in their loop and home ice advantage in league playoffs, the Storm faced off in an afternoon tilt against the Comets. Alicia McLean opened the scoring early in the first period finishing off a neutral zone rush with a sweet forehand-backhand dangle to beat the Cold Creek tender. Little slipped in a rebound off a goalmouth scramble to put the Storm up 2-0 in the first period.

The Storm continued their offensive pressure in the second period doubling their lead with goals from McLean and Kenndal Marsden. Connor Marsden turned away all Comet shooters with her eighth shutout win of the season as the Storm went on to win the game 4-0.

On Sunday, the Storm hosted the Ennismore Eagles in Minden. An action-packed game started in the first period with both clubs capitalizing on their scoring opportunities. The Storm held a first period lead of 3-2 with goals from Kenndal Marsden, Kelsey Maracle and Becca Anderson. The Eagles continued their aggressive play in the second period shutting down the offensive attack of the Storm keeping the score at 3-2 after a scoreless period. The Storm rallied in the third period and improved their team attack putting four unanswered tallies past the Ennismore netminder for the 7-2 win.

The Storm's next home game is Sunday, January 25 at 2 p.m. in Minden when they host the West Northumberland Wild in their last regular season game before starting their league playoffs and Provincial playdowns.

Smolen Dentistry

Bantam A

Submitted by Susan Haedicke

The playoffs began with a 7-3 win for the Storm Bantam A in Minden against the Oro Thunder.

History shows that this should be an easy round for the Storm. It started early in the first with a rush by Devyn Prentice, a pass over to Patterson-Smith and he easily redirected in. Seconds later, Turner, being first to the puck, shot it out front to Schmidt who found the opening, putting the two up 2-0.

Late in the first, Cooper won the faceoff, rushed and took a shot. Lucas Haedicke grabbed the rebound and scored, making it 3-0 at the end of the first.

In the second, Jacob Haedicke passed to Cooper, who skillfully skated in and top cornered the puck. A minute later, Manning snapped a pass to Patterson-Smith and he skated through the crease, scoring another goal. The Storm continued to dominate the game, with the next goal coming off a shot by Patterson-Smith. Manning picked up the rebound and shot it in.

Oro surprised the Storm with a late goal in the second, making the score 6-1. The Thunder came out strong and managed an early goal in the third, and with the Storm a bit on their heels, got another later in the period, making it 6-3. Late in the third, Lucas Haedicke rushed in, made a quick pass to Cooper and his keen eye secured the 7-3 win.

Tom Prentice & Sons

Tykes

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

It was hockey, hockey and more hockey for the Tom Prentice & Sons Storm Tyke team this past weekend.

On Saturday we travelled to Marmora to participate in the Centre Hastings tournament. The first two games were filled with excitement and great hockey, taking Storm to the A finals. It ended with a disappointing loss against Prince Edward County, 5-4 in overtime.

The Storm weren't about to let the loss hold them down. On Sunday the team travelled to Bracebridge to have fun in another tournament. Again, there were lots of amazing goals, assists, passes, saves and teamwork. This time they took home the bragging rights as the A winners! Congratulations team!

The next faceoff is versus Brock Wild in Wilberforce on Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. and Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. versus Huntsville.

Peppermill Peewee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

The Peppermill Restaurant proudly sponsors the Peewee AE Highland Storm, who attended the MPS Tournament in Burke's Falls this weekend. The tournament started with a thud, our team seemingly more excited about the pool and hotel fun than their first two games against South Muskoka and Almaguin.

But with nothing to play for against the best team in the loop, our team decided to throw everything to the wind and show up for their best game of the season. Over the past two games against Huntsville, the Storm lost 14-0 and 9-3 but on Saturday they were able to cut that deficit down to a 5-1 loss. The

score did little to reflect the closeness of the game however, each team trading chances, winning and losing battles in the corner and frustrating the Huntsville squad who thought this would be a walk in the park. Brady Baldry scored the lone goal for the Storm on a feed by Jake Sisson.

The "C" final pitted our squad against Almaguin and against all odds the Storm played even better than before. Brendan Coumbs evened the score after the Ice Devils struck first and William Petrie potted a backhander to keep it tied at two apiece going into the third. Although they didn't have enough gas to carry the day, this squad is finally showing that they have what it takes to compete in the playdowns.

