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NDP candidate Mike Perry, centre, joins volunteers Chris O'Connor and Frances Connolly at the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's first bowl-a-thon fundraiser. See page 26.

Haliburton rallies for Hockeyville title

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Haliburton has earned its spot as one of the top 10 communities in this year's Kraft Hockeyville contest.

The good news went viral shortly after the finalists were announced by George Stroumboulopoulos on Hockey Night in Canada this past Saturday night.

Securing a spot in the top 10 means that the municipality is guaranteed to receive a minimum of \$25,000 for arena upgrades. Both the first and second place finishers will receive \$100,000 in arena upgrades, but the grand prize winner will get an added perk – the opportunity to host an NHL pre-season game.

"I think it's justice," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "I mean, look at our history.

Hockey has been a hub in Haliburton and for that matter, in the Haliburton Highlands."

Fearrey reflected on the town's rich hockey history, which is decorated with several NHL stars past and present, championship-winning minor hockey teams, and the well-known Haliburton Hockey Haven.

"I think it's justified where we are and now we just take the next step and involve everyone we can to get us the votes," he said.

Nominations had to include information about the community's "passion and spirit for hockey," highlight how the money would be used, and indicate why the community should win the title of Kraft Hockeyville.

Last year, the municipality entered the contest just days before the deadline but didn't make it past the nomination round.

Fearrey gave full credit to Dysart's CAO

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Chance for \$100K in arena upgrades

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Tamara Wilbee and other staff for their work on this year's application.

Minden Hills also entered the contest but didn't advance to the top 10. A panel of judges selected each finalist based on the criteria outlined in the official competition rules.

A couple of local residents expressed their disappointment on The Highlander's Facebook page.

"Disappointed they didn't pick Minden arena instead," wrote Bonnie Hoenow.

"It's a competition and this year we came out on top," said Fearrey in response to the reaction. "I hope the people in Minden support our application now."

If Minden were to enter and advance next year, he would hope to see the residents of Haliburton do the same.

"That's the way we should behave as county people," he said, adding "it's all about recognizing hockey in the Haliburton Highlands."

Haliburton's own Matt Duchene gave a special shout-out to his hometown on Twitter the following day.

"Big congrats to my hometown of Haliburton on being named a top 10 finalist for @hockeyville!" he tweeted.

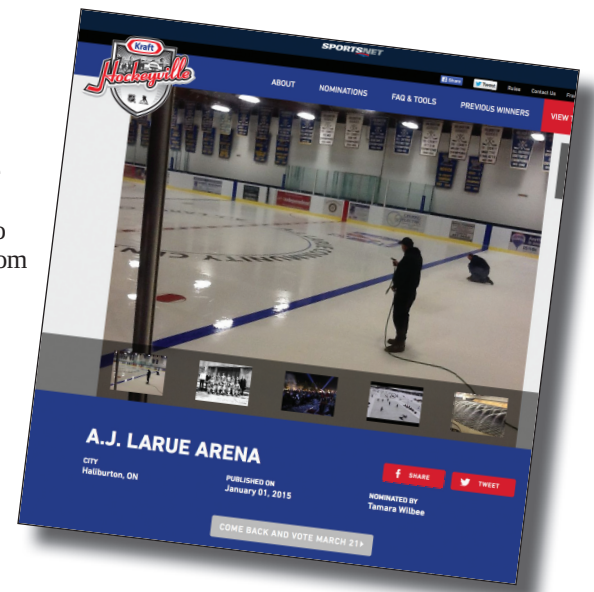
The Colorado Avalanche centre currently has 226,000 followers.

Haliburton joins Chatham as the only other Ontario town to advance to the finals.

Voting runs from March 21-23 at khv2015.ca.

The two communities (one from the east and the other from the west) that receive the most votes will advance to the final voting period, which goes from March 28-30.

Wilbee confirmed that should Haliburton win, the NHL pre-season game would have to be held in Peterborough to accommodate the players and large number of spectators. The ice surface also needs to be the proper size.



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Highlander news



County sees borrowing as strategic move

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton County's budget raised a few eyebrows last week when councillors agreed to borrow \$3.6 million in order to fund several projects.

But Laura Janke, the county's treasurer, said the decision to borrow was both planned and well thought out.

The first loan is for \$1.7 million to fund the county's new EMS base on Highway 35.

"The county planned on doing that for a long time," said Janke. "When they bought the land, they knew eventually they would build and borrow the money for it."

A new EMS base was needed to replace the existing one in Minden. Janke said it was a matter of reducing response times for the EMS department, as well as a financial decision to build a new base. They were leasing the current location.

"The rent agreement we have here, we took over from the province," she said. "From a treasury aspect, I don't like to rent. Renting is not a good long-term solution ... we know we're going to be here for the long-term."

Janke said it just wasn't good business sense to stay at the current location.

"Twenty years from now, we're going to own a beautiful building out there and

not owe anybody any money," she said. "Twenty years from now, if we kept doing the same thing, we'd have nothing. We'd still be paying the same lease."

Emergency services will move into the building on March 31.

County councillors agreed to repay the loan over 20 years. The loan payments will come out of the EMS budget, 50 per cent of which will be reimbursed by the province.

The remaining \$1.9 million loan will be used to rehabilitate Head Lake Bridge, Dark Lake Bridge, and to complete projects on County Roads 7 and 14.

Janke said the county has been applying to the province for funding to help with the costs of these projects, but was repeatedly denied.

"We have been told over and over by the province that we weren't in bad enough financial shape," she said. "There were other communities that had higher needs than ours, based on their financial picture."

While she dislikes the province's reasoning for denying the county's applications, Janke said there's not much that can be done to change it.

"All these municipalities across Ontario

that have water and wastewater, besides just roads and bridges, are in huge debt and so many financial problems, it's like the province has said 'all those bad places, we need to help them out. We have to do something, we can't close them down.'"

"You can't argue with that, can't fight that."

Going into debt allowed the county to show the province there is a real need for financial assistance. However, Janke said that was only one factor in the decision to borrow.

"We felt that this was such an important project, Head Lake Bridge was, we just couldn't keep putting these things off," she said.

Last year, the county ran into unforeseen infrastructure and maintenance costs due to flooding.

"We were in debt, but it wasn't debt we owed to the bank," said Janke. "It was an infrastructure debt. Whether we owed it to the bank, or just didn't do our roads, we were still in some debt because these repairs on the bridges have got to happen. We can't just keep putting them off."

In order to fund these projects, the county could raise taxes significantly, pull

from reserves, or borrow. There was not enough in the reserves, and councillors were not prepared for a big tax hike. However, borrowing from the banks for these projects allowed Janke to free up some money to put back into the reserves, building them back up.

"[Borrowing] is letting us do these major roads projects this year, and putting enough money away to finish the Head Lake Bridge next year," she said.

The county did receive \$550,000 from the province for the project, money Janke said they wouldn't have received without borrowing. That loan also helps offset the \$117,000 in interest the county will accrue over the four-year term.

"Did it cost a bit? Yeah. Was it a good decision? Yes."

Janke said there are no plans to continue borrowing, at least over the next four years. The loans were for specific projects, and the county does not need to borrow in order to meet any of its commitments.

"In four years we may consider it [borrowing] again once the debt is repaid and there are other high needs projects, but in the next four years, there's certainly no intent to borrow," she said.

The county's budget calls for a 5.9 per cent increase in the levee, which translates to a 2.7 per cent tax increase for ratepayers.

*Did it cost a bit?
Yeah. Was it a good
decision? Yes.*

Laura Janke
county treasurer

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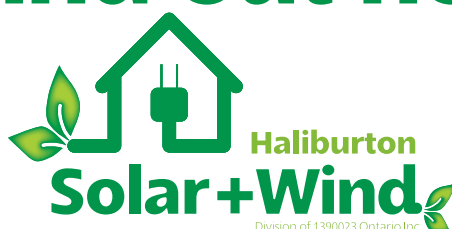
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Editorial opinion

Haliburton makes it happen

In the eyes of the judges, Haliburton has proven its hockey worth.

This past Saturday night, the town learned it had secured a spot as one of the top 10 finalists in this year's Kraft Hockeyville competition.

To stand out in a pile of over 1,000 nominations is an accomplishment that all local residents should be proud of, especially those who put in the effort to help get Haliburton this far.

A guaranteed \$25,000 just for advancing isn't too shabby, either. A win would mean another \$75,000.

The annual contest, which is sponsored by Kraft Foods, the National Hockey League and the NHL Players' Association, gives small, rural towns like ours the chance to gain national exposure, win much-needed funds for arena upgrades and ignite our community spirit to achieve one common goal.

