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Photo by Mark Arike

On March 2, the Red Hawks varsity boys hockey team won both of their hockey games at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton to become this year's COSSA A/AA division champions. Just four days before their most recent win, the team captured the Kawartha league title. The team will play at OFSAA on March 9 in Pembroke.

Gold win advances Hawks to OFSAA

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Less than a week after capturing the Kawartha division championship, the Red Hawks varsity boys hockey team went on to win two games on March 2 to become COSSA A/AA champions.

It's the second year in a row that the team, made up of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students, has claimed back-to-back

titles. Since 2007, the Hawks have won COSSA gold three times.

"At the start of the day I had hoped that we would win, but it's really up in the air," said the team's head coach Ron Yake. "I've seen so many hockey games where it's a tight game and the puck bounces the wrong way and you lose. You never know when you come into this."

But the Red Hawks left nothing to chance. In their morning game against St. Paul

Catholic Secondary School Falcons at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, the Hawks took advantage of several power plays to earn a 9-2 victory. The Hawks also dominated the Campbellford District High School Flames that afternoon, winning 10-3 on home ice.

"Our guys kept it together and played very well as a team," said Yake after the victory over the Flames.

Yake attributed the team's success in the playoffs to a strong three-man line (Joel

Fedeski, Curtis Ballantyne and Noah Dollo), mental toughness and the overall effort put in by all of his players.

"Our top guys were going to get lots of ice time at the start [of the final game] to go hard – and they're the best line in our league and they put it together and played really well," he said. "That put a lot of pressure on [the Flames], which turned out to create some penalties and some power play situations."

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Dysart a 'Community in Action'

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Changes made to Haliburton Village streets as a result of a 2009 active transportation plan are winning kudos for Dysart et al in North American forums.

Now the local Communities in Action Committee (CIA) has updated it to create the 2014 Active Transportation in Haliburton Village plan, which is based in part on a 2013 walkability audit of the village, studies of new municipal and provincial documents, and outstanding items from the earlier plan.

According to Sue Shikaze, CIA chair, committee representatives outlined their active transportation activities at nine conferences across the continent last year. In an update to Dysart council at its Feb. 26 regular meeting, Shikaze said improvements to York Street were a particular hit.

The CIA, in partnership with local municipalities, "has really been seen as providing leadership and best practice for other small rural communities in Ontario, across Canada and in fact in North America," said Shikaze.

"So we have lots of invitations to share our successes and I'm always really pleased to show in particular before and after photos of places like York Street and Highland Street to show that with municipal commitment and investment and some creative opportunities, really significant projects can be

done. People look at that, especially they look at York Street and go, 'Wow, that's really quite something.'"

Highlights of the updated plan include additional traffic calming measures on York Street and working with property owners to upgrade the walkways between York and Highland streets, which are consistently identified as problem spots, said Shikaze.

The CIA also identified the section of County Road 21 from the Head Lake bridge to the new Whispering Pines residence as requiring "complete street" treatment, including a possible community safety zone. That section of the road is operated by the county.

Next steps include working with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and county tourism director Amanda Virtanen to develop a strategy to measure the economic impact of cycling and other outdoor recreation activities.

"There's lots of research out there that shows that tourists who cycle spend more money than just an average tourist," said Shikaze.

The CIA will also be monitoring opportunities for provincial grants such as the Cycling Infrastructure Fund as part of its many activities.

The CIA is a coalition of representatives from local and provincial groups that contribute to creating healthy, active communities. The Active Transportation in Haliburton Village report and recent addendum can be viewed on the CIA website at haliburtoncooperative.on.ca/CIA/our-projects.



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AH gets \$25K for trails

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands has been granted a majority portion of matching funds requested from the National Trails Coalition (NTC) in August.

Township staff reported the NTC will grant \$25,000 of the original \$34,000 requested for infrastructure and wages to assist in completing several trails projects. The township planned to match the funds with in-kind and volunteer contributions.

The NTC suggested the township either make up the funding difference or reduce the scope of the overall project to match the reduced grant. Council chose the latter option as the majority of the projects can still be completed.

The revised project scope includes a trails technician, board, walkportage, and bridge reconstruction or installation, signage installation, drainage improvements and a boat ramp and dock installation.

MNR consults public on moose

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

There's still time to weigh in on the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (MNR) Moose Project. The Moose Project is part of the ministry's answer to declining moose populations in northern Ontario. Starting in 2015, the MNR is proposing to limit the calf hunting season to two weeks in northern Ontario. Calves can only be harvested during that two-week period, but hunting for adult moose is still permitted for the remainder of the open season.

In 2016, the moose hunting season will be delayed by one week across much of northern Ontario to give the animals more time to complete their mating. None of these changes affect Haliburton County.

The MNR will accept public input on the Moose Project until March 9. For full details, or to provide input, visit Ontario.ca/moose.

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Four per cent meet expectations

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

Haliburton County is not ready to be a culinary tourism destination. At least, not yet.

According to a report by the Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance (OCTA) released last week, only four per cent of local food tourism businesses deliver “a depth of experience that meets or exceeds the expectations of a local food tourist.”

The report looked at 114 local businesses involved in food tourism. Those include accommodations, attractions, beverage producers, culinary schools, farmers’ markets, festivals and events, growers and producers, restaurants, retailers, and tour operators. It then ranked and categorized them as either champions (one per cent), leaders (three per cent), followers (25 per cent), or subscribers (71 per cent).

Champions and leaders were found in the attractions, farmers’ markets, growers and producers, retailers, and tour operators categories.

But Haliburton County’s director of tourism, Amanda Virtanen, said the report is not as bad as it might look.

“I think we’re more ready than we think,” she said. “I think [the report] presents a great opportunity for us. A really important part of OCTA is to educate, engage, and start to spread the message about why people are ranked where they are, and what they can do.”

She said in some cases, very small things like not listing their local ingredients on the menu are keeping some of the businesses from being ranked higher.

“Some are just missing a couple of elements.”

Virtanen said the county will work with OCTA to inform businesses on how they ranked and what they can do to improve. Although she doesn’t see it as a major problem, Virtanen added that some businesses may never change.

“It is the way it is,” she said. “So many businesses are excited and do want to move forward. I think the only solution is to work

with those businesses. Those are the people we need to engage.”

Along with their report, OCTA provided Virtanen with over 300 pages that include an executive summary detailing recommendations, along with several 30-40 page action plans. These detail how the county can develop a chef network, how to leverage wild edibles, and how to create a wild at heart program, for example.

“They looked at specific things that would work in our region,” she said.

In terms of timeline, Virtanen said the report lays out a three-year plan.

“I think we’ll start to see changes by the end of 2015,” she said. “I think 2016 will be our year to shine, but the report takes us through to 2017.”

She said it took Prince Edward County eight years to integrate its offerings, like wineries and galleries, to become the renowned culinary destination it is today.

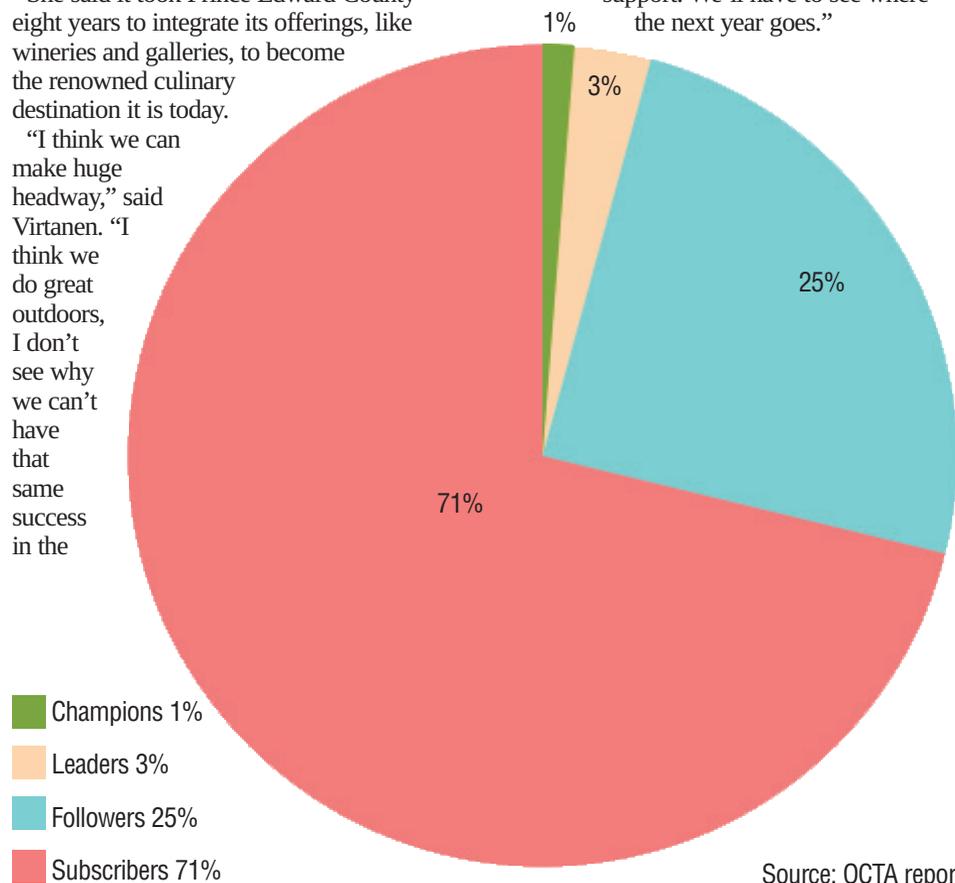
“I think we can make huge headway,” said Virtanen. “I think we do great outdoors, I don’t see why we can’t have that same success in the

food arena if we have everyone on the same page.”