Canadian Tire Novices

Submitted by Tracey Gilbert

On Jan. 17 and 18, the novices travelled to Port Carling to participate in the MPS Playdowns, playing two games Saturday and two more on Sunday.

Saturday started off with the Storm's toughest competition yet, after playing the Huntsville Otters four times over the course of the season. The team has battled hard each game and hasn't been able to come out on top.

The team started the game off with the first goal, but the Otters weren't about to let us walk away with it and battled back just as hard keeping up with every goal. At the end of the third period they were tied at three, putting the game into sudden death overtime. It was an intense overtime with both teams doing everything that they could to get the puck in the net. After a couple of close calls, the Storm managed to hit the back of the net and take a 4-3 win.

Game two on Saturday had Storm facing Parry Sound. They were tired after playing the game of the year just an hour and a half before but they were up for the challenge. Parry Sound battled hard, with a solid goaltender keeping them right in the game. The Storm managed to squeak three goals past the goaltender but it wasn't easy, winning the game 3-2.

Sunday brought a whole new day with more competition and the drive to make it to the A finals. Game one of the day had the Storm playing the North Muskoka Rock. Another great solid game was played by all players and the result was a 7-0 win for Storm.

With three wins under their belts, the Highland Storm would face the South Muskoka Bears in the A finals.

The game started out with the Storm dominating the play, making great passes and trying to get the puck past the Bears goaltender. Finally the team found the back of the net and took a 1-0 lead. The team worked hard to keep the Bears from getting one, but they managed to tie the score 1-1. The Storm battled hard, fought off penalties and continued to force the Bears to step up their game. With another goal for the Storm they were back in the lead. The Bears pulled out all the stops, taking advantage of a powerplay to pull their goalie and go for the tie with just over a minute left in play. The

Highland Storm

Storm took a time out and the coaches set the play in motion. With less than a minute left, the Storm got an empty netter for the 3-1 win and championship.

Minden Pharmasave

Peewee A

Submitted by Jennifer Little

The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee A Team participated in the MPS Playoff Tournament over the weekend and skated away with the championship trophy!

Right from the get go, the boys served penalty after penalty but it couldn't bring them down. Showing perseverance, heart and incredible teamwork by all players, our boys battled it out winning all but one game.

In the first of three games on Saturday, the team faced the Muskoka Rock, a team they have not met in the regular season. Setting the tone for the weekend, the boys finished with a 4-2 win. Goals were scored by Isaac Little, Paul Turner, and Ryan Hall, with assists from Tyson Clements, Zach Morissette, Benn MacNaull and Hall.

Saturday's second game saw the Storm sparring against the Bracebridge Bears. With a hat trick from Braeden Robinson, along with goals from Alex Little and Clements, assisted by James Alexander, Isaac Little, Joe Boice, MacNaull and Aaron Bellefleur, the boys made it look easy with a 5-1 win.

The third game of the day, the Storm faced their arch rivals the Huntsville Otters. The team battled to the end but in the last five minutes a game that looked like it would result in a scoreless tie quickly became a loss ending in 2-0.

Sunday morning brought a new day and a determination to win against the Parry Sound Shamrocks to advance to the finals. The Storm will face the Shamrocks in the first round of OMHA playoffs so this was a fantastic time for a trial run. The boys hit the ice with a vengeance and didn't look back. They found themselves playing shorthanded for much of the game but still managed to push through for a 3-0 win and a chance to face Huntsville again in the finals. Goals were scored by Clements, Boice and Morissette, with assists from Isaac Little, Hall, Morissette, Boice and Hall.

The championship game saw Huntsville and the Storm battling it out once again. A quick goal early in the first period by Isaac Little, assisted by Clements, started the game out right. In the second period, Robinson sniped one in, assisted by Isaac Little and Bellefleur. Later in the second, Morissette made it look easy with an unassisted goal.

Huntsville wouldn't let the Storm boys off that easily and retaliated with two goals, one in the second and one in the third bringing the score to a close 3-2. With spectators on the edge of their seats, Boice scored the fourth goal for the Storm assisted by MacNaull and Alex Little. The crowd went wild but knew that our boys' work was far from done with over seven minutes remaining in the game.

Try as they might, Huntsville couldn't bring our boys down this time with a final score of 4-2!