Dysart entered last year's competition just days before the deadline. Despite all of the hockey-related happenings – the release of a hockey documentary, a goal medal win for Matt Duchene and our final run of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships – it just wasn't enough to go all the way.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that although many were disappointed after working so hard, municipal staff and other members of the community were determined to "figure out the system" for the following year.

But Haliburton wasn't the only community in the Highlands to throw their hat in the ring in 2015. With about \$2.5 million in renovations needed to bring the S.G. Nesbitt Arena back up to par, community services director Mark Coleman entered Minden into the contest for the first time.

"The replacement of the arena boards, glass and netting are one of the many major projects that need to happen to be able to continue to provide a functional and safe facility for players and spectators alike," stated Coleman.

When word hit the street that Haliburton made it and Minden didn't, some local residents weren't overly thrilled by the news. Why not their community?

While Minden's arena is in far worse shape than the recently renovated A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, the town's hockey story isn't quite as compelling.

Sure, tournaments take place at the arena and many young minor hockey players originate from the town, but it's hard to compete with the neighbouring community where one of the downtown restaurants is named after a local former NHL star. And of course, there's Haliburton's arena, painted with the faces of its home-bred NHL stars.

Sixty per cent of the judges' decision was based on the "depiction of the nominated community's passion for hockey and dedication to supporting the sport, and examples of actions/events that demonstrate the nominated community's spirit and pride."

That's where Haliburton did a great job of telling its story – through video, press releases and perhaps most importantly, social media. It sure doesn't hurt to receive endorsements from NHL stars who still remember where they came from.

With the voting period underway this weekend, now is the time to set aside the age-old Minden versus Haliburton rivalry for the greater good. Having Haliburton or any other community in the Highlands mentioned on a live television broadcast in front of an audience of millions shines a much-needed and well-deserved light on our small community.

Minden does deserve a chance to be Hockeyville, but now it's Haliburton's time to shine. Let's stand together and make it happen, not just for Haliburton, but all the Highlands.



By Mark Arike

Dispelling the urban myth

Roy MacGregor hates cities. To be more exact, the renowned, iconic Canadian author and journalist hates the world's fixation with cities, or at least the overly prevalent "urban is where it's at" mentality. This attitude can be perfectly summed up in Frank Sinatra's New York, New York torch song because, as he says, "if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere."

The underlying principle to this line of thinking is simply that going urban, to the larger centres of the world, is the one sure way to achieve success. It seems all golden roads – unless you're a forester or a farmer – lead to the city.

This is wildly untrue, or at least predominantly inaccurate. Rural areas have been undervalued in what they provide for a long time. They've always been considered just the breeding grounds for success. You can be born in a small town and you may live in a small town but, for most of the professions out there, you will have to move to the city at some point to prove your real value.

Again this is a tired and actually outdated way of thinking. Why is it outdated? For one, technology.

For so long, the cost of technology was prohibitive to the end user. That cost implied a general lack of access to technology as you go rural. The rationale was that the further you ventured from an urban centre the less likely it would be for you to find adequate professional technology for someone to use.

While it may still hold true with the volume of the technology in the city (more people naturally translates into more accessible technology), it's not like cell phones, editing suites, and computer mainframes don't exist north of Highway 7.

In other words, the knee jerk automatic reaction we have to our own rural lifecycle needs some drastic adjustments. A kid grows up in a place like Haliburton County and it is naturally assumed that they will have to head to the city after high school for any chance of a meaningful job, especially when the desired form of employment has nothing to do with working at a hospital, Ontario

Hydro or some form of government.

Technology exists today that allows for a business that "should" be based in the city to be based in an area like ours, whether it's cell phones or software. We live in a world that ably bridges the physical distance between the worker and the work. Just look at how many of our part-time residents have semi-retired to the cottage while continuing to work remotely from their new homes. This is only possible because technological needs are being met. That is, not having to give anything up to work from the cottage (except traffic).

Rural areas also have the "advantage" of a struggling economy. Organizations like the Haliburton County Development Corporation are vital in assisting and guiding entrepreneurs who want to try and make a go of it in a place where they traditionally can't. That's a huge advantage. Try getting that kind of backing – financial and otherwise – while trying to get a foothold in the city. If you have an idea and a workable plan, you have more of a chance to make it work up here because you have someone backing you with a vested and tangible interest in making you successful and, in turn, the area thrive.

Finally, and to put it bluntly, the water flows a little slower up here. Take the advantages already mentioned and add the fact you can create a real niche up here if you know what you're doing. As much as clients are more scarce in the Highlands, so is competition.

You can become a big fish in a small pond very quickly in these parts, and there's something to be said about the pride you feel when you start and run a successful business, regardless of whether it's in Markham or Minden.

It's time we kill the urban myth that you have to leave rural Ontario for the city in order to be successful, because that's just not true anymore.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Correction

In last week's issue of The Highlander (Dusk Dances ends on a high note, The Highlander issue 176, page 10), it was incorrectly stated that Dusk Dances was formed under the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Dusk Dances was formed in 2009 under the Haliburton County Community Co-operative. The Highlander regrets this error.

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Letters to the editor

The Highland Angels

Dear editor,

On Saturday, February 22, 2014, I was on my way to Haliburton Heights for a one-week retreat.

While approaching the resort I made a wrong turn onto what turned out to be a snowmobile trail. The big sign said 'Check In' and I thought this was the resort road. The small sign said it was a snowmobile trail. Much to my grief, I only read the big sign and didn't even see the small one.

I chugged up over a small hill and a hundred or so yards down the road I realized this wasn't where I was supposed to be. I tried to turn around and the right side of my vehicle sank into the soft snow on the shoulder. Even though I had a four-wheel drive, no matter what I tried, I couldn't get out. I called CAA and they said they would have someone there in about 40 minutes. Meantime, I decided to walk back to Wigamog Road as I wasn't sure the CAA man would be able to find me.

At the corner of Wigamog and the snowmobile trail, I met my first angel whose name is Ron, who lives in the corner house and looks after the property. He informed me that I was on a snowmobile road and cars weren't allowed. I apologized and explained my mistake. I told him CAA was on its way. He said he would watch for them and that I should walk over to the resort I was to stay at and wait there so I could keep warm. Meantime he would watch for the CAA driver and direct him to the resort so he could pick me up. A half hour later he arrived.

The CAA driver, named Dwayne, is angel number two. He drove me over to the entrance to the road where I was stuck, looked at the sign and told me he couldn't drive up the hill and take a chance of getting stuck himself as the snow was very soft and his truck very heavy. I

didn't know what to do and felt pretty discouraged. He said he would call another tow-truck driver who had a more powerful vehicle and with a four-wheel drive rather than a two like his vehicle.

About 20 minutes later, Jason, angel number three, arrived. He tried several times to back up the hill but to no avail. He said I would have to leave my car where it was until the next time the groomer arrived and that the groomer might be able to pull me out. But this wouldn't be for a day two. Meantime, I had perishable items in my car, not to mention an expensive computer. Also, due to a medical condition, I couldn't carry heavy items. Jason was willing to walk with me to my car and carry several items back to his truck and then drive me over to Haliburton Heights. He then carried the items from his truck into my unit.

I then went to the check-in desk where Gay, my fourth angel, took over, made some phone calls, and a short while later, Larry, my fifth angel, who looks after maintenance at the resort, came from his home (it was now after hours and he had left for the day), started up the tractor and, with me standing up beside him, drove us to my car. Within a few minutes he had pulled me out and then guided me as I backed down the road and out to safety.

I walked into the resort office, looked at Gay and shouted "Hallelujah!" to which she responded, "There is a God." She then helped me bring the remaining items into my room.

And that's my story of the five angels who never asked me for anything and treated me kindly and with compassion. I don't know any of their last names; I only know that Haliburton County has some of the finest human beings I have ever met, or should I say, angels.

To all of them, my sincerest thank-you.

Jerry Steinberg

Photo of the week



Brodie fishing with Grampa James.

Photo by Ken James

A slushy success

So, spring has sprung and the days are getting warmer. Lovely, eh?

The lakes however, while looking white, bright and pristine in the bright sunlight of our ever warming days, are actually a slushy mess just under the thin crust of snow and anyone that ventures upon them had better be wearing their tallest rubber boots.

The warmer weather also signals the beginning of the end for the ice fishing season. That said, I did venture out onto Gull Lake for perhaps my final attempt at catching fish from under the ice this year. I had to give it one more try, such has been my abominable luck this winter. And so, Little Z and I trudged across the lake, along with a motley posse of other parents and their kids, for a sort of family fishing day. I say sort of because it basically entailed the parents setting a few lines and then standing around chatting while the kids, aged from three to seven, ran around wildly, frequently flinging themselves down into the ever wetter slush as they churned up any remnant of solid snow that we might have

had in our vicinity.

But you know what? We caught fish.