In fact, the report lists outdoor activities as one of the county’s strengths. However, its weaknesses include businesses that are not market ready, limited sourcing of local food, and lack of a web presence and marketing. The report calls for an increase in partnerships, food-related programs, enhancing events and festivals with local food, and strengthening the local food supply chain.

While the county’s budget hasn’t been approve yet, Virtanen said some funds have been put aside specifically for this initiative.

“It’s one of those plans that can either really fly with stakeholder engagements, or not necessarily so if we don’t have a lot of support. We’ll have to see where the next year goes.”



Some residents stranded in Dysart

By Lisa Harrison
 Contributing Writer

When it comes to accessibility, residents at Whispering Pines seniors’ residence on County Road 21 “are marooned out there,” says a representative for Aging Well in Haliburton County.

Margery Cartwright, the committee’s secretary, presented an update on the committee’s activities, and two requests to Dysart et al council at its Feb. 27 regular meeting.

Originally a falls prevention group, the Aging Well committee is dedicated to bringing seniors together and mobilizing the community to be more flexible and responsive to the needs of the county’s aging population.

Cartwright explained the JEEB principle of aging – joints, eyes, ears and balance – all begin to lose effectiveness, which makes it imperative that public and private

organizations alike take steps to ensure such measures as better lighting, reflective tape on stairs, even walking surfaces, and sturdy railings to help prevent falls, are all in place.

Aging Well’s 2009 county-wide survey of seniors has led to the establishment of outdoor rest benches, chairs with arms in public areas, ramps, grab bars at store entrances and more.

However, there is much more to be done, according to Cartwright.

“Unfortunately, only half of the 24 [Whispering Pines] residents can walk and they have no cars,” said Cartwright. “So there’s maybe five or six that are capable of getting to Todd’s [Independent] and back for their groceries, but they’re finding it really scary.”

“Whatever the reason is, they don’t have adequate transportation and they miss it.”

She also discussed several other areas for improvement, including the walkways between York and Highland streets, calling

one in particular dark, slippery and poorly designed along the edges with “impossible” railings.

Cartwright asked for a councillor to act as liaison to the committee, and would like to be included as an advisor in the early planning stages for any public works that require new construction or renovation “so that we can provide what expertise we have.”

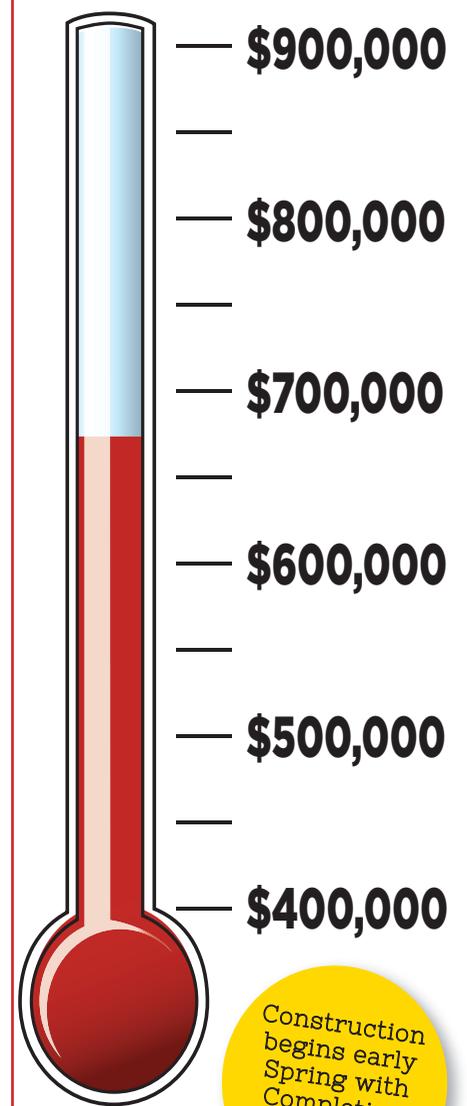
She closed her presentation with a quote: “If you design for the able you exclude people. If you design for the disabled you include everybody.”

Reeve Murray Fearrey said council would take the committee’s requests under advisement, adding that public meetings are advertised “but people don’t come.”

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts volunteered to serve as council’s representative to the committee.



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Editorial opinion

The cost of nine lives

During a Feb. 26 Minden Hills council meeting, councillors approved a recommendation to include six community grants totalling \$17,000 in this year's budget. Some of these organizations, such as the Minden Food Bank, have served the county's most vulnerable residents for several years, if not decades.

But one of those grants – in the amount of \$3,000 – will be used to help feral cats in town. For those who aren't aware, downtown Minden has been dealing with this problem for quite some time. Many of the stray or abandoned felines like to hang around the town's businesses.

Fortunately a group of caring volunteers known as the Minden Cat Angels have come together to provide these homeless animals temporary shelter, food and water, ensure they receive their shots and show them the kind of care that is needed to one day become a domesticated pet.

Earlier this year, Don Kerr and Kathryn Kidd, both members of the group, approached council for financial support from the township to help pay for vet bills. The one-time ask would primarily be used to spay and neuter the cats.

While a couple of councillors expressed their gratitude for the commitment displayed by the volunteers, only one raised the issue of finding long-term solutions. Ward 2 councillor Pam Sayne commented that she would like to eventually see a strategic plan brought forward for dealing with the problem.

And that's exactly what needs to happen, sooner rather than later.

While the group's volunteers have assured council that they will be able to continue

their work through fundraising, there's nothing stopping irresponsible pet owners from continuing to add to Minden's cat problems.

In an interview with The Highlander, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said \$3,000 wouldn't go very far if the township were to try and remedy the situation on their own.

He also pointed out that feral and stray cats can pose a risk to public health.

While those are valid points, simply signing a cheque without a long-term strategy in place offers nothing more than a band-aid solution. Times are tough (residents are facing a 5.9 per cent tax increase this year) and while \$3,000 doesn't sound like much, it sure would go far for a family who needs to decide between heating their home or putting food on the table.

The Cat Angels recently stepped up their fundraising efforts by launching an online campaign on the crowdfunding site Indiegogo. With the boundless reach of the web and social media, this is most certainly a step in the right direction. Two weeks in, the campaign has raised \$275 of a \$2,000 goal.

Hopefully they meet their goals. But in the meantime, the township should do some further research and develop a sustainable plan to keep the feral cat population to a minimum.

A public education campaign might be the best place to start.



By Mark Arike

Sex Ed 101

To certain Ontario parents out there: welcome to 2015.

In case you haven't heard yet, we landed on the moon, eight-track players have gone the way of the dodo and we really need to institute a new sex education curriculum in this province.

If that comes across as an affront to some parents out there, well at least now I have your attention.

I understand your passion with this contentious issue – you are trying to look out for your children after all – but your bluster is getting in the way of one very important point: too much knowledge is never a bad thing, even when that knowledge makes you a bit uneasy.

In the case of Ontario's Sex Ed program, allowing these changes is simply the right thing to do. Ontario lags behind many other provinces in sex education, but this isn't about keeping up with the Joneses. It's about making sure kids have the information they need to get by in the world.

You will find that the opposition to this proposed plan falls into three categories: political, moral and parental. All of them have their own merits but none of them justify stopping these reforms from happening.

First off, this is not a political issue and it should never be characterized as Liberal or Conservative. Health concerns should never be based on that. This is strictly a human issue. If your resistance to the plan in any way is founded in your political leanings and who's idea it is, then you need to let that opposition go right now.

Secondly – and most noticeably – is the morality tug of war being waged over the curriculum. A large part of the argument is about what standards we do or don't want to have in our society. For some, LGBTQ and promiscuity shouldn't be addressed in a school curriculum because they shouldn't really be a part of society, period. Those people think teaching our kids about them not only legitimizes these lifestyles, but encourages the students to participate in them.

Our school curriculums, whether we're talking about sex or any other subject,

must reflect reality. Pretending gay people don't exist, for example, only makes our kids ignorant. But teaching students about homosexuality just might help them treat homosexuals with kindness and respect.

Lastly, and most passionately, are the parents who are opposed to this legislation. They oppose it simply on a parental level. That is, their children are being taught things the parent either disagrees with or isn't comfortable talking about.

This is a perfectly understandable rationale. Not all adults agree on the exact age a child should learn about sensitive subjects, so having it mandated at school certainly forces a parent's hand. It puts them in an awkward position of having to explain something they might not be ready for. But regardless of how uneasy a parent may feel talking about the birds and the bees, it's imperative that they find a way. The risk of not doing so is too great.