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16. Vanished
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18. Sub finder
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27. Magazine editions
31. Nebraska's neighbor
32. Pack animal
35. Knocks
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1. Ink stain
2. Nevada town
3. Feed the kitty
4. Lunchtime
5. Least difficult
6. Fabled dwarf
7. Sweetie
8. Medical group (abbr.)
9. Not wide
10. Ice house
11. Plant anchor
12. Prince Charles's sister
13. At no time, in verse
21. Reverent dread
23. Potato state
25. Permit
26. Carried
27. Incensed
28. Beauty shop
29. Church tower
30. Puts into service
32. Orally
33. Sight or smell

43. Atmosphere layer
44. Chest
45. Connecting words
47. Trick
48. Wind direction (abbr.)
49. The Red Planet
51. President, e.g.
53. Cheese variety
55. Pinball parlor
58. As a substitute
63. Mediocre grades
64. Designated
67. Robust
68. Beer grain
69. Over
70. Preceding nights
71. She, in Bordeaux
72. Urban drainpipe
73. Giraffe's feature

34. Disdainful look
37. Clock feature
39. Bible book
41. Roaming tribesman
46. Libel's kin
50. Amphitheaters
52. 14th letters
53. Scrapbook need
54. Strainer
55. Peak
56. Actual
57. ____ phone
59. At that time
60. Roof edge
61. Baldwin or Guinness
62. Office furniture
65. Lincoln, informally
66. Cut grass

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

30 Years 30 Artifacts - Minden Hills Museum, 10 pm - 5 pm

The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm

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WEDNESDAY

Dorset Yoga Classes - Dorset Recreation Centre, 11:30am - 12:30pm

Dorset African Hand Drumming Class - Dorset Recreation Centre, 10am -11am

Toastmaster Meetings - Minden United Church, 7pm - 9pm

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Highland Trio, Feb. 7, 4-7 p.m. Pulled pork on a bun, \$5. No cover.

Minden Branch

Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.

Seniors “B-d” Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.

Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.

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.

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch

Community Support Services 55+ lunch, Friday

Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Robbie Burns dinner, \$15/person, 6 p.m.

Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.

Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Lake Trout ice fishing derby, Jan. 31, \$15/ person, weigh-in 3-6 p.m.

** No karaoke until further notice

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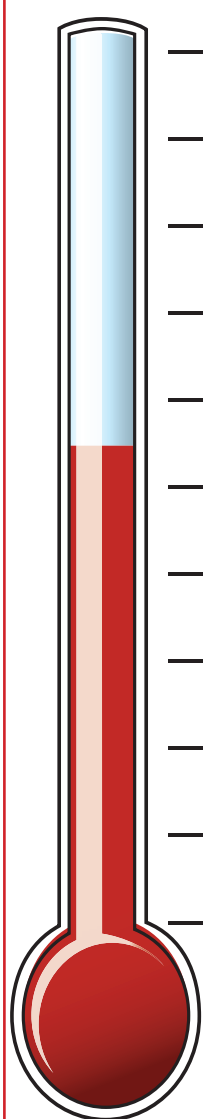
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Photo by Mark Arike

The Canoe FM Radio Hall filled up quickly for Zoe Chilco's performance.

Concertgoers warm up to sounds of Chilco

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Longtime local artist Zoe Chilco gave jazz and blues enthusiasts a taste of some of her original material during a live performance

at the Canoe FM Radio Hall on Jan. 16.

Joining Chilco for the one-hour show were her band mates Ian Pay on bass, Paul Chilco on guitar, Paul Greco on drums and John Deehan on saxophone.

A volunteer with the not-for-profit community radio station since its inception

in 2003, Chilco has eight collections of original compositions. She is currently working on a new album which will be released in the summer.

The recording of Chilco's performance will air on 100.9 FM at 6 p.m. on Jan. 22.



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Highlander events



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Legion country hoedown

Around 175 people attended the Country Hot Flashes concert on Jan. 17 at the Haliburton Legion. The band invited guests to join them on stage for some variety. Dave Allen said the Legion has been offering live entertainment every other Saturday to generate revenue. He said their new slogan is "the best venue in the Highlands for live, local music."

Pictured above, Gary Waters plays with the Country Hot Flashes. Right: A couple dances during the band's performance.



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HELP WANTED



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The County of Haliburton is recruiting for a Human Resources Generalist/Deputy Clerk.

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You will have excellent interpersonal, communication and organizational skills and the ability to multi-task. Applicants may be required to undergo a skills assessment and/or testing.

A copy of the detailed job description is available online at haliburtoncounty.ca.