Whether it was the thundering of a mess of tiny feet on the ice above their heads, or the temptation of such a wide selection of minnows and lures being offered to them, I know not, but the lake trout bit. Not big trout but fish large enough to make the rod or stick jiggle at least a little bit more than the minnow that was attached to the hook. And fish that were a perfect size for the pan.

It was great fun. There everyone was, spread around our slushy area of the lake, lazily reclining in lawn chairs or standing having a chat, when all of a sudden a shout would go up: "Fish!!!" and everyone would spin around manically to see which of the lines had been taken. Then, a sprint by one or more folks towards said line. Now, sprinting on a snowy lake is difficult enough, but trying to move quickly by any means on a lake whose surface is predominantly made up of a one inch crust of snow under which is eight inches of water is downright impossible.

I mentioned the kids throwing themselves down into the slush, didn't I? Well, so did Joleen, too. No one in your party can hold a stick to her in terms of athleticism, but even she came unstuck.

"Fish!" The cry went up. Joleen reacted in a split second, charging towards the thrashing stick, but four or five steps into her stride — you know the kind of time when Usain Bolt starts to come out of his crouch and really wind up — she went down hard, into the slush. SPLASH!

"OOOO!" went the collective response. But Joleen wasn't done. She rose dripping from the wet snow, to her knees to be exact, and part slid, part dragged herself to the line. She grabbed it, gave it a tug, the fish was there!

And then it wasn't.

"Ohhhh!" we all cooed, while trying to stifle our laughter at her valiant but utterly comical attempt to get to the jigging stick.

Thankfully, Joleen is a good egg and saw the funny side of it, too.

There were other misses but there were hits, too, and by the end of the day we'd almost caught our limit.

Adults had caught fish, myself included. In fact, I claimed the biggest fish of the day, but my triumph dance was short-lived as the trout was pronounced just in the slot size and so promptly popped back down the hole. Kids caught fish too, including Owen, who is new to fishing but who we already see is on the way to one of the most healthy addictions a young fellow can get in this land of lakes and rivers.

Yes, the ice fishing finally came good, albeit a little late in the season, and the fish fry to finish off the day was one to remember, too.

And so, I feel I can move on from winter. Spring, you have my permission to march right on in and start waking up all those bugs that have been hibernating for the last five months.

Hmm, then again...

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What do you think makes Haliburton "Hockeyville"?



Elaine Roberts
Haliburton

Because it is the only sport that we have here in the winter. Everybody either plays or watches hockey in Haliburton.



Krista Rosnik
Gooderham

The Fans! It is the spirit of all the people and their great interest and support. I really like hockey!



Lynne Vance
Kitchener-Waterloo

I think that the people really make it for hockey here. There have been a lot of great players come out of the Haliburton area.



Nick Emsley
Haliburton

For being a small centre and the small area we have to draw on, Haliburton is very competitive against teams that draw from much larger centres. We have a great pool of talent.



Roger Hewitt
Haliburton

It used to be the great number of outdoor rinks they had in the area. Now I think that it is the people in general. They were raised with hockey and they still enjoy the sport.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Ambulance response times faster than reported

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The county will report lower 2014 ambulance response times to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care than are likely the case, according to Craig Jones, chief and director of emergency services.

Jones told the emergency medical services (EMS) committee at its March 11 meeting that the department switched internal data systems during the year and could not use internal data for the report.

The county is within its parameters for its standards according to its new iMedic EMS system, but the department used the ministry's Ambulance Dispatch Reporting System (ADRS) lower numbers for this report and the accuracy of that data cannot be confirmed, said Jones.

Land ambulance service providers are required to set certain annual response time standards and then report the results to the ministry by March 31 of the following year.

For response to sudden cardiac arrest calls, the county's EMS response standard is to reach patients within six minutes, 33 per cent of the time. The county's data shows EMS

met the standard close to 20 per cent of the time, while ADRS data shows they did not meet that goal once.

However, Jones noted that while the ADRS showed only five sudden cardiac arrest calls in 2014, iMedic has already recorded 12 since it went live in November.

"So, cautionary note with the zero, I don't believe that's correct, however you do know we are geographically challenged here to get anywhere within six minutes unless you're literally beside the ambulance base essentially," said Jones.

For patients categorized as Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) level 1, the county's response standard is within eight minutes, 40 per cent of the time. The county's data shows EMS met the standard about 28 per cent of the time, while ADRS data shows 21 per cent.

For CTAS levels 2, 3, 4 and 5 (in decreasing severity), the county's response standard is within 15 minutes, 65 per cent of the time. The county's data shows EMS met the standard close to 65 per cent of the time at all levels, with some being "way over, we're achieving 80 per cent," said Jones. ADRS data for the four levels shows EMS met the standard 59, 62, 63 and 57 per cent of the time



File photo

EMS response times are lower than reported to the province, according to Craig Jones, respectively.

Councillor Carol Moffatt asked if there would be any implications for the county in having a document that is "kind of flawed". Jones said there would not, since the

information comes directly from the ministry. "I don't have a lot of faith in their numbers, I'm not going to lie. But they are what they are."

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Highlander news



Photo submitted by the HCSA

A trail groomer maintains the HCSA's trail during the snowmobile season. Recent mild weather has forced the HCSA to close its trails until next winter.

Mild weather cuts sledding season short

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

The snowmobiling season has come to an end for the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA).

John Enright, HCSA director, announced the closure of the association's trail network on March 14.

"We ran out of weather and snow," Enright said. "It was a very different

season. We had one big snow storm all winter in November that didn't stay. We lost it. It was a winter of smaller snow accumulations, regularly."

Enright described last year's season as "snowmageddon."

"It was unbelievable," he said. "We were hit early December and it never ended, but ideal weather is consistent."

Although this season only lasted 10 weeks and the weather wasn't ideal, the association sold around 1,700 trail passes,

up slightly from last year.

"We had all but one [trail] open, and that was because the trail was being logged," said Enright. "We had strong support. We had consistent grooming with very little snow. It was a pretty good winter considering the hand we were dealt."

Enright thanked the association's volunteers who go out and manage the trails every season. He also thanked the private landowners who allow trails on their properties.

"Without those people, we would not exist. There would be no snowmobiling in Haliburton County."

The HCSA is one of approximately 230 member clubs of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Their trails are part of a 30,000 kilometre network that crosses the province.

"It was a good winter," Enright said. "Not the best we ever had, but it was far from the worst, and we're happy. ... We held our own."

Dennis Casey to take helm at Pinestone Resort

By **Mark Arike**
Staff writer

Less than two weeks after the departure of Randy Heyd, a new general manager has been hired at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

Former Dysart councillor and current Rotarian, Dennis Casey, will assume the full-time position on March 23.

"He's really just a solid individual in the community, that understands the

community," said Peter Tosh, director of operations for Vrancor Group.

"We're really very excited to have Dennis join our team."

Tosh said Casey was a suitable candidate due to his analytical approach, and experience in businesses administration and financial management.

A longtime Haliburton resident, Casey served the previous term of Dysart council as councillor for Ward 2. Other positions he has held include interim manager of

the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and owner of Birch Point Lodge, which he operated with his wife Roxanne for 15 years.

"I'm excited," said Casey. "I'm pleased that Peter felt confident enough in me to offer me the job. It's something that we've been working on for about a month or so."

Casey said he didn't plan on retiring after finishing his council term.

"I'm one of those guys that I don't sit around well; I've always got to be doing

something," he said.

Casey said the first job he ever took was at a resort at the age of 10.

Tosh concluded that it was important to hire a general manager who is connected to the community.

"There were a few people that we considered for this position, and we really felt that someone that is from the community and understands the community is paramount to the success of the organization and stability of the resort operation."

Highlander arts

Blue Dot and our rights to a healthy environment

I'll preface this week's offering by saying that I will probably never write about anything more important.

Question: What does the environment mean to the culture of the Haliburton Highlands? Answer: Everything. It influences how we think, how we view ourselves, and how others view us. And it directly or indirectly influences how we make our livings. Let's face it, without a healthy environment most of us would not be living here at all.

Now consider this; our environment is at serious risk. Over the past eight years nearly every federal environmental law has been either weakened or eliminated. The Fisheries Act no longer protects most species of fish. The Navigation Protection Act does not protect most lakes and rivers. Overnight we went from 2.5 million protected lakes and rivers in Canada to a mere 159 lakes and rivers protected against obstruction to navigation. Don't be misled into thinking that obstructions do not affect the environment, because we know that water flow obstructions, like dams, for instance, and using water flow for industrial purposes, have serious consequences to the environment.

"Before these changes (to the former Navigable Water Protection Act), the federal

government acted like a watchdog, guarding the public's right to use all Canada's navigable waterways and balancing the public's interests against those of industry," said Anna Johnston, a lawyer with West Coast Environmental Law, in a 2014 CBC news interview with reporter David McKie.