Knowledge is power, and inversely, lacking knowledge becomes a weakness – for the child. While it is very sobering to realize how much more worldly kids are today, we all need to face that hard truth. Movies and the internet glamorize sex. Kids see the pretty and the sexy things, but along with that, they need to see the serious repercussions of what they're risking, whether that's pregnancy, disease or abuse. They need to understand sex and its implications in the proper context. If this ever-changing world overwhelms you sometimes, how do you think your child is coping?

It's a parent's job to both protect and prepare the child for the world ahead. While you may not like the bumps and the curves and the dangers that are out there, they are out there and a child deserves to know. And once they know, they can be prepared.

Your kids will thank you for it later.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

Closing ceremonies good opportunity to recognize medal winners

Dear editor,

First and foremost I would like to commend all those who made the Ontario 55+ Winter Games happen: organizers and planning committees; sponsors and partners (media and funding); local business supporters; providers of accommodation; all those who contributed in any way to A Taste of the Highlands/Dysart Dine Around; opening/closing ceremony speakers, Masters of Ceremony Brigitte Gall and Kurt Browning, entertainers, production crew; and last, but by no means least, all the volunteers who so graciously and unselfishly gave of their time, once again exemplifying the good will of our county.

I have come to learn, through personal experience, that no matter how well an event is planned and no matter how well it unfolds, there is always room for improvement. It is with this in mind that I respectfully put forth a suggestion for future games, hosted by our county.

The closing ceremony, complete with entertainment second to none, was beautiful – something of which to be proud. Having said that, given this event was for the athletes, I have to admit that I was disappointed at the lack of personal recognition afforded the medal winners. It is my opinion that each athlete or team who took gold, silver or bronze, could have been recognized with the

mention of their name or team as well as the district they represented.

While I understand medal ceremonies were conducted at each event site, and that opening/closing ceremonies are always faced with time restrictions, I don't honestly believe such recognition would have taken more than an additional 30 minutes. As an example, the house lights could have been raised and, by event, the athletes could have been asked to stand at the mention of their medals, names, or teams. I would have loved to have had the opportunity to recognize and congratulate the medal winners, if only with applause, and feel sure the athletes themselves would have welcomed the opportunity to recognize each other as well as share their personal victories. This was their night. This was their milestone.

My suggestion is that due consideration be given, by the decision makers, to the personal recognition of medal winners at the closing ceremonies of future such events hosted by our county.

To all gold, silver and bronze medal winners, and to all the athletes who worked so hard to earn their place at the Ontario 55+ Winter Games, my heartfelt congratulations. You not only inspire me, you make me proud to be a senior. You make me proud to be from Ontario.

Noni Richardson
Haliburton County

Photo of the week



An unlikely duo.

Photo by Joanne McKinnon

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Cyberspace, lasagne and a lucky coyote

Mr. Spock died last week, as I'm sure most of you are aware. But how did you find out that Captain Kirk's pointy-eared sidekick had gone to the great star fleet in the sky? Facebook told me. Well, not Facebook exactly but the outpouring of faux grief that friends of friends of Facebook friends deemed it necessary to inundate social media cyberspace with following the announcement of Leonard Nimoy's passing.

As much as I was a Star Trek fan in my youth, is it really necessary for everyone and their mother to 'share' their every banal thought about Mr. Spock's death with the rest of the world? I mean, what happened when a big star died before we had the wonders of Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and a whole barrage of other social media sites?

What happened when John Wayne died, for instance, or Marilyn Monroe? How did we cope with the grief before we were able to go blub all over the Internet?

And that's my problem I guess: while I have my uses for Facebook – keeping in touch with friends overseas, getting reminders about people's birthdays, making the odd pity remark about a friend's trivial

comment – I get really annoyed when people post information that is so tediously banal, thinking perhaps that the rest of the world might be vaguely interested in their pitiful little lives!

Hmm, that seems a bit strong doesn't it? But if you have a Facebook account you know what I'm getting at. If you don't, then imagine one of your friends calling you on the phone 15 times a day to update you on their movements.

"Hi Bill, it's Mary here. I had a lie-in this morning till 9.30 a.m. Bye."

"Hi Bill, Mary again. Took the dog for a walk and boy is it cold."

"Hi Bill... Yup, it's Mary again. Just called to let you know I had lasagna for lunch. It was so good I snapped a photo of it. I'll show it to you next time I pop over."

"Hi Bill, I'm thinking of knitting a scarf. Red with white flowers or green with yellow stripes, what do you think?"

"Hi Bill.... Bill? Bill, are you there?"
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP.

"Hmm, Bill's phone seems to be out of service. Maybe I'll pop round and let him know what I'm going to be doing this

afternoon. Oh goody, I can show him my lasagna photo, too!"

You get the idea, I'm sure.

But there are times when Facebook can be invaluable. Like a few weeks ago when two local professional sportsmen went down south for a spot of coyote hunting. The day was a hectic one, with numerous chases and plenty of excitement but, when it came to that critical moment, the shot of the day, the surefire kill, there was no 'BANG'. The one fellow opened his eyes to find his compatriot cursing for all he was worth and fumbling with the ammo clip that he had failed to properly load into his rifle.

The chance was missed, the hunt a failure, the coyotes probably howling with laughter.

But worse was still to come because by the time the duo had got back home, word had spread of their epic failure, and our 'clip juggler' was told by his teenage grandson that he'd seen pictures of the debacle on, yes you guessed it, Facebook.

Much to everyone's amusement, our unlucky hunter was livid and vowed to "break the knees of the #@\$%&* who put me on the Internet!" And he's still roaming

the streets, face set in a permanent grimace, hunting for the culprit.

The thing is, there were no pictures, no smart comments online. None of the hunters in the party would even know how to log onto Facebook. Just a mischievous grandson who'd fielded a phone call from one of the hunting party and found out about the clip juggler's story in time-honoured telephonic fashion, then decided to play a trick on his grampa.

Now that is great use of Facebook, don't you agree? Adding a chuckle to the lives of quite a few folks in Haliburton, without feeling the need to tell the cyberworld and his dog what you had for breakfast!

Admittedly, Mr. Spock would probably disagree and think it all 'highly illogical' but that's his prerogative. I just hope that when he finds out and catches up with his grandson, our hunter heeds Spock's words and gives you, Tyler, the chance to 'live long and prosper.'



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *It's been a long, cold winter. How are you keeping warm?*



Carl Sedusek
Fort Irwin

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Staying inside, lots of clothes. In France it only goes down to about -2, so this is very cold for us.



Ivan Earl
Haliburton

Staying indoors and watching movies with a nice bottle of dark rum. Bundling up when I do go outside.



Ted Earl
Haliburton

Used to come out everyday. Hats, mittens, the whole kit and caboodle. Praying for spring.



Candy Sedusek
Haliburton Lake

Staying in a lot. Hot totties and bundling up when I go out.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin & Ben Davis



By Matthew Desrosiers

Minden Food Bank buys new kitchen hood

The Minden Food Bank's new kitchen exhaust hood has been purchased thanks to a \$15,000 donation from Unifor's social justice fund. Marilynne Lesperance, chair the food bank's board, said it was an honour to receive the donation from the organization – formerly known as the CAW union. "There's not a whole lot of organized labour in Minden, so for them to respond is an honour," she said. In an email, Lesperance added that the union saw the value of the food bank's ability to feed 400 families in the community.

Pictured above, Minden Food Bank's board members stand around the new kitchen hood with the \$15,000 donation from Unifor. From left are Debbie Arthur, Pat Thornett, Max Ward, Jim Hicks, Pat Wilson, Marilynne Lesperance, Cathy Mitchell, Joanne Barnes, Francine Newton, and Barbara Walford Davis.

Reeve on board with Farmers' Market relocation to downtown Minden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

There's a good chance that the Haliburton County Farmers' Market will be relocating to Minden Hills this summer.

Minden Hills council recently received a request from the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association (HCFMA) to move the popular event to the municipal parking lot on Milne Street.

In a letter to the township, HCFMA chair Angel Taylor wrote that her organization was approached by the township to consider opening a location for the market in Minden. "We found that an attractive invitation and have identified a suitable location," Taylor told council during a Feb. 26 meeting.

Council received a report on last year's market, which was held at locations in Carnarvon and Haliburton. According to its findings, attendance grew 12.5 per cent over the previous year to about 23,000 patrons and vendor revenue increased 47 per cent to \$285,000.

"We have a loyal following," said Taylor. She explained that the market's board has carefully evaluated several locations in

Minden and came to the conclusion that a central location is important to customers.

"We think that the centre of Minden has a high probability of customer draw," she said.

The board estimates that the new location would offer space for 18-plus vendors. If more are recruited, those vendors could be situated on the west side of the fire hall, said Taylor.

In order to get vendors on board, Taylor sought approval for the new location and the market's dates (June 20 to Aug. 29) and times as soon as possible. A list of 15 items in a location requirements document was also provided to council.

"It would be a pilot so we would just see how it goes. We're not asking for a subsequent year in that location," she said.