Resume and covering letter should be submitted electronically to Evelyn Fenwick, Director of Human Resources, efenwick@county.haliburton.on.ca, by January 30, 2015.

We thank you for your application, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



The Corporation of the County of Haliburton TRUCK DRIVER/PLOW OPERATOR

The County of Haliburton Roads Department is recruiting for a truck driver/equipment operator for a short term temporary assignment. Hourly rate is \$22.83.

The successful applicant must have: a clean driving record, experience in operating a tandem truck with a combination snow plow/sander, a loader and a tractor backhoe. A valid Ontario AZ driver's license is preferred. Must be available for call into work on short notice in a timely manner.

Ability to demonstrate good judgement and communicate effectively with staff and members of the public is required.

Resumes will be accepted up to Monday January 26, 2015 at 4:30pm. Please send your resume to:

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EVENTS

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PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month. 1:30-3:30 pm. Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team education room. October 8, November 12; December 10. Call Dave Graham 705-457-1296 (TFN)

EVENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
HALIBURTON
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
GREAT HALL

Special Meeting for Members 5PM

The Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands board is calling a special meeting for members to vote on a number of by-law changes and to appoint an auditor for the 2014/2015 fiscal year. Please be sure to attend this meeting - following it will be... Arts Achievements 2014 6PM Time to step forward and let the arts community know what you achieved in 2014. Awards, recognition, commissions, goals met, starting something new... tell us what you are proud of accomplishing in the past year.

Contact Peggy Morgan, haliburtonarts@haliburtonarts.on.ca, at the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands office and give your name and topic of success story. This can be a brief announcement to a maximum 15 minute power point presentation.

Wine & Cheese Reception

Enjoy a wine reception while catching up with fellow artists after the presentations. Many thanks to the Haliburton School of The Arts for sponsoring this event. Please consider admission by donation.

EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - we care Meetings: Thursdays 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Sundays 10:30 – 11:30 am. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900. (TFN)

EVENTS



HEP C SUPPORT meets third Friday each month at Haliburton Highlands Family Medical Centre for lunch 11 am - 1 pm. For more info please call 1-855-808-6242 press 4 then 4 then 4

NOTICE

For family and friends there will be a celebration of life in memory of WILMA GEMMELL on Saturday Feb 7th, 2015 from 1pm to 4pm at the Legion in Minden. Thank you, The Family

NOTICE

Municipality of Dysart et al



COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Pursuant to By-law No. 2014-31, notice is hereby provided that the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015 has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 26, 2015.

At that time, Council will be reviewing the Procedural By-law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Council will be considering proposed amendments to various fees and charges at their meeting on February 26th, 2015.

The amendments pertain to the following fees:

- Administration Fees
- A.J. LaRue Arena/Community Centre Fees
- Provision of Fire Department Services

2015 BUDGET

Notice is hereby provided that Council will be reviewing the 2015 Budget at the January 26th and February 26th Regular Council meetings.

SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Council is seeking public members for the following Committees:

Environment and Conservation Committee.

This Committee will support the operational areas of the municipality in areas regarding landfills and recycling initiatives, septic programs, sewage disposal and energy conservation. Public education will also be a role for this Committee.

Recreation Advisory Committee.

This Committee will represent the public interests with regards to recreational programming.

If you are available to attend bi-monthly meetings and play an active role in these initiatives for the Municipality, please submit an expression of interest to twilbee@dysartetal.ca no later than February 13, 2015. The Municipality operates through an online electronic format which can be viewed at www.haliburton.civicweb.net.

EVENTS

Kids TIME

Starting January 25th, 2015 at

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- Crafts, Bible Story, Activities & Light Snack
- Sundays at 11:00am 21 Newcastle Street in Minden
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Dad has left us to be with the love of his life, Adele (nee Stubbs). Loving father of Rose Marie (Ken Robinson), Patricia (Jack Atlas), the late Russell, Brian (Rena Woodley), Philip (Rebecca Southern), Thomas (Sue Wallace), and Douglas. Cherished grandfather of 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He is loved and will be sorely missed by the Stubbs and Woodley extended families. Bill was a family person first. He cared for not only his family, but also the many friends he made through his involvement in music, church and community organizations. Bill's golf, trap shooting and curling friends helped support him through his illness, and he was able to keep active until very near the end. For this, the family offers our thanks. Special thanks to Dr. Ferracuti and the nursing staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the doctors and staff of Sunnybrook Hospital and Odette Cancer Centre, for the kind care he received.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

A Service of Remembrance will be held at HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH, 10 George Street, Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. For those unable to attend the service, the family will welcome friends to an open house on January 31, 2015. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the HHSF - Palliative Care Unit, Haliburton or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.