"The changes effectively cut the public loose, leaving Canadians to stand up for their rights on their own in David versus Goliath fights against industry and, depending on the case, against the government itself," she said.

Furthermore, in 2012 the Environmental Assessment Act, which requires federal departments to undertake environmental assessments in projects where the federal government is involved, was replaced with a new law which significantly reduces federal environmental assessment obligations.

And the National Energy Board Act is also much weaker than it was before 2012. It is now much easier for the government to fast-track initiatives like major pipeline projects and dams. So, while jumping on the rickety bandwagon for oil and gas, the government has done practically nothing to protect the quality of our air and water, which are fundamental necessities of life.

Our environment in the Haliburton

Highlands consists of rivers and over 600 lakes which are home to many species of fish. There are also thousands of hectares of wetlands and forests, and yet, incredible as it may seem, our environment, and by extension, our way of life, is basically unprotected by federal legislation.

So what can we as individuals do about it? Well for starters I suggest getting on board with the Blue Dot movement. Blue Dot (bluedot.com) wants nothing less than to have all levels of government legally recognize the rights of Canadian citizens to breathe fresh air, drink clean water and eat safe, healthy food.

These are things that we have taken for granted but it's going to be a struggle to get them legally recognized. It will be quite an undertaking, but not unprecedented. More than 110 countries have already recognized their citizens' rights to a healthy environment by enshrining these rights in their national constitutions and Blue Dot wants the same for Canadians.

In his book 'The Constitutional Right to a Healthy Environment,' David R. Boyd states that "In the last 50 years the right to a healthy environment has gained recognition faster than any other human right." So it would appear that the time is ripe for a constitutional

amendment.

I talked recently to Environment Haliburton member Heather Ross about the Blue Dot movement.

"Members of Environment Haliburton have recently formed a local Blue Dot petition campaign," Ross said. "We need to protect our environment because over time, without federal protection, our economy will degrade along with the environment."

The petition campaign gets underway, appropriately on Earth day, April 22, at Nature's Place in Minden. But keep an eye out for an upcoming website, a presence on Facebook plus information on the Environment Haliburton website, (environmenthaliburton.ca).

If you're interested in restoring and protecting the quality of our air, water and land for future generations – and why wouldn't you be – consider joining the Blue Dot movement, signing the petition and helping to amend the constitution. It might be one of the most important decisions you'll ever make.



By George Farrell

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *Cold Betrayal* by Judith A. Jance
2. *Blood of Dragons* by Robin Hobb
3. *NYPD Red 3* by James Patterson

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Strange Way to Live: a story of rock 'n' roll resurrection* by Carl Dixon
2. *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald
3. *The Brain's Way of Healing: remarkable discoveries and recoveries from the frontiers of neuroplasticity* by Norman Doidge

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Audacious* by Gabrielle Prendergast (YA)
2. *Amelia Bedelia Cleans Up* by Herman Parish (JF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb* (DVD)
2. *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

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March 26

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Minden Council Chambers

April 9

Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:00 am,
Minden Council Chambers

Important Tax Information

The 2015 Interim tax bills were mailed on February 27, 2015. Payments may be made in 2 installments; March 20th & May 15th, 2015.

Payments received after February 17th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March.

Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change.

Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account.

Please contact our office if you have not received your bill(s) prior to the March due date or for a current balance update.

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Fire Season

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Sunday Shinny at the SG Nesbitt Arena

Final Sunday is March 22nd

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11:00am-12:00pm Ages 14-17
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Artisan Market at the Cultural Centre

Every Saturday morning from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm there will be an Artisan Market on the Cultural Centre grounds.

Season starts June 20th and runs rain or shine until September 5th.

Cost for space is only \$10 per market day.

We are asking for hand crafted items (by the vendor) only.

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Youth Softball Registration

Tuesday April 7th 6:00-8:00pm
Room 3, Minden Community Centre

Wednesday April 8th 1:00-4:30pm
Scout Hall

Thursday April 9th 6:00-8:00pm
Room 3, Minden Community Centre

Friday April 10th 1:00-4:30pm
Scout Hall

Cost is \$40.00/player
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Cultural Centre

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Highlander business



Photo by Mark Arike

Young professionals get to know one another better after several rounds of speed networking.

New connections made at networking event

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Over 40 young professionals got to know one another a little better in just five minutes at the first St. Patrick's Day Speed

Networking event.

Hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network (YPN), the free gathering brought people in their 20s and 30s together at The Dominion Hotel in Minden.

Similar to speed dating, participants engaged in short conversations with one another in which they asked a variety of casual and career-orientated questions. A template of sample questions was provided to help strangers, acquaintances and good

friends find out more about each other and break the ice.

Formed last year, the YPN is an initiative of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

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Highlander life

Through my eyes Prioritizing your necessities



By Austin McGillion

I'm not exactly the best when it comes to prioritizing.

I tend to prioritize monetary desires over simple things such as eating. The reason for this is I have quite a few dreams. My dream computer setup, my dream house, and my dream butler, being only a few. I have the same issue everyone has: we all want enough money for the things we want and need all at the same time.

Everyone wants to be rich enough to afford their dreams. We all want enough money in the bank to retire and live happily with our spouse in a fancy house with plenty of food and enough money that we don't need to worry about finances for the things we need. We all want to thrive in our environments. We don't want to worry about having to budget every dollar we have.

This is why I have to prioritize, not because I want to, but because I need to if I want to survive and have enough money to do the things I want. I, however, understand that certain things require attention over the things I want. Water and groceries take precedence over the Internet and television, electricity and firewood over snacks

and take-out.

These things require the most attention because without electricity, water, and groceries we would starve and be without heat.

Too many people in my generation want the newest smart phone and the newest computers to run the brand new games. I'm slowly paying off credit I used to buy some computer parts, because I noticed my computer can't run quite a few things that I would like it to. But I make sure my bills are paid off first, and then I put what little is left after into the credit, and when I have the right amount saved, then and only then can I take my computer in for the required upgrades.

We must learn to take care of the important things, prioritize the necessities over the wants. And what makes this an even more daunting task is that the less income you have the less money there is left over for wants. So you should try your heart out to get a great education, work hard, and find the job that you love to do, because you will make more money if you're happy then you will if you are miserable.



By Walt Griffin

Couple celebrates 65 years of marriage

Ronald and Dorothy Robinson celebrated their 65th anniversary on March 15. The couple's anniversary date was March 11. They received certificates of recognition from local politicians, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and Queen Elizabeth II.

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Highlander life

Grocery store founder remembered

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

On March 1, Haliburton lost a business pioneer, family man and longtime volunteer.

Lance Easton passed away at the age of 89, surrounded by family and friends at Highland Wood long term care in Haliburton.

According to an article prepared by his son Michael, Lance came from “a long line of grocery people and had connections within the industry.” His grandfather William was a green grocer in England in the 1800s. His father Harry eventually immigrated to Canada, where he met and married the widowed Amy Coneybeare (Batchelor) in 1925.

Harry continued the family tradition in food by introducing a meat market to Haliburton in the present location of Hali’s Bistro. Later he opened a slaughterhouse in Minden on South Lake Road which supplied the market on the main street of Minden.

Before entering the grocery business, Lance attended school in Minden where he played one of his favourite sports – hockey. He played in net when the team won their first hockey championship in the Ontario Rural Hockey Association.

He joined the navy in the Second World War and then returned to Minden and married Marguerite Clark (Welch) in 1946.

In 1953, Lance opened Easton’s Red & White with the help of his father and stepbrother Bill.



Photo submitted by Michael Easton

Lance Easton passed away on March 1.

He and his wife Marg opened a second location in 1959 in Haliburton. Four years later, the store was moved to Highland Food Lockers, now the Kosy Komer restaurant. In 1977, the business was relocated once more to the Boice Motors’s location (now The Bargain Shop) and eventually was transformed into Easton’s Valu-Mart.

Lance was an active volunteer in the community as a member and leader of the Boy Scout movement in Minden from 1938-

1960. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Minden, Ambulance Service, Haliburton fire department, Haliburton Minor Hockey Association and a Rotarian, having served as president from 1969-1970. He also helped out with the Haliburton Junior Hockey Club.

In an email to The Highlander, Michael recalled how his father was one of his biggest supporters.

“My father was always there when needed

whether it be for personal or business, no questions asked,” he said.

“He tried to get me to hunt and fish without a lot of success,” he recalled. “I also wore out two of his cars before he bought me my 1968 red Chevelle. When I was young he led the Boy Scout troop in Minden. It was one of the best experiences a young boy could have.”

Michael said those skills and experiences followed him “every step of the way” in his minor hockey days.

His father was the main reason he decided to remain in the Haliburton area.