At the time of her presentation, 12 vendors had already signed up for this summer's event.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said he was confident that the majority of council would support the request, however, a final decision would need to wait until the next council meeting.

"I think our interest is to have you around here a lot longer than one year," he said.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Jennifer Mykolyshyn draws a model during “Win, Lose, Draw” at the Rails End Gallery. Mykolyshyn finished first out of 16 competitors. Above: Lynda Shadbolt, left, speaks about an abstract drawing method known as Zentangle in a workshop led by Connie Beattie.

STAYcation a playground for creativity and art

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local artists and organizations joined forces to offer three days of hands-on art-making at the second annual Artlovers’ STAYcation.

Hosted by the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands and the Rails End Gallery from Feb. 26-28, the event grew in popularity this year with a variety of offerings. With 18 people signing up for nine workshops, participation more than doubled over last year.

“We have a winner with STAYcation!” wrote Laurie Jones, executive director of the Rails End Gallery, in an email.

The popular “Win, Lose, Draw” artist fight night returned to the gallery on opening night with 16 individuals, both artists and non-artists, vying for creative supremacy. In timed bouts, each person had the task of drawing a live model with the winner determined by audience applause.

Haliburton artist Jennifer Mykolyshyn won this year’s contest.

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What's Up



By George Farrell

A must-see and a sad farewell

"So what's your favourite?" asked my friend as we both looked over the images. She was referring to the 'Winter in Canada' exhibition which is on display until March 21 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

It was a tough question to answer. 'Winter in Canada' is one of this year's major exhibitions at the AJG, and over 100 pieces were submitted by artists from across Canada. Curator Laurie Carmount and Sandra Dupre from Fleming College in Haliburton had the tough task of whittling down the entries to the 34 on display, and now I was being asked to name just one. Hmmm. Time for a reflective run-through.

As you enter the gallery you are met by a massive 'Snowflake' by Gillian Collyer, which is made from nylon rope and fills a whole wall. It's an impressive beginning. As you progress along the main hallway you realize that this section is given over to images of winter activities. There are three paintings of skiers, all very well-executed in oils, the bright ski clothing contrasting with the blues and whites of the snow and sky. The main hallway also contains a delightfully small and intricate depiction of a pond hockey game painted on popsicle sticks. The sticks are hung on a wooden bar in such a way that they move when touched, which animates the images to a game in progress.

A hallway off the main hall is mounted with images that feature variations in the grey scale, with wisps of colour here and there. There are painting and drawings of shorelines, fishing huts, reflective ice, the ubiquitous winter woodland scenes and a snow-covered bicycle. The hallway also contains an oil encaustic, rice paper offering from Sharon Hog called 'Bikeride.' The tactile piece very effectively illustrates the abstractions produced by the tread of a mountain bike in slushy, grey snow.

The room off the side hallway is dedicated to two short videos which are a lot of fun. 'Seasick' by Eva Cvijanovic is an animated presentation of pen and ink drawings of a forlorn figure who seeks refuge in the sea. Not until the very end do we see any reference to winter, but it's an entertaining video.

In the other video titled 'The Long Wooden Tobogganist,' filmmaker Andrew Wall amusingly portrays his human protagonists as creatures of the Canadian wilderness engaged in an epic fight for toboggan territory.

The big main room of the gallery contains a diverse mixture of images including an impressively large forest scene, a realistic portrayal of a highway exit, wet socks drying on a radiator, a lake scene muted by a snow storm, a clever take of frost which uses chip board

as a canvas, and two sculptural forms. One sculpture called 'Snowy Night' by Kimberley Tucker is made from Maori wool which is stretched to points and encases a white Styrofoam head. It looks like it might have been the result of an acid-induced tryst in white-out conditions, between characters from the Comedia del Arte and the Cirque du Soleil. The other three-dimensional piece is made from felt and wool and resembles the inside of a snowball.

But every time I see the show (and 'Winter in Canada' is a show well worth several visits), one piece in particular keeps drawing my eye. It's an oil painting called 'Resilience,' by Gaia Orion. Except for some modern-looking houses in the background, it looks like a work from the 19th century. It illustrates an older woman in heavy winter clothing trudging along the sidewalk, head bowed and slanting herself into the icy wind. The woman occupies the lower right hand corner of the painting. The centre is occupied by a large, ominous tree. A crow on a telephone wire angles its body parallel to the wind and caws down at the advancing old woman.

Even though the woman is oblivious, there's a tension between her and the bird. There's an allegorical, Edgar Allan Poe feeling about the scene; slightly macabre and sinister. The painting shows an understanding of the forces of nature,

of human frailty and resilience in the face of adversity. The overall theme of the 'Winter' show is our love hate relationship with winter, but 'Resilience' was the only work that really spoke to me of the hardship of winter, and ultimately it was my favourite.

Kate Carder-Thompson, with a modernist, embroidered piece called 'Accumulations,' and Victoria Ward with a whimsical, photo/acrylic offering called 'Jupiter Pose,' are two local artists whose works represent our area very well.

'Winter in Canada' at the AJG is a must-see exhibition. But the show brought back memories of another local artist, Lois Raw, who just a few years ago had an exhibition of her immense and awe-inspiring arctic snowscapes at the AJG. Sadly, Lois passed away last week. I got to know her through a series of pastel images she created of downtown Minden. Not only were they very well done but also historically important. I was so impressed that I asked her if I could make a short video of her and her work. She agreed and we were both pleased with the result called 'Minden Raw.' I'll miss her.

The video can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErzKIHxeDUY

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMMING

Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20, 2015

AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY

public art gallery

Registration

Pre-registration is required by calling the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763

Online registration form: mindenhills.ca/workshops

FEE: \$10 per day per child

AGE: Recommended 8+

All material is supplied. Children must bring healthy snacks, drinks and lunch. A kitchen area is available. Children must remain at the Centre for the entire day.

Appropriate outdoor wear is necessary.

MONDAY

ART 9am to 12pm

Vincent Van Gogh was a famous Dutch painter. He was known for bright, vibrant paintings that used paint strokes to evoke movement. Children will try this style of painting, using techniques with acrylic paint, and will also plant their own sunflower to have come Spring!

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

We will walk to the arena for a GPS scavenger hunt. Children will receive a quick tutorial on operating a GPS, then divide into teams and race to complete a scavenger hunt. Included in the scavenger hunt is a word puzzle with a Dr. Seuss theme. Upon returning to the Cultural Centre children will explore what being Canadian means to them. Children will assist one another in tracing the outline of their entire body then fill in their silhouette by drawing, writing and pasting all things that they feel makes them Canadian/what they love about Canada. Outdoor wear required.

TUESDAY

ART 9am to 12pm

Kandinsky was an influential Russian painter and art theorist. He is credited with painting one of the first purely abstract works. This class offers this pure creativity and exploration in visual art. Children will paint a giant mural painting while listening to music which can stimulate pure creative thought. This project allows for a number of art skills to develop.

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

National Film Board documentary A Crack In The Pavement: Growing Dreams - A look into what kids and schools have done to turn paved school yards into green schoolyards.

Tour of tour of Nature's Place to discuss Dead Zones The Health of Our Lakes exhibition. Children will create a collage as a group depicting healthy water in Nature's Place. End of day the class will walk to the arena for a game of broomball. Outdoor wear required.

WEDNESDAY

ART 9am to 12pm

George Seurat was a French Post-Impressionist painter and draftsman. He is noted for his innovative use of drawing media and for devising the painting

techniques known as pointillism. For this workshop children focus on watercolor - using the pointillism method and create an imaginative underwater scene. ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

For the afternoon, children will enjoy a nature walk; identifying what spring has to offer in the wetlands along the boardwalk. This will be followed with a game of soccer baseball and a game of Camouflage. Outdoor wear required.

THURSDAY

ART 9am to 12pm

Frida Kahlo de Rivera was a Mexican painter who is best known for her self-portraits. Students add "something that helps people know them better" to their self-portraits, even if it's as simple as using their favorite color in the background. The technique for making borders helps unify the piece and teach design methods.

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

National Film Board documentary The Girl Who Hated Books. This animated short about literacy introduces us to Meena, a young girl who hates books even though her parents love to read. Books are everywhere in Meena's house, in cupboards, drawers and even piled up on the stairs. Still, she refuses to even open one up. But when her cat Max accidentally knocks down a huge stack, pandemonium ensues and nothing is ever the same again. Children will then play a game of pioneer bingo followed by broom ball at the arena. Outdoor wear required.

FRIDAY

ART 9am to 12pm

Marc Chagall was a Belorussian-born French artist whose work generally was based on emotional association rather than traditional pictorial fundamentals. Children will enjoy creating quirky streetscapes and dream-like scenes. There's just something really fun about crooked buildings and random things flying through the air!

ACTIVITIES 12:30pm to 3:30pm

The afternoon will start with a nature hike, identifying plants in the wetlands along the boardwalk, ending at the ball diamonds behind the arena where a tournament of Frisbee Golf will be held. Upon returning to the Cultural Centre children will be creating woven baskets with paper plates and yarn. Outdoor wear required.