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What's on

Blues artist comes to Minden

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

If you like music, then on some level you must love the blues.

Jack de Keyzer is a two-time Juno Award-winning blues musician, and he's coming to Minden. The show is part of the Canadian Blues Legends series running at The Dominion Hotel.

"My music is mostly based on classic blues," de Keyzer said. "It's probably like Chicago blues. I have influences of classic rock blues, and also R&B and jazz in there. The blues is the main thing."

Blues, he said, has influenced most kinds of music.

"For anybody who's not super familiar with the blues, it's the cornerstone of American music. No matter what kind of music you like, early swing jazz, rock and roll, funk, all that music, the bedrock of that is blues."

Because of its diversity, de Keyzer and his band have played all over, and in all sorts of venues.

"That's the beauty of it," he said. "Sometimes we're playing for 10,000 people, and the next for 200. We play all kinds of gigs, parties, festivals, concerts, theatres, and nightclubs. Any place that's full and people are having a great time is bang on for me. That's great. We play for the people."

And you don't have to be a blues aficionado to enjoy the show, either.

"Everybody will enjoy it," he said. "Everybody will like it. It's upbeat. The guys in my band are really good, so there's lots of good musicianship happening. We throw in classic blues tunes people will know, along with original material and motown kind of stuff."

His latest CD, Voodoo Boogie, is a live album that was recorded in Hamilton at The Corktown. A previous CD, taken from the same show, won a Juno in 2011. This year, de Keyzer and his band were nominated for four Maple Blues Awards.

As an artist who has worked with a number of blues heavyweights including Etta James, Ronnie Hawkins, Bo Diddley, and Blue Rodeo, de Keyzer has built a



Photo by Adrian Armstrong

Jack de Keyzer, award-winning blues artist, will be playing The Dominion Hotel on Jan. 24.

reputation for his blues guitar playing.

"A lot of big blues acts like Etta James and Bo Diddley, I worked with them on stage," he said. "There was a club in Toronto in the 80s, and everybody played there. A lot of times, a lot of the singers

would need a backup band, and I was often in that."

Since those days, he's become an award-winning, internationally-recognized blues artist.

"Whenever you're nominated, it's great,"

he said. "It's recognition people like what you're doing. Obviously it helps to have that recognition and affirmation that people like it."

Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. The show is at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 24.

Jan 24th, 2015: "Signs in the Snow"

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is pleased to host another series of Nature in the 'Hood: Discovery Days events. We invite people of all ages to come explore and enjoy the natural world around us in the Haliburton Highlands.

The first event for 2015 is "Signs in the Snow". We will meet at the Dahl Forest, where a member of the Minden Fur Harvesters will take us out for a hike and point out the various signs of animal activity in the winter forest. Bring your snowshoes and dress for the weather!

Please register in advance for this event - go to www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca, click "Events & Programs" and follow the links.

Many thanks to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for providing a portion of the funds to support this program and keep costs to participants low.



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\$5.00/adult
(kids attend free
with paid adult)



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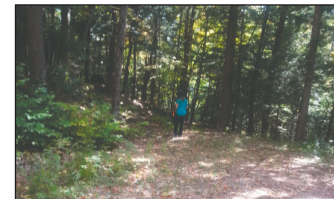
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\$86,900.



- Over 300 feet of south exposure
- Clean spring fed lake



- Driveway in to potential building site
- Hydro at the property line
- Good swimming, fishing, and boating



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4 SEASON RETREAT

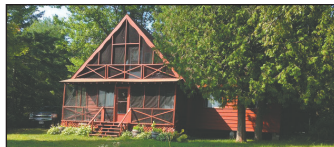
\$424,900.



- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,218 square feet
- 231 feet of waterfront, 2.16 acres
- Master bedroom with walkout to deck
- Pine floors, central air
- Large lakeside deck and dock areas

ROCKY POINT

\$349,900.