“When I finished high school I had no idea as to what to do. He offered me the opportunity to get into the grocery trade and make a career of it,” explained Michael, who opened the Red & White store in Norland in 1970. In 1977, Lance purchased the Haliburton store, and in 1980 opened up another location in Minden.

“He helped me every step of the way until he stepped back and retired.”

Longtime Dysart Reeve Murray served the Rotary Club alongside Lance for years.

“He was truly a great citizen and always had a smile,” said Fearrey. “I don’t ever remember Lance Easton not having a smile. He was just such a great personality, and very committed to our community as well.”

Lance leaves behind three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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CITIZENFOUR

6:30 PM - 114 min

In January 2013, Laura Poitras was several years into making a film about surveillance in the post-9/11 era when she started receiving encrypted e-mails from someone identifying himself as "citizen four" who was ready to blow the whistle on the massive covert surveillance programs run by the NSA and other intelligence agencies. In June 2013, she and Glenn Greenwald flew to Hong Kong for the first of many meetings with the man who turned out to be Edward Snowden. She brought her camera with her. The film that resulted from this series of tense encounters is absolutely sui generis in the history of cinema: a 100% real-life thriller unfolding minute by minute before our eyes. Winner of the Academy Award.



KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON

9:00 PM - 84 min

KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON depicts the remarkable story of 93-year-old jazz legend Clark Terry. A living monument to the Golden Era of Jazz, Terry - a mentor to Miles Davis - is among the few performers ever to have played in both Count Basie's and Duke Ellington's bands. In the 1960s, he broke the colour barrier as the first African-American staff musician at NBC - on "The Tonight Show". KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON highlights his friendship with the preternaturally gifted Justin Kauflin, a blind, 23-year-old piano prodigy who suffers from debilitating stage fright. Not long after Kauflin is invited to compete in an elite Jazz competition, Terry's health takes a turn for the worse, and we see two friends confront the toughest challenges of their lives.

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Highlander life



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: Phyllis Waind, daughter of the late Thomas Chambers, stands with Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan beside her father's plaque. Left: Volunteer firefighters stand in silence at the plaque unveiling. Bottom: The recently installed plaque in Haliburton.

Fallen but not forgotten

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton will always remember Thomas Chambers.

On March 12, exactly 59 years to the day of his death, the community gathered at the site of a fire that claimed the life of the Camarvon-born fire chief.

"There are lots of people in the community that remember the actual fire that happened 59 years ago, but for those that don't the plaque will be a remembrance for that for years to come," said Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, moments after unveiling a plaque in honour of Chambers.

Located next to the Village Barn, the plaque has been installed on the wall of a commercial building owned by David Gray and Hugh Nichol. The building that burned to the ground was home to the Bank of Montreal.

Firefighters, local politicians and members of Chambers's family, including his daughter Phyllis, attended the ceremony.

According to his obituary, Chambers was 49 years old at the time of his death.

Local residents Bill Davis and Larry Hussey were both in town on that tragic night.

"My parents had the hardware store across the street, so we came down and opened it up to keep them warm and brought coffee to the firefighters," recalled Hussey.

"I'll never forget it for as long as I live," said Davis, who saw a couple of young boys attempt to rescue Chambers.

Maughan said that according to accounts of what happened, Chambers entered the building with a fire hose and filter mask.

"They're not sure if it got knocked off," he said. "They found him at the bottom of the stairs – the mask wasn't on when they found him."

Maughan told the large crowd that Chambers was "a pioneer for the fire service in the community."

"It was because of his death and the death of other firefighters that the standards and the equipment that we have today have made it safer for us to fight fires."

To this day, Chambers is Haliburton's only firefighter to have lost his life in the line of duty.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast with the Warden

Join us for our annual Breakfast with the Warden and get up to speed on what's happening and what's coming up in the Haliburton Highlands.

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This annual event brings together government, business and community for a morning of networking and relationship-building. You won't want to miss it!

Please note the new date of Tuesday, March 31st for this event.

Tuesday, March 31

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Angelica Blenich won the second HHHSF Cash for Care early bird draw for \$500.

Reporter gets lucky on assignment

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Angelica Blenich had the luck of the Irish on her side on St. Patrick's Day.

The Haliburton resident was the lucky winner of \$500 in the Cash for Care lottery's second early bird draw on March 17 at the Haliburton hospital.

Richard Wannan, Bank of Montreal branch manager and fundraising volunteer, drew the winning ticket after spinning the lottery drum with the help of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) board member David Zilstra.

Blenich is a reporter for The Haliburton Echo and Minden Times. She was the first winner in the lottery's history to be in

attendance when her ticket was drawn.

According to HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, about 70 per cent of the available 4,000 tickets have been sold. All funds will help support the construction of a new palliative care centre at the Haliburton hospital.

Walker said that the Making Moments Matter fundraiser campaign has brought in close to \$700,000.

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By Walt Griffin

March break in the sugar bush

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The HHSS Red Hawks girls hockey team wrapped up their outstanding season with a strong effort at the OFSAA tournament in Kenora.

Lady Red Hawks score community's support

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

The bus ride home from Kenora wasn't a happy one, but the mood didn't reflect the team's effort at the OFSAA tournament that week.

"Once you're out, there's emotion," said HHSS Red Hawks girls hockey coach Dan Marsden. "It's never great to lose, but if you can lose with grace and dignity, and learn from it, sometimes those are good building blocks to go forward from."

Marsden's team qualified for the provincial tournament by finishing second in the COSSA championship. The Red Hawks defeated Prince Edward Collegiate Institute (PECI) to earn their spot, but lost to St. Mary's in the COSSA finals.

From March 9-12, the Red Hawks competed against Ontario's best teams, and while they never won a game, they managed to score in each of their outings.

"I was totally impressed with the level of play the girls showed," said Marsden. "Everybody increased their level of play."

The physicality of the other teams was something the Red Hawks had to adjust to, but Marsden said they stepped up and competed hard.

"We scored every game, never got shut out. A few bounces here and there could have been the difference."

But before the girls ever got on the bus for OFSAA, there was a major victory back at home.

"I would say [OFSAA] was amazing even before it ever happened," said Marsden. "There was just outstanding support from the community, donating money to help make this possibility become a reality."

During COSSA, after the girls won their game against PECI, Marsden told them in the dressing room that the cost to travel to Kenora for the provincial tournament could

be prohibitive. In fact, St. Mary's, the COSSA champions, decided not to make the trip and backed out of their spot.

"I said 'Yes, we've qualified, but we still have to look at the big picture,'" he said.

The cost of transporting the team to OFSAA was nearly \$12,000, before food and accommodations. But the community came to the table and supported the team financially so they could make the trip.

"It was overwhelming," said Marsden.

"It was an opportunity for these girls to experience. They will take away the support of our community and the experience they had there in working and playing as a team."

Red Hawk Erin Little said competing at OFSAA was a lot of fun.

"It was a really good experience, really neat," she said. "We kept having to remind ourselves we'd made it there."

"It was unforgettable."

Little said she and her teammates were in shock for the first while after qualifying, but they weren't sure they'd be able to make the trip.

"Then we heard the community was supporting us, and we got the money. It was like, 'wow.'"

Many of the girls on the team have been playing together for a long time, both on the Red Hawks and the Highland Storm team. But Little said the team played their best at OFSAA.

"We did really well," she said. "We played the best hockey we've played all season. We were more competitive."

Little said the girls all stepped up their game. "A lot of it had to do with the passion we had to play, and we wanted to do well so we gave it our all and did our best."

Teammate Connor Marsden echoed Little's sentiments.

"We played our hearts out," she said.

"Everyone gave it their best, even if we didn't have the lead."

She said the OFSAA experience reinforced

how great her teammates are.

"From this tournament I took away how truly grateful I am to have such incredible teammates. They are more than that, they are family and I wouldn't have wanted to go on this journey with any other girls."

Both Connor Marsden and Little are graduating this year. They, along with four other teammates, will not be returning to the Red Hawks. The team's last game at OFSAA may have been the last for girls Red Hawks hockey, simply due to a lack of players.

"A lot of us were upset [after the game],

mostly because that would be our final year of ever playing high school hockey, and because there probably won't be a team again next year," said Little. "We've been together so long, there were a lot of tears. A lot of people were upset, but we were proud of ourselves, too."

A week after the tournament, Little said the emotions are still there.

"It's still bittersweet," she said. "But a lot of people here are really proud of us. It's easier to handle knowing no one is disappointed and we gave it our best. Getting [to OFSAA] was an accomplishment on its own."

Coach Marsden, who is also the school's principal, was instrumental in creating a competitive girls hockey program at HHSS. However, with half the team graduating this year, including the goalie, he said it's unlikely there will be girls' hockey next year.

"The last four years, we tried to build a program primarily on the Storm team that was the nucleus of this club," he said. "To go back and rebuild ... I would just like to see it continue at a competitive level and I don't know if that could happen."