Highlander life



By Matthew Desrosiers

Community living celebrates with bonspiel

Twelve curlers from Community Living Haliburton County (CLHC), along with some teams from Bancroft's North Hastings Community Integration (NCHI) came together at the Wilberforce Curling Club for a fun bonspiel to celebrate NCHI's 50th anniversary. Teresa Jordan, executive director at CLHC, said everyone had a great day. "It was so much fun," she said. "I came away thinking this is the exact kind of thing I love to do with Community Living. There's no 'us and them'. We're all curlers. It was true inclusion, and it was a lot of fun." The three Haliburton rinks finished in the top three positions, she added. Community Living Haliburton County and NCHI support people with intellectual challenges in their communities. Pictured above, Trevor Brauer calls a shot as skip of his team during the friendly bonspiel at the Wilberforce Curling Club.

Through my eyes Respecting others



By Austin McGillion

Stress. Why do you think we have Holidays or two-week vacations to popular destinations? It's because we are always so stressed.

What stresses me out? Schedules. If I'm not warned at least a day or two in advance for small things, and at least a week for big things, I get stressed out beyond all compare. I get angry and I'm not able to form even simple sentences without showing it. I'm just unable to cope with any sudden or unplanned transitions.

Visitors, if I'm not made aware of them coming to the house and they suddenly appear, or show up as planned but stay longer than expected, frustrate and stress me out. The same goes for political, religious, familial, and militaristic debates. I hate being forced into the position of arguing my beliefs and viewpoints on the world, only to then have said beliefs and views tested against someone else's.

If you're catholic then that's your religion. If your partner is the same sex, that's your choice. I don't judge others. We are all different. We have different beliefs, different sexual orientations, skin colours, cultures, and simple differences like eye and hair colour. No two people will always agree because

we are all our own little snowflake in a massive snowstorm.

What stresses me out most is people judging me and others based on religion, intellectual shortcomings, weight, and sexual orientation, just to name a few. It's like some people just can't wait to discover what differences exist so they can use them against you, which is why I am peaceful around every background. I simply don't judge based on those things.

I determine if I like or dislike someone based on their actions, not where you come from or what you worship. After all, if we live a long life based around being against everything someone else believes in, we will never know joy, and die old, miserable and alone. This is why I am caring, kind, friendly, and try my hardest to be there for others.

Why do I support so many different ideals and beliefs? If we all worshipped the same thing, we would live in a very boring world full of people of the same religion, same beliefs, and ideologies.

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March 12
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March 26
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March 16 to 20

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Photos by Mark Arike

Above: Jim Blake receives The Highlander of the Year award from John McDonald. Left: Several local politicians, including Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, were in attendance.

Chamber celebrates excellence

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Business leaders, volunteers and innovative companies in the Highlands were recognized for their contributions to the community at the 9th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala on Feb. 28 at the Pinestone Resort.

Just over 200 people attended the evening celebration, which was hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. The festivities were emceed by radio personality Mike Jaycock.

"The record number of guests here tonight demonstrates that these awards are recognized as an important resource that the Chamber provides to the community as a whole," said Chamber president Eric Thompson in his opening remarks.

Prior to the gala, members of the community

nominated those they felt were deserving of an award in one of nine categories. The award winners – both Chamber and non-Chamber members – were chosen by an anonymous panel of judges.

"The judges are so anonymous that myself as president of the Chamber have no idea who they were," said Thompson.

Chamber manager Rosemarie Jung said that all 66 of the accepted nominations went through a rigorous judging process made up of two levels, including a round of scoring. The other part of the judging component involved a "deeper assessment" of the candidates.

"I know I've heard from all of our judges that it was an extremely challenging and extremely difficult process for them to go through," said Jung. "That speaks to the excellence that we have in our community and for that I'm very proud."

There was one exception – The Warden's Award – which was selected by current Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey.

The award recipients are: The Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times (Business Achievement Award), Yummy Mummy Emporium (Customer First Award), Peter Schleifenbaum (Entrepreneur of the Year), SuperTrax Media (Innovation and Creativity), Baked and Battered (New Business Award), Haliburton County Folk Society (Not-for-profit of the Year Award), Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets (Skilled Trades and Industry Award), the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (The Warden's Award), Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast (Tourism and Hospitality), and Jim Blake (Highlander of the Year).

Stay tuned for video highlights from the night at highlanderonline.ca.

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Photos by Mark Arike

Top: This year's award winners, from left, Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus of Baked and Battered (New Business); Barrie Martin, Haliburton County Folk Society (Non-for-profit); Willy and Patti Ewaschuk, Cottage Hill Furniture and Cabinets; David Zilstra, Haliburton County Echo/Minden Times (Business Achievement); Jan Clarke and Sally Moore (Tourism and Hospitality); Lindsay Lester, Sno Trax/Dirt Trax (Innovation and Creativity); Jim Blake (Highlander of the Year); and Paul MacInnes, Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (Warden's Award). Left: Barrie Martin and Eric Lilius accept the Not-for-Profit of the Year award on behalf of the Haliburton County Folk Society. Right: Former Minden Hills councillor Brigitte Gall applauds for the nominees. Bottom: Emcee Mike Jaycock reflected on the year that was with his unique brand of humour.





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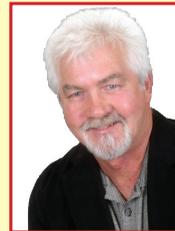
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Above: At 14, Emily Parish was one of the youngest curlers on the ice. She played alongside her 12-year-old sister, Holly. Right: Haliburton Highlands Health Service CEO Varouj Eskedjian smiles as he watches the action.



Curl for Care reaches milestone

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

About \$3,000 was raised for the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre as a result of the seventh annual Cure for Care Bonspiel.

Twelve teams comprised of 48 curlers participated in the full-day event on Feb. 28 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

"We broke the \$25,000 mark for the seven years that it's been going on," said Steve

Todd, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member. "That's a pretty good milestone."

Draws and raffles were also held throughout the day.

Todd said that the Foundation will host the event again next year.

The first draw winners were Don Wetmore, Sheila Campbell, April Martin, and Dave Harris. Second draw winners were John Smillie, Cheryl Smillie, Rick Ashall, and Jan Ashall.



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■ **Save for future education:** Designed to help save for a child's post-secondary education, parents can make up to \$50,000 RESP lifetime contribution. Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG) per year is \$500.

■ **Credit for being active:** The Children's Fitness Amount is a non-refundable credit is worth up to \$1,000 for children under the age of 16 enrolled in an eligible program of physical activity. Not every program meets the eligibility guidelines so you need to ensure you know the requirements. Make sure you keep your receipts. Disabled children will also qualify for the credit if they are under 18.

■ **Universal Child Care Benefit:** This is available to any family with children regardless of their household income. It used to be available only for children under the age of six. However, effective January 2015, a new \$60 per month component will be paid for children over five and under 18. The component for children under six will also be increased from \$100 to \$160 per month. Parents will receive a retroactive payment in July 2015 for the enhanced amounts for the first six months of the year UCCB is taxable in the hands of the lower-income spouse.

■ **Canada Learning Bond:** To help lower income families, the Government provides \$500 in a CLB at birth for children whose families are entitled to the National Child Benefit Supplement. As long as the family is still entitled to the supplement, they will receive an additional \$100 CLB each year until the age of 15.

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Red Hawks fly into OFSAA

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Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls advanced to the eastern loop finals in their league championship on Friday night with a 3-0 win over the West Northumberland Wild in Haliburton.

Alicia McLean put the Storm up 1-0 with a nice dangle in the first period, beating the Wild tender with what proved to be the game-winning goal. In the second period, McLean added two more beauties, going top glove with a sweet wrister, and later firing short-side shelf on the power play for the hat-trick. Connor Marsden earned the shutout victory, her second in the league playoffs, stopping all West Northumberland shooters.

The Storm will play either the Keene Wolverines or the Peterborough Ice Kats in the eastern loop finals of their league championship. The winning team will advance to the all-Ontario Finals at the league's championship weekend at the end of March.

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Storm met with the Kincardine Kinucks this weekend to start the semi-finals. It was an exciting first game Saturday in Haliburton. The Storm won in overtime, 2-1.

A scoreless first period had lots of back-and-forth action. It was a hard point shot from Garbutt that found the openin for the Storm's first goal midway through the second period. The action continued throughout the game. The Kinucks tied it up with minutes left, sending the game into overtime. A battle around the net resulted in a goal by Schmidt, assist going to Walker. It was a great game by all.

The next day, the acquainted teams met for Game 2 in Haliburton. This time the Storm stepped it up, winning the game 4-1 and taking a 2-0 lead in series.

The scoring began late in the first with a

Highland Storm

battle around the net that resulted in a goal by Schmidt, assisted by Cooper. The Storm kept the pressure on, constantly driving to the net. Patterson-Smith took his own rebound for the team's second goal, midway through the second, off passes from Cooper and Manning. Later on, Patterson-Smith found himself alone in front of the net with the puck, fed by Manning, and he snapped it in to make the score 3-0. Shortly after, the Kinucks managed a goal, ending the period 3-1.