- 3 bedroom, 1,714 square ft. cottage
- Rocky point lot with 210 feet of frontage
- Open concept, stone fireplace
- 2 screened porch areas, detached garage
- Easy access off municipal paved road

SHOWS TO PERFECTION! \$279,900



- 2 + 1 bedrooms, 786 square feet living space
- Gently sloping lot with 100 feet of waterfront
- Year round access, upgraded driveway
- Large lakeside dock, fire pit, Bunkie
- 4-season use with extensive renovations

FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$439,900.



- 3+ bedrooms, 2.5 bath, 3,928 sq. ft. living space
- Close to beaches, skiing, fine dining
- Sunroom, hardwood floors, games room
- Lower level walkout to gorgeous yard
- Many recent upgrades, year round comfort



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CABIN WITH ACREAGE

\$128,000.



- 95+ acres of mixed bush
- 544 square foot cabin with screened porch
- 2 ponds, abundance of wildlife
- ATV trails throughout, year round access
- Located close to Sir Sam's Ski/Bike Resort

AT WATERS EDGE

\$349,900.



- 2 bedroom, 1,580 square ft. cottage
- 105 feet clean sand shoreline, sunrise view
- Interlocking stone/brick patios, treed
- Lower level walkout, storage shed
- Lakeside decking with glass panels

CALLING ALL HUNTERS \$79,900.



- 87 acres
- Surrounded on 3 sides by Crown Land
- Level area to build on
- Loads of hardwood – never been logged
- A hunters paradise

3 BEDROOM HOME IN CARNARVON \$169,900.



- Superb family home
- Centrally located close to all amenities
- Level lot with double detached garage
- 3 bedrooms, open concept
- Beautiful gardens on a corner lot



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YEAR ROUND HOME \$134,900.



- 3+1 bedrooms, 2,000 sq. ft. home
- Oak kitchen, formal living/dining area
- Full basement with built-in garage
- Year round access close to amenities
- Being sold as is

WATERFRONT LOTS FOR SALE

- **\$99,900.** Drag Lake water access, 1.87 acre lot with 430 feet of frontage.
- **\$149,900.** Percy Lake lot with 165 feet of frontage, expansive southern view and year round access.
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PERFECT BEACH! \$489,900.



- Stunning 4-season home or cottage
- Level, well teed lot on 3 lake chain
- 2,300 sq. ft. of living space, 3 bdrms, 2 bath
- Finished lower level with lakeside walkout
- Double garage, heated workshop, shed, & toy house!

PRIVACY ON A 5 LAKE CHAIN \$574,900.



- 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3,200 sq. ft. of living space
- 187 feet of sand and rock shoreline
- Year round access, sunset views
- Skylights, finished walk-out lower level
- Detached double garage with finished loft



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GREAT HALIBURTON VILLAGE LOCATION \$279,000.



- Spacious 5+ bedrooms with many upgrades
- On Highland Street across from the LCBO
- Commercial zoning
- Many potential uses

DRAG LAKE COTTAGE \$324,500.



- Charming 3 bedroom back split cottage with large screened Muskoka Room and a bunkie. Enjoy miles of boating and fishing on Drag and Spruce Lakes.

HIGHWAY 118 \$136,500.



- Approximately 2,600 feet frontage on #118
- Driveway installed with pole and meter
- Maple and Oak – logging potential
- Snowmobile trail and 2 lakes nearby
- Great site to build or for hunt camp

FOUR MILE LAKE \$429,000.



- 180 acre farm property
- Year round municipal road
- 1,500 feet of shoreline
- Somerville Con. 6 at Shuttleworth
- Snowmobile trail on east side.



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4 SEASON RETREAT \$374,900.



- 3+ bedroom, open concept, ranch style home
- Child safe shoreline, expansive views
- Front and rear decking
- 1,800 square feet of living space
- Year round easy access

4 SEASON RETREAT \$349,900.



- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, winterized cottage
- 100.65 feet of sand frontage
- Year round municipal dead end road access
- Cathedral ceilings, wrap around decking
- Comes furnished and ready to enjoy

PRIME OPPORTUNITY \$219,900.



- Long term 'Brewers Retail' tenant
- 3,000 square foot building, loading dock
- Overlooking Gull River
- On town water and sewer
- Great investment!

MAJESTIC SETTING \$800,000.



- 4 season, 3 bedroom home/cottage
- 265 feet of clean sand shoreline, 1.35 acres
- Separate 2 bedroom, 1 bath Bunkie
- Dry slip boathouse with sauna, games room
- Oversized double garage, stunning views.



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