Haliburton County is a 'B' level centre, but the team competes against schools with more

depth. He said there are some county league players coming into the high school, but the skill gap between county and high school hockey is just too big.

"I'm not saying girls' hockey can't happen, but it's one of those, you have to look at if a team does happen, you're given this hand of cards where you're going to be struggling. It's sometimes not fun and can almost be a negative."

Marsden said there are other extracurriculars offered at the school, and the community supports those as well.

It's never great to lose, but if you can lose with grace and dignity, and learn from it, sometimes those are good building blocks to go forward from.

Dan Marsden
coach

"There's a wealth of opportunity for extracurriculars, whether it's sports or the arts," he said. "There's a lot that our kids are part of. We have a great staff trying to support the interests of all students in the extracurriculars."

Little said she's happy to have had the opportunity to play hockey as a Red Hawk.

"The biggest impact it's had is the friendships I've made with the girls on the team," she said. "They're a lot like sisters to me because it was the same girls every year. We know what each other are going to do on the ice, and we are best friends."

"It'll be really hard to leave them. I'm personally really proud of my team, and I know we did well and we should be proud of what we did."

Connor Marsden said she's thankful for the time she's had with her team.

"No matter what happens, I know there's an incredible group of girls that will always have my back," she said. "No matter how much us girls got made fun of by the boys because 'girls hockey is a joke,' we all still stuck together and accomplished huge things."

"For that, I am truly proud and grateful."



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Highlander sports



OPP face Archie Stouffer students

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP laced up their skates to face off against Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) on March 12 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

Although the officers lost 7-5 to the school's Grade 8 students, the focus of the event was to build positive relationships and have a fun

afternoon on the ice.

Most of the students from the school came out to cheer on their fellow classmates, who either play house league or competitive hockey.

Other games held this year saw the OPP take on J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School.

According to a press release, the event has been an annual tradition for over 20 years.

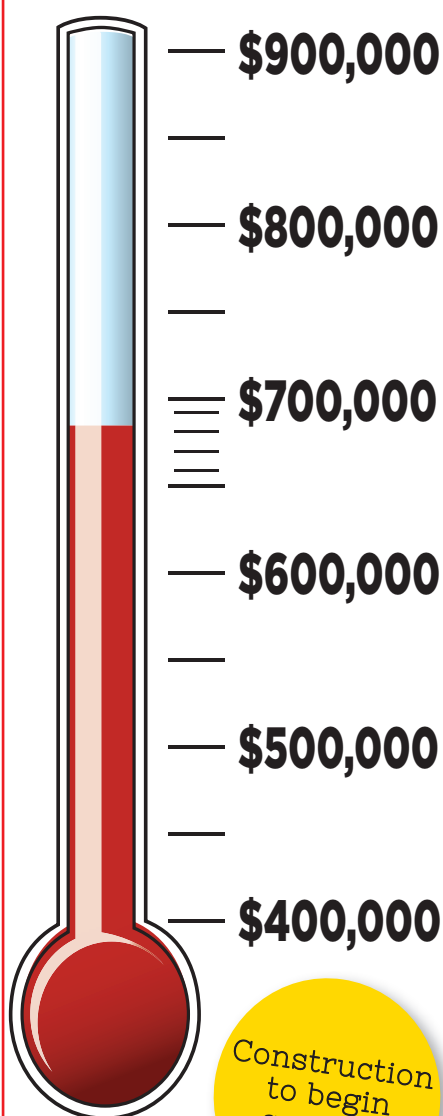
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Above left: Clay Glecoff, left, skates past an ASES student. Top: The OPP team joins ASES for a photo at centre ice. Bottom right: ASES students cheer on their team.

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Varsity Hawks give it their all on the ice

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Despite being eliminated after the first round of this year's OFSAA A/AA division tournament in Pembroke, the Red Hawks varsity boys hockey team has every reason to be proud of the season that was.

"I think we had a remarkable year," said head coach Ron Yake, noting the team's big wins including the Kawartha division championship and COSSA A/AA championship.

"We played very well, both of those times in our season," he said.

With those wins, the team headed to OFSAA in Pembroke on March 9 to face the best high school hockey players from across the province. Their journey started with a banquet, but on Tuesday morning the team got down to business in their first game against the Denis O'Connor Chargers of Ajax.

The Hawks started off on the right foot by earning a 3-1 victory.

On Tuesday they faced Robert F. Hall Wolfpack of Caledon East. The game started off as a "barn burner," according to Yake, because of how the action moved back and forth.

"It was certainly a very tight game. We had our chances to score another one or two goals ... throughout the whole game," he said.

The Hawks lost 4-3 to the Wolfpack, who would go on to capture the silver medal in the final game against London South on March 13.

Later that afternoon the Hawks were

eliminated from the tournament in another close 4-3 loss, this time to F.J. Brennan Cardinals of Windsor.

"It [the game] was close as well," recalled Yake. "They had one or two very skilled players that made the difference for their team. Our team worked very hard and had many good chances."

Although the competition was fierce at OFSAA, the trip was an experience that players like Curtis Ballantyne and Chris Hall won't ever forget.

"Not many people are able to say that they went to OFSAA for hockey," said Hall, a fourth year veteran on the team.

Hall said having home-ice advantage makes a difference.

"It's different because it's not your home rink and you're used to your home rink. That makes it easier in a sense," he said.

The varsity Hawks finished third and won the bronze medal at last year's tournament. This year they were one of eight teams eliminated in the first round.

"We were definitely hoping for a better outcome than that," said centre Ballantyne, who has been with the team for three years.

Ballantyne scored two goals in the game against the Chargers and one against the Wolfpack.

This was the fifth time that the varsity

team has advanced to OFSAA.

"It's quite an accomplishment. We have a very competitive league and generally whoever comes out of our league and COSSA has a good opportunity to do well at OFSAA. It's always something to cherish," said Yake.

For veterans like Hall, a Grade 13 student, it's a way of ending their high school hockey career on a high note.

However, that doesn't mean it's not going to be hard to say goodbye.

"[It's] sad, because high school hockey is always great hockey to play and it's always a ton of fun," he said.

Yake thanked the more experienced players on the team for mentoring

Chris Hall
player

the up-and-comers and setting a good example.

"Whenever someone is with the team three years or more, they're the leaders of the team and I always say to the guys at the start of the year, 'Watch what your veterans do ...' he said.

Yake will be back with the coaching staff again next year and hopes to continue the winning tradition.

The Hawks finished their regular season at the top of the Kawartha league with 10 wins and one loss.

Not many people are
able to say that they
went to OFSAA for
hockey.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce bonspiel a family affair

The Wilberforce Curling Club hosted their Child + One bonspiel on March 14. Club vice-president Darrell McQuigge called the bonspiel a great success. Six teams competed in the tournament. Out of the 12 kids that participated, three are club curlers and five are part of the club's elementary school program. Two of the kids had curled only in this bonspiel previously, and one was completely new to the sport. Teams included children with their parents, grandparents, neighbours or family friends.

Pictured above: The winning team was skipped by 14-year-old Jonas Hill. His younger brother, Ezra, viced for the team, while parents Joelle and Aaron played second and first, respectively.



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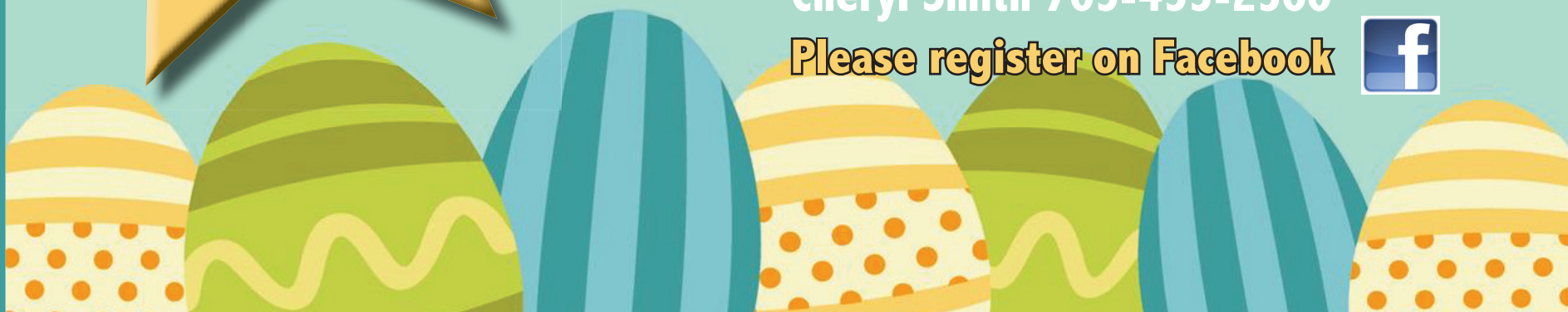
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Highlander sports

Minden skater earns gold

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

A Minden ice dancer and her skating partner are Ontario champions.