The momentum continued to build in the third period. With minutes left, the Kinucks pulled their goalie. Schmidt scored an empty-netter from a pass by Lucas Haedicke, sealing the win.

Minden Pharmasave Peewee A

Submitted by Jennifer Little

The Highland Storm took home two wins against the Elmvale Coyotes in their first two games of the OMHA semi-finals.

On Friday, the Peewee team travelled to Elmvale for the first game of the series. The teams were well-matched and battled back and forth, with Elmvale scoring the only goal in the first period. The second period went scoreless. After the flood for the third period, the Highland Storm took the ice with a newfound determination, scoring three goals in 10 minutes. The goals were scored by Joe Boice (unassisted), Benn MacNaull (unassisted) and Isaac Little (assisted by Ryan Hall).

On Sunday, the Highland Storm hosted in Haliburton for Game 2 of the series. A very back-and-forth game kept the fans on the edge of their seats. The first goal scored by Elmvale was quickly answered by Storm defenceman Alex Little (assisted by Tyson Clements). Another goal for Elmvale was again answered by Alex Little (assisted by MacNaull) to tie up the game for a second time.

The game went into sudden-death overtime and just when it looked as though the game would be left in a tie, Zach Morissette (assisted by Isaac Little and Boice) scored with only 37 seconds remaining. The next game is Friday, March 6 in Elmvale.



Photo by Leigh-Ann McLean

The HHSS Red Hawk girls hockey team are COSSA champions.

Red Hawk girls earn OFSAA berth

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Red Hawk girls hockey team has won silver at the COSSA tournament in Cobourg, qualifying the team for OFSAA later this month.

On March 2, the girls travelled to Cobourg for the tournament. Assistant coach Vince Duchene said the girls played well as a team. "They did excellent," he said. "We went into it knowing we needed to win one of two games, preferably the first game, so we could qualify for OFSAA."

The girls did just that, beating a team from Picton 3-1 in their opening game.

"They played great hockey," he said of the team's effort. "We really developed this team to work as a team and not as individuals, and that's why we work so well."

The win sent the Red Hawks into the finals against St. Mary's. The bounces didn't go

their way, and although they hit three posts through the game, the girls lost 1-0.

"We played our hearts out in the finals," said Duchene. "[The girls] were very upset after the game. It just wasn't meant to be. They're playing outstanding hockey, they have all year. They 100 per cent deserve to go to OFSAA."

However, the high school is currently waiting to see if the team can afford to travel to OFSAA. The tournament is being held in Kenora from March 9-12.

"For [OFSAA] to be that far north, it's one of those things, you shake your head."

This season could be the last for girls hockey in the Highlands, at least for the foreseeable future. Duchene said after this year, the program will lose too many players, including their goalie, to ice a team, and there aren't enough players coming up through the program.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Feb. 23

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 209
High single: Fred Phipps – 250
High single handi: Fred Phipps – 285
High triple: Ken Thompson – 565
High triple handi: Fred Phipps – 647

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 176
High single: Chris Cote – 244
High single handi: Chris Cote – 284
High triple: Chris Cote – 577
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 697

Monday night, Feb. 23

Men: High avg: Rick West – 206
High single: Rick West – 271
High single handi: Rick West – 287
High triple: Rick West – 646
High triple handi: Ron Cummings – 714

Women: High avg: Cathy Snell – 219
High single: Cathy Snell – 251
High single handi: Marnie Couture – 273
High triple: Cathy Snell – 626
High triple handi: Marnie Couture – 724

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 24

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 212
High single: Claude Cote – 218
High single handi: John Pugh – 245
High triple: Claude Cote – 590
High triple handi: John Pugh – 680

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 179
High single: Chris Cote – 213
High single handi: Chris Cote – 251
High triple: Chris Cote – 577
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 691

Wednesday Special Olympics, Feb. 18

Men: Andrew Bourgeois – 147
Jason Cochrane – 142
Brent Leffering – 142
Robert Boccitto – 136

Women: Robin Fletcher – 130
Sarah Hudson – 124
Erika Roberts – 121

Thursday, Feb. 26

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 178
High single: Jim Routcliffe – 289
High single handi: Jim Routcliffe – 336
High triple: Jim Routcliffe – 609
High triple handi: Jim Routcliffe – 750

Women: High avg: Pat Stiver – 171
High single: Edith Alzner – 192

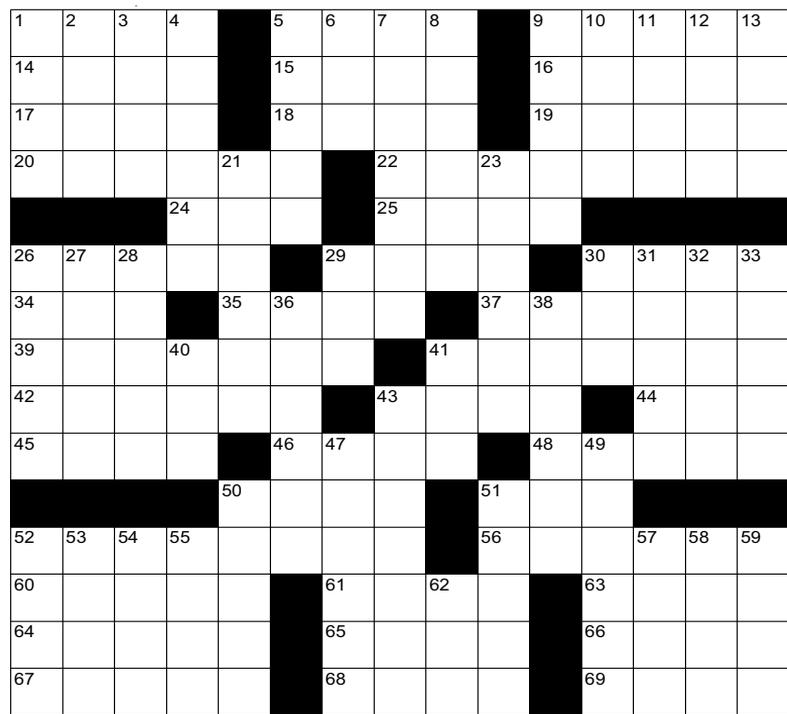
High single handi: Rose Cummings – 261
High triple: Edith Alzner – 507
High triple handi: Lynn Bartlett – 668

Friday afternoon, Feb. 27

Men: High avg: Ken Thompson and Claude Cote – 203
High single: Claude Cote – 326
High single handi: Claude Cote – 346
High triple: Claude Cote – 790
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 850

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Chris Cote – 261
High single handi: Chris Cote – 301
High triple: Chris Cote – 630
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 750

Events calendar



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- 1. Rocker ____ Clapton
- 5. Bullets, for short
- 9. ____ spray
- 14. Jedi master
- 15. Skyrocket
- 16. Nimble
- 17. Fifty-fifty
- 18. Sharpen
- 19. Oklahoma metropolis
- 20. Grover's street
- 22. Rabble-rouser
- 24. ____ Moines
- 25. Broadway award
- 26. Shoe spike
- 29. Roosters' mates
- 30. Shade providers
- 34. Parking place
- 35. Pretense
- 37. Tel Aviv's country
- 39. Follower of no religion
- 41. With a leg on each side

42. Position

- 43. Religious ceremony
- 44. Disencumber
- 45. Early video game
- 46. Nourish
- 48. Passport stamps
- 50. Guzzle
- 51. First-aid ____
- 52. Wrist ornament
- 56. Approached
- 60. Slugger Hank ____
- 61. Workbench clamp
- 63. Easter flower
- 64. Asparagus unit
- 65. Otherwise
- 66. Jobless
- 67. Not fresh
- 68. Current events
- 69. Mediocre grades

DOWN

- 1. Looks over
- 3. The ____ of March
- 4. Toronto's country
- 5. Fireplace residue
- 6. Cow's cry
- 7. Aquatic mammal
- 8. Portland's state
- 9. Well-groomed
- 10. Spanish water
- 11. Fine sand
- 12. Too
- 13. Shakespearean king
- 21. ____ system
- 23. Demand
- 26. Hold tightly
- 27. Gambling game
- 28. Revolutionary ____ Allen
- 29. DDE's predecessor
- 30. Miscalculate
- 31. Dens

- 32. Radio and newspapers, e.g.
- 33. Winter toys
- 36. Practical
- 38. Musician ____ Wonder
- 40. Manchester's country (abbr.)
- 41. Support
- 43. Cold-blooded animal
- 47. Gridiron number
- 49. Type style
- 50. Category
- 51. Leg joints
- 52. Freshwater fish
- 53. Entranced
- 54. ____ code
- 55. West Virginia product
- 57. Carousel, e.g.
- 58. She, in Toulouse
- 59. Stains
- 62. Vane dir.

MARCH 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>30 years 30 Artifacts - Minden Hills Museum, 10 am - 5 pm</p> <p>The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm</p> <p>Pickleball - JD Hodgson Elementary School - 7pm - 9:15pm</p>	<p>Play: Harvest by Ken Cameron - Tickets at Agnews</p> <p>Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 10 am - 12 pm</p> <p>Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4</p> <p>Mini Bucks Euchre - Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre - 7 pm</p>	<p>Play: Harvest by Ken Cameron - Tickets at Agnews General Store</p> <p>Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4</p> <p>Music Night - Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre - 8 pm</p>	<p>Public Skating - AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton - \$2 - 11am - 12:30pm</p> <p>Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4</p> <p>Free Public Skating - Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - 12:30 - 2:00</p>
5	6	7	8
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm</p> <p>Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm</p> <p>Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4</p>	<p>The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm</p> <p>Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4</p>	<p>Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild - Stanhope Community Centre - 1pm 705-457-1211 for info.</p> <p>Card Night - Irondale Community Centre - 7pm</p> <p>Bingo - Harcourt Community Centre - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm</p> <p>Yoga - Dorset Rec Centre - 11:30 am</p>	<p>Pickleball - JD Hodgson Elementary School - 7pm - 9:15pm</p> <p>The Dead Zones: Lake Ecology - Nature's Place, 10 am - 5 pm</p> <p>Strong and Free - Rails End Gallery Wed - Sat 10-6 - Sun 12-4</p>
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAR 5 - MAR 11, 2015

Haliburton Branch	Minden Branch	Wilberforce Branch
<p>General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.</p> <p>50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.</p> <p>Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.</p> <p>Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.</p> <p>Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month</p> <p>Gord Kidd & Friends, Saturday March 14, 4-7 p.m. Cabbage rolls \$5, no cover.</p>	<p>Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.</p> <p>Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)</p> <p>Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.</p> <p>Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.</p> <p>Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.</p> <p>Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.</p> <p>Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant</p>	<p>Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Ham and scalloped dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.</p> <p>Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.</p> <p>Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>No karaoke until further notice</p>

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Junior Highlanders

Frozen in French

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Children and parents gathered at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Feb. 27 to watch a popular Disney movie – in French.

La Reine des Neiges, more commonly known in English as Frozen, was shown at the by-donation movie night fundraiser hosted by the local chapter of Canadian Parents for French (CPF). All proceeds will support the group's ongoing programming and efforts to assist French-speaking students.

"It's to encourage children, especially French students, to have an opportunity to speak and hear French just outside of



Photo by Mark Arike

French-speaking students and parents gather in the music room at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School to watch La Reine des Neiges.

the academic portion of it," said Jessica Karaguesian, a Grade 12 student who helped organize the event.

The movie night was geared toward elementary school children, however students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School volunteered their time

to support the event.

Every month the CPF hosts a French games night known as "Jeux-di."

According to committee member Stephanie Ward, about five parents are currently part of Haliburton's CPF committee.

Founded in 1977, CPF is a national network with 10 branch offices and some 150 chapters in communities across the country.

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Junior Highlanders



Photo by Mark Arike

JDH students Landon Chaulk, left, and Ryanne Horsley accept the Big Splash Award on behalf of the student body.

JDH Students win Water Hero challenge

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

By taking a keen interest in water conservation, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School students have won the second annual Big Splash Contest.

"We are here to celebrate you and your fantastic ideas," Irene Heaven, coordinator of the Haliburton-Muskoka-Children's Water Festival (HMCWF), told students during a special presentation at the school on Feb. 27.

Following last year's Water Festival, which ran for two days in September at Kinark Outdoor Centre, students across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board were encouraged to enter the second annual contest.

Of the over 100 entries received, JDH students submitted 68 water-saving ideas through the Water Heroes website.

"The whole idea is that the kids will take pride in the fact that they were creative and thinking about water conservation," said Heaven.

"But also as a reminder that it doesn't just stop the day that they leave the festival or the day after the contest."

In addition to receiving the Big Splash Award, students were handed a certificate for their efforts which will remain at the school.

The winning school in 2013, Lady Mackenzie Public School of Lakefield, finished as the runner-up.

The recent presentation was made by the Water Hero mascot (Andrea Storm-Suke), and committee members of the HMCWF and Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning.

Heaven confirmed that the contest will take place again in 2015.

For more information waterheroes.ca.

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We are interested in your input. Everyone is welcome

Where: A.J. La Rue Community Centre, 2nd floor,
728 Mountain St, Haliburton, Ont.

Septic Permits: Thursday March 5, 2015 - 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
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EVENTS

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VON Smart Exercise Program. Tuesdays 11:00am - Hyland Crest, Thursdays 1:00pm - Echo Hills. Call Carol for more information 705-457-4551 (TFN)

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)

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NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) – every Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Boardroom at the Haliburton Hospital. (TFN)

NOTICES

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX Haliburton Legion every Thursday starting Feb 19th to April 23rd. 9.30 A.M. to 2 p.m. Wilberforce Legion every Wednesday starting Feb 18th to April 22nd. 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Volunteer Marlene Watson 705 455 9708 (AP16)

TENDERS



Tender for the Municipality of Highlands East

Keith Tallman Memorial Arena:
High Bay Lighting Replacement
Tender #2015-02-PR

Sealed tenders, clearly marked "Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Lighting Replacement #2015-02-PR" for the supply & installation of (40) 243.93W LED Highbay fixtures at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on March 25th, 2015 at the address listed below to the attention of the undersigned.

(40) 458W MH Highbay fixtures are to be removed and disposed. The municipality requires proof that the old fixtures were recycled and disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

Further specifications & details regarding the above work will be available at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

The lowest bid or any bid is not necessarily accepted.

Jim Alden
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Tender for the Municipality of Highlands East

Cardiff Pool & Playground Area:
Wheelchair Accessible Sidewalk & Shelter
Tender #2015-06-PR

Sealed tenders, clearly marked "Cardiff Pool Accessible Sidewalk & Shelter #2015-06-PR" will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on March 25th, 2015 at the address listed below to the attention of the undersigned.

Specifications regarding the above work will be available at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

Work is to commence on May 4th, 2015 and is to be completed no later than July 1st, 2015.

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Tender for the Municipality of Highlands East

Wilberforce Curling Club:
High Bay Lighting Replacement
Tender #2015-01-PR

Sealed tenders, clearly marked "Wilberforce Curling Club Lighting Replacement #2015-01-PR" for the supply & installation of (14) 125W LED Highbay fixtures at the Wilberforce Curling Club will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on March 25th, 2015 at the address listed below to the attention of the undersigned.

(14) 237W 2 lamps T12 HO fixtures are to be removed and disposed. The municipality requires proof that the old fixtures were recycled and disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

Further specifications & details regarding the above work will be available at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

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IN MEMORY

To the family and many friends of the late **Lee Ann Sergi (nee Reynolds)**, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, and for the condolences and support we received. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Ferracuti, Pastor Brian Plouffe, Kathee Freeman at Haliburton Community Funeral Home, West Guilford Community Centre and luncheon ladies, Dr. Benoit, Karl and Terry Upton and Lee Ann's personal support workers, Kim, Carrie and Wendy.

We were all blessed to have had Lee Ann in our lives. **She will never be forgotten.**

Chris, Wanda, Jim, Kelly, Curtis and families

NOTICES



Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54

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Working with the Stanhope Museum Committee, the Stanhope Heritage Day Coordinator will use new and existing resources to organize, coordinate and promote the 12th Annual Stanhope Heritage Day to be held on **Saturday, July 18, 2015**.

The preferred candidate should possess the following qualifications:

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- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and email.
- Knowledge of, and connections to, the local craft and artisan community.
- Basic understanding of event promotion, advertising and social media.

Contract Value: \$3,000.00 (under review)

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your resume in confidence by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015** to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.

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- Successful completion of related municipal administration courses.
- Working knowledge of the Municipal Act, Planning Act, Elections Act, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and other legislation related to municipal governance.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government, municipal administration and land use planning.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills.

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FEARREY, André

Passed away on February 26, 2015 at the age of 21. Son of Timothy Fearrey and Renée Fearrey, née Alary. He leaves behind his big sister Gabrielle and his little brother Justin; his grandmother Pat Fearrey (late Bruce Fearrey); his grandparents Roger and Louise Alary; Aunt Cheryl (Murray) Miscio; Uncle Mike (Brenda) Fearrey; Cousins Jeff Miscio, Ashlee Casey, Kellee McKay and Kaitlyn Fearrey, as well as his other family and numerous friends. He was predeceased by his godfather Jean Alary.

There will be a viewing, at the Coopérative funéraire de l'Outaouais, 95 Cité-des-Jeunes Blvd, Gatineau (Hull Sector) on Thursday March 5, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Friday, March 6 starting at 1:00 p.m., followed by a service at the funeral home at 4:00 p.m.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to your local suicide prevention organization would be appreciated. Online condolences may be transmitted via : www.cfo.coop . Coopérative funéraire de l'Outaouais tel.: 819-568-2425; fax: 819-568-2426; email : conf@cfo.coop



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Municipality of Highlands East Request for Proposals

Design & Engineering Services:
HVAC, Electrical & Roof Upgrades for LWMC/Municipal Office Complex
RFP# 2015-01-LWMC

Sealed proposals, clearly marked to their contents will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on March 18th, 2015 at the address listed below to the attention of the undersigned.