River Christiano, 14, and Morgan Raffo competed in Brampton at the 2015 Skate Ontario Championships, from March 13-15. The pair won gold in the senior bronze dance category.

"I was kind of surprised," said Christiano. "We weren't really expecting to win."

Christiano skates out of the Minden Skating Club, while Raffo skates out of Fenelon Falls. The pair have been skating together for a year-and-a-half. They get together to practice twice per week, alternating between the two clubs.

She said they didn't know what they would be up against at the provincials, but they were both excited and shocked to get the win.

Ice dancing is similar to figure skating, except you don't do jumps or spins. The programs emphasize footwork, and it's likened to ballroom dancing on ice. The pairs need to skate in sync, and really work together. In this competition, all of the pairs performed the same two pattern dances and were scored on their execution.

Christiano and Raffo earned 14.31 points. The second place team scored 13.60.

The two qualified for provincials with a gold medal win at the Eastern Ontario

Championships earlier in the season.

While the pair have enjoyed their success this year, Christiano is already looking to next season.

"Next year, I think we're going to sectionals, which is for more competitive skaters," she said. "I'm excited for that. We get to do free dance, which is kind of like pairs, but doesn't have all the same elements [as everyone else's]. It's like a pattern dance but you put your own routine together."

She said the best part about free dance is the ability to choose your own music.

Over the next four years, Christiano and Raffo have their eyes on nationals. To that end, the pair will be working with a personal trainer out of Lindsay to do off-ice training. Christiano is also skating year round, and this summer will spend time at an international ice dance arena in Scarborough with world-class and Olympic skaters.

She attended the Scarborough arena last year, as well.

"It was nice because I got to see what we had to work towards," Christiano said. "All the skaters there were really, really good. They were in the Olympics and nationals."

Christiano thanked her and Raffo's coaches, Jane Symons and Dave Hallows from Minden, and Marg Hadley from Fenelon Falls, for all the time and work they put in with the pair.



Photo submitted by Mark Christiano

River Christiano and Morgan Raffo skate during the provincial championships.

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■ **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 \$150 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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Highlander sports



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Left: A line of Bantam Storm players skate onto the ice. Right: A Storm player tries to steal the puck from an opponent.

Pressure's on Bantam As after back-to-back losses

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Highland Storm Bantam As are going to have to come from behind to win the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) championship.

The team opened the final, best-of-five series against the Ingersoll Express on March 14,

followed by Game 2 the next day.

The Ingersoll Bantam team managed to defeat the Storm in both games, first with a 4-2 victory in Minden on Saturday and a 3-0 shutout in Haliburton on Sunday.

Despite back-to-back losses, Bantam coach James Reilly told his players to keep their heads up.

"We've faced this all year," explained Reilly.

"We've come back in several tournaments and we've won them, after being down. They're a team that works hard and things are going to start going our way if they keep working hard and playing a good game."

Reilly said his team just hasn't been "getting the bounces." They plan to remain focused for the remainder of the playoffs.

"It's one period at a time," he said.

In order to have a shot at the championship, the team will need to win both games in Ingersoll.

"They're very capable of getting back in this and forcing a Game 5."

The team plays at 8 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday in Ingersoll. If they manage to win both, they will play Game 5 at home in Minden on March 28.

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Wanda Albert
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Manager

For the past six years, Wanda has been working as a financial services representative at a top financial institution. With an education in legal administration, Wanda brings her customer service expertise to the Minden Subaru team.



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Highland Storm Pee wee goalie Ethan Glecoff goes for the save.

Pee wees Storm into provincial finals

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Highland Storm Pee wee had a weekend full of hockey action in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) playoffs.

In the best-of-five series, the Pee wee team lost to the Ingersoll Express 7-5 in their first game on March 14 at S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. The next day the team edged out a 5-4 victory in overtime at

A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

According to Pee wee coach Jason Morissette, it's the first time since the Highland Storm's inception 15 years ago that the team has made it to the OMHA finals.

Another first, he said, is the fact that two local A teams have made it to the playoffs at the same time, referring to the Bantams.

"I think it's really cool," he said, explaining that siblings are playing on the teams and both groups will travel to

Ingersoll together this coming weekend.

With several close games during the season, Morissette addressed how his players have worked well together as a unit.

"What this team has learned to do is play as a team, to win as a team, lose as a team. That's probably the biggest achievement. It takes kids to become, in my opinion, very unselfish," he said.

Not only do they learn new skills on the ice, but what they also develop are

important life skills that they carry with them, said Morissette.

Although many of the Storm players have a size advantage over their opponents, Ingersoll is quick on the ice and has played 70 games this season.

The Pee wee team's next game is on March 21 at 6:30 p.m. They play their fourth game at 9:30 a.m. the following day.

If the series is forced into a fifth game, it will be held in Minden on March 28.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 9

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 210
High single: Claude Cote – 253
High single handi: Claude Cote – 266
High triple: Claude Cote – 701
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 740

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 175
High single: Chris Cote – 187
High single handi: Anne Lampman – 233
High triple: Chris Cote – 527
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 647

Monday night, March 9

Men: High avg: Rick West – 206
High single: Norm Goldenberg – 259
High single handi: Norm Goldenberg – 287
High triple: Rick West – 665

High triple handi: Norm Goldenberg – 740

Women: High avg: Cathy Snell – 220
High single: Marnie Couture – 276
High single handi: Marnie Couture – 317
High triple: Cathy Snell – 765
High triple handi: Marnie Couture – 755

Tuesday afternoon, March 10

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 213
High single: John Pugh – 284
High single handi: John Pugh – 318
High triple: John Pugh – 653
High triple handi: John Pugh – 755

Women: High avg: Chris Cote – 178
High single: Shirley Venner – 194
High single handi: Shirley Venner – 284

High triple: Rae Shephard – 499
High triple handi: Shirley Venner – 726

Wednesday Special Olympics, March 4

Men: Ross Anderson – 191
Brent Leffering – 178
Trevor Brauer – 168

Women: Robin Fletcher – 137

Skylar Pratt – 117
Buddy Plouffe – 110

Thursday, March 12

Men: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 177
High single: Jim Routcliffe – 269
High single handi: Jim Routcliffe – 315
High triple: Jim Routcliffe – 559
High triple handi: Jim Routcliffe – 697

Women: High avg: Pat Stiver – 170
High single: Rose Cummings – 208
High single handi: Rose Cummings – 282
High triple: Lyn Preston – 498
High triple handi: Lyn Preston – 729

Friday afternoon, March 13

Men: High avg: Claude Cote – 204
High single: Claude Cote – 266
High single handi: Claude Cote – 284
High triple: Claude Cote – 734
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 788

Women:

High avg: Chris Cote – 174
High single: Ren Higgins – 235
High single handi: Ren Higgins – 283
High triple: Ren Higgins – 581
High triple handi: Ren Higgins – 725

Events calendar

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18. Largest portion (2 wds.)

20. Slapstick items

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22. Ogles

23. Shriek

25. Midterm, e.g.

27. Peruvian capital

29. Tuber

34. Tax mo.

37. Animals' homes

40. Spouse's kin (hyph.)

41. Kingdom

43. Little bite

44. Fur wrap

45. ____ Banks of baseball

46. French ____

48. Mogul ____ Turner

49. Go to

51. Pace

53. Toddlers

56. Creature

60. Burn slightly

64. Choir voice

66. 18-wheeler

67. Elegance

69. Jogging gait

70. Furious

71. Singer ____ Seeger

72. Bogeyman

73. French cap

74. Trampled

75. At no time, poetically

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1. Metal fasteners

2. Sudden fright

3. Daisylike flower

4. Loafer ornament

5. Quandary

6. Diva's offering

7. Loop of rope

8. Building addition

9. ____ Vegas

10. Pang

11. Hang around

12. Tender

13. Raw metals

19. Strike

24. Malady

26. Dampen

28. Slangy negative

30. Blasting substance (abbr.)

31. Much (2 wds.)

32. Narrative

33. Was in the red

34. Site

35. Jaunty

36. Talk wildly

38. ____ de Janeiro

39. Resorts

42. Stretch the truth

47. Began

50. Love excessively

52. Engine part

54. Entice

55. Scoff

57. Combine

58. Love, Italian-style

59. Metric measure

60. Infant's bed

61. At this location

62. Distant

63. Ceremonial act

65. Informed about

68. Butterfly snare

MARCH 2015 EVENTS

THURSDAY

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

No pickleball at JD Hodgson tonight

Maple Fest - Haliburton Museum - 10 am - 5 pm

Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group - Highland Crest - 10am - noon

FRIDAY

20

Maple Fest - Haliburton Museum - 10 am - 5 pm

Spring Equinox Party - Haliburton Museum - 7pm-10pm

Shuffleboard - Stanhope Firefighters Hall - 1 pm - 4 pm - 705-286-3473

Bridge - Club 35 Halls Lake Camarvon - 1 pm - 4 pm - 705-457-8963

Dorset Model Helicopter & Airplane flying group - Dorset Rec Centre 1pm - 3 pm

SATURDAY

21

Maple Fest - Haliburton Museum - 10 am - 5 pm

Reptiles Road Show - Haliburton Fish Hatchery - 10 am - 1 pm

Dorset Model Helicopter & Airplane flying group - Dorset Rec Centre 1 - 3

Yoga - Dorset Rec Centre - 11:30 am

Card Night - Irondale Community Centre - 7 pm

Bingo - Harcourt Community Centre - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

SUNDAY

22

Public Skating - AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton - \$2 - 11 am - 12:30 pm

Free Public Skating - Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Adult Volleyball - Dorset Rec Centre - 7 pm - 8:45 pm - \$1

Dorset Tai Chi Classes - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:30 am - 12 pm

Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 10 am - 12 pm

Cook it up - Gratitude in Motion - Baked & Battered - 11 am - 3 pm

MONDAY

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Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Cook it Up - Gratitude in Motion - Baked & Battered - 11 am - 3 pm

TUESDAY

24

Celebration of Research - U-Links- Fleming College - 1 pm-4 pm

Spring Splash - Sir Sams Ski & Bike

Dorset Model Helicopter & Airplane flying group - Dorset Rec Centre 1 pm - 3 pm

WEDNESDAY

25

Free Public Skating - Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Dragon Boat Open House - Haliburton Fish Hatchery - 1 pm - 2:30 pm

THURSDAY

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Dorset Tai Chi Classes - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:30 am - 12 pm

Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 10 am - 12 pm

Cook it up - Gratitude in Motion - Baked & Battered - 11 am - 3 pm

FRIDAY

27

Pickle Ball 'NEW' - Dorset Rec Centre - 10 am-12 pm - 705-635-9263

Free Concert - Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce - 2 pm - all welcome Highlands Concert Band

SATURDAY

28

Celebration of Research - U-Links- Fleming College - 1 pm-4 pm

Spring Splash - Sir Sams Ski & Bike

Dorset Model Helicopter & Airplane flying group - Dorset Rec Centre 1 pm - 3 pm

SUNDAY

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Free Public Skating - Keith Tallman Memorial Arena Wilberforce - 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

Dragon Boat Open House - Haliburton Fish Hatchery - 1 pm - 2:30 pm

MONDAY

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Dorset Tai Chi Classes - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:30 am - 12 pm

Pickle Ball - Dorset Rec Centre - 10 am - 12 pm

Cook it up - Gratitude in Motion - Baked & Battered - 11 am - 3 pm

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAR 19 - MAR 25, 2015

Haliburton Branch

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.

Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.

50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.

Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.

Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.

Open dart night, Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month

Minden Branch

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

Liver lover's special, Tuesday, 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

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.

Monthly raffle, dinner for two at a local restaurant

Wilberforce Branch

Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

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

Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.

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

No karaoke until further notice

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Highlander events

Land Trust keeps it green

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

In keeping with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day and their mandate to "protect the land we love for future generations," the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust hosted the inaugural "Keep it Green" Bowl-O-Thon on March 14 at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden.

"There's been a terrific response from the community and the Land Trust is pleased to have this first-ever event," said Land Trust executive director Larry O'Connor.

Over 80 bowlers participated in the event, which met the organization's fundraising target of \$2,000.

"Our target was reached with an expectation that we will surpass our goals in the days to come, as the final pledges are collected," wrote O'Connor in an

email.

Several prizes donated by local businesses were handed out to participants during the afternoon event and plenty of St. Patrick's-themed decorations and costumes filled the room.

Over the years, more than 700 acres of land has been gifted to the Land Trust for "environmental and ecological reasons," said O'Connor.

"Our greatest challenge is to protect the land into the future ... and the money will be used for that purpose."

The four nature reserves the Land Trust currently owns include Dahl Forest, Norah's Island, Smith Forest and Barry Wetland.

O'Connor confirmed that the organization plans to host a second bowl-a-thon next year.



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Rose Cummings rings in a purchase.

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Left: Shawn Chamberlin, owner of The Dominion Hotel, left, chats with patron Barrie Martin. Above: Irene Torres displays her vocal prowess.

Torres brings 'sass and soul'

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Smooth and sexy are two words that could be used to describe Irene Torres's March 14 performance at the Dominion Hotel in Minden.

The young vocalist, along with her band The Sugar Devils, brought the best of New Orleans blues music to a crowd of about 70 people. The concert was part of the ongoing Canadian Blues Legends series, which started four years ago.

"Part of what we do is bring in Canadian

blues legends from across Canada," said series organizer George Farrell. "Most of them have been performing for many, many years."

Farrell pointed out that the most recent concert was somewhat of a departure for the series given the fact that Torres is an up-and-coming artist.

"She's really sassy, she's got soul, she's got feeling and she does it real fine," he said.

Guitarist Pat Rush joined the group for the night as a special guest artist.

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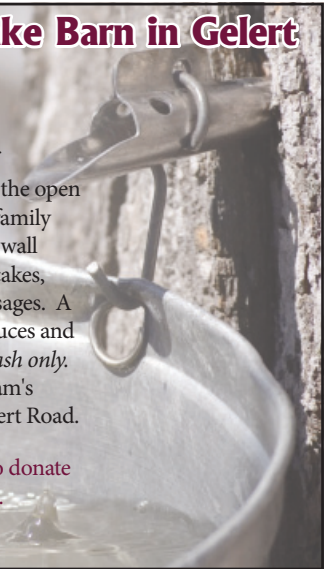
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What's on



File photo

The crew of the Susanna Foo dragon boat will host an open house information session at the Fish Hatchery on March 29.

Discover dragon boating in the Highlands

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
Editor

As the temperature starts to rise, it's time to start thinking about boating on Haliburton's open waters.

The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are no exception, getting ramped up for their second season aboard the Susanna Foo dragon boat. The Paddlers are inviting anyone interested in dragon boating to join them for an open house information session on March 29, 1 p.m. at

the Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Road.

Paddler Juliana vanLieshout said it's an activity everyone can enjoy.

"Dragon boating is really a fun activity for everyone," she said. "Get fit, learn a new sport, and meet new people."

This season, the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are offering five weekly sessions: mornings and afternoons on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Sunday early afternoon.

After last year's season, vice chair Elli Armstrong told The Highlander around 44 people participated throughout the summer.

She credited local coach Janine Papadopoulos with helping get everyone in shape.

"We've all improved tremendously," Armstrong said.

This year, the club is hoping to attend a dragon boat festival in Port Perry on June 20.

"Here is an opportunity for beginners and experienced paddlers to get their butts into a seat and be part of our county team and help the Port Perry Dragon Flies in their fundraising efforts," said vanLieshout.

Dragon boating is not the same as canoeing, so the team's coach helps paddlers learn the

proper strokes. It's also important to watch fellow crew members to keep rhythm in the boat.

All skill levels are welcome to come out and try dragon boating. The open house on March 29 is an opportunity to meet some paddlers and find out if it's something you'd be interested in. The club also offers early bird membership rates for those who sign up early.

For more information, contact Elli Armstrong at elliarmstrong@sympatico.ca.

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705-324-9870 ex. 3228

Applicants selected for an interview may be requested to provide references and a police check.



REGISTERED NURSES & REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSES (Acute Care/Emergency Department & Long-Term Care)

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has permanent and contract part-time and casual opportunities for RNs and RPNs to join our healthcare team!

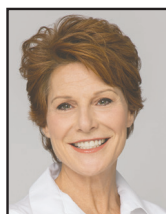
Opportunities are available for nurses to provide rural nursing at both the Minden and Haliburton Emergency Departments, which have an average 30,000 combined visits per year, and in the 14-bed inpatient unit. In addition, opportunities exist for nurses to provide holistic care to residents at Hyland Crest, a 62-bed facility in Minden, and in Haliburton at a 30-bed facility, Highland Wood.

As a member of the health care team, the RN and RPN has a unique role in promoting health, in preventing illness, and in helping clients attain and maintain the highest level of health possible. The RN is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma/degree in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Recent experience in an emergency or long-term care setting is preferred.

If you are an experienced or new graduate nurse, interested in joining our healthcare team, please send your resume by April 8, 2015 to:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
Fax: 705-457-2398
www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.



Diane Knupp*
705-488-3060

WHITE LAKE \$925,000



- 26 acres with 780' total frontage on 2 lakes