The Municipality of Highlands East is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) from proponents capable of providing detailed design, engineering services and the preparation of appropriate tender documents for work to be completed at the Lloyd Watson Municipal Centre (LWMC) and Municipal Office complex.

Documentation & applicable drawings regarding the above work will be available at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce.

The scope of work for the detailed design, engineering services and the preparation of tender documents will include:

- **HVAC Upgrades:**
HVAC system to be installed at the LWMC is to be a Propane-fired, ducted forced air heating system (Heating only). Food Bank addition to be included in this upgrade as well.
HVAC system to be installed at the Municipal Office is to be an Air-Source Heat Pump technology, ducted forced air system. (Heating & Cooling). Ventilation to be included.
- **Electrical Upgrades:**
Service upgrades to accommodate new HVAC system upgrades, emergency lighting and back-up generator connections (for water system).
- **Roof Upgrades:**
Replace roofing and related flashing on all flat roof areas with built-up rubberized asphalt member roofing (hot-applied method)

Successful bidder shall be required to provide a 10% proposal deposit, copy of liability insurance and proof of WSIB coverage.

The lowest proposal or any proposal is not necessarily accepted.

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What's on

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank everyone who participated in this year's Business & Community Achievement Awards. Congratulations to all of our nominees and award recipients!

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sponsored by: **The Benefits Coach**

Recipient: **The Haliburton County Echo & The Minden Times**

Nominees: Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd, Chaulk Woodworking, Haliburton Dance Academy, Head Lake Grill, Not Just Gas, Parker Pad Printing, Winterdance Dogsled Tours

CUSTOMER FIRST AWARD

Sponsored by: **Heat-Line**

Recipient: **Yummy Mummy Emporium**

Nominees: Autumn Marketing, Chaulk Woodworking, Crystal Image Studio, Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy, Haliburton Yoga, Head Lake Grill, Hot Sips Café, JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports, Minden 50s Diner, Minden Pharmasave, Myers Chimney, Sears Minden, Stoughton's Quality Roofing, WRD Cottage Rentals

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by: **Patient News**

Recipient: **Peter Schleifenbaum, Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve**

Nominees: Chaulk Woodworking (Trevor & Angela Chaulk), Earthways (Michelle Connelly), Haliburton Dance Academy (Chyna Schell), Walkers Home Hardware (Jerry Walker), Head Lake Grill (Diana Gomes), Up River Trading Co. (Mike McKeon & Paul Roy), Wilberforce Service Centre (Donnie Bamford)

INNOVATION & CREATIVITY AWARD

Sponsored by: **Haliburton County Development Corporation**

Recipient: **SuperTrax Media**

Nominees: 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing, Biothermic Renewable Heating Solutions, Chaulk Woodworking, Haliburton Dance Academy, Moose FM, Positive Media Productions, The Highlander Newspaper, Trophy Property Corp.

NEW BUSINESS AWARD

Sponsored by: **Trophy Property Corp.**

Recipient: **Baked & Battered**

Nominees: 13 Oaks Firewood & Wood Processing, Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Maple Avenue Tap & Grill, McArthur Tree Service, OfficePlus+, Pet Valu Haliburton, Yummy Mummy Emporium

NOT-FOR-PROFIT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Sponsored by: **Bank of Montreal**

Recipient: **Haliburton County Folk Society**

Nominees: A Place Called Home, Algonquin Gateway Business Association, Bark Lake Cultural Developments, Canoe FM, Community Living Haliburton County, Dorset Community Partnership, Haliburton County Community Co-Operative, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Medeba, Rails End Gallery, SIRCH, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

SKILLED TRADES AND INDUSTRY AWARD

Sponsored by: **Minden Subaru**

Recipient: **Cottage Hill Furniture & Cabinets**

Nominees: Greg Brown Construction, Timestone Inc

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY

Sponsored by: **Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and The County of Haliburton - Tourism**

Recipient: **Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast**

Nominees: Castle Antiques, Happy Trails - Sustainable Trail Construction, Maple Ave Tap & Grill, Tamarack Lodge Cottage Resort, The Little Tart, Up River Trading Company

WARDEN'S AWARD

Sponsored by: **The County of Haliburton**

Recipient: **Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association**

HIGHLANDER OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by: **Lakeview Motel**

Recipient: **Jim Blake**

Nominees: Bob Stinson, Gena Robertson, Gord Kidd, Janis Parker, John Teljeur, Ted Scholtes

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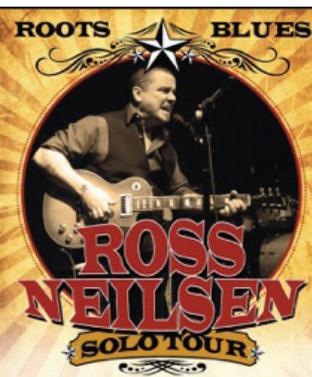
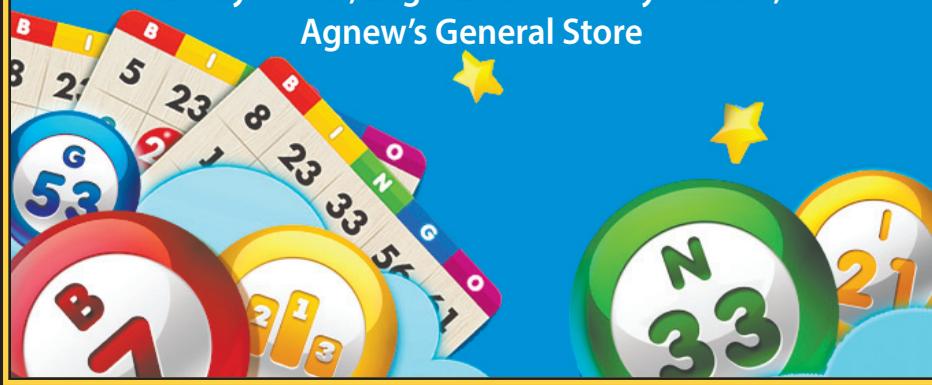
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What's on



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Musicians and Maritimers Teresa Doyle (left) and Tim Chaisson (right) share a smile while performing at the 6th annual Winter Folk Camp in 2014.

Warming up with Winter Folk Camp

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Budding musicians and those who have been playing for years can strengthen their skills in a harmonious setting at the seventh annual Winter Folk Camp.

Three days of workshops, live music and outdoor activities will return to Camp Wanakita in Haliburton from March 6-9. The event is being hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Over the course of the camp, several renowned Canadian folk artists will offer seven-and-a-half hours of “playing and learning” to workshop participants.

“This year we really looked at people that have a real commitment to community

music,” said artistic director Thom Lambert, referring to this year’s roster. “They understand and value the concept of large groups getting together and making music together.”

The program will feature three never-before-offered streams including slide guitar with Sam Turton, harmonica with Roly Platt and yoga with Haliburton’s own Lynda Shadbolt.

Although some are hesitant to sign up for Winter Folk Camp because of their playing abilities, Lambert makes it clear that there are only two requirements: you must be an adult and have a passion for music.

“We’re looking at what we call music enthusiasts, people who really value music as part of their day-to-day lives,” he explained.

Each year, beginners and “performance-level musicians” sign up for the event. Many

come from outside of the county, but as the camp gains in popularity the number of local participants continues to grow. Lambert estimates that about one quarter of this year’s registrants are from Haliburton County.

“That’s one of the trends that has been increasing,” he said.

Participants and members of the community can also enjoy two evening ceilidhs on Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. The first unpredictable and entertaining show will feature Gathering Sparks, a trio made up of Eve Goldberg, Jane Lewis and Turton. Taking the stage on Sunday are Platt, October Browne and Jory Nash.

“The reason we call them ceilidhs is because we put three of our artists up on stage and basically say, ‘We’ve got two 45 minutes sets and you decide what you want to do with it,’”

he said.

Tickets for the shows are \$20 for Folk Society members and \$25 for non-members, and can be purchased at The Source in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden or online at madeinhaliburton.ca.

Lambert and the rest of the Folk Society are grateful for the support the event has received over the years from the community and the musicians.

“When we sat down around the kitchen table seven years ago we just really weren’t sure if it would work. Like so many things in the Highlands, the community has really gotten behind the event,” he said.

For more information about Winter Folk Camp or to register visit winterfolkcamp.com.



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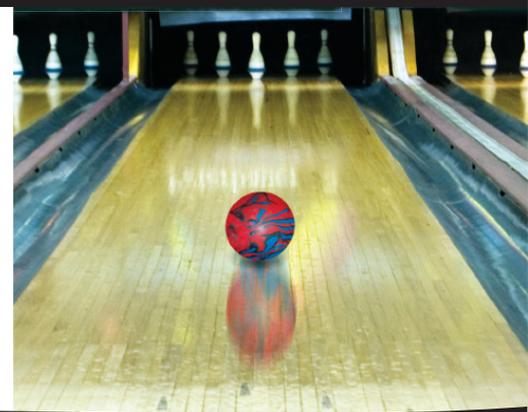
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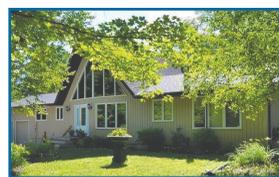
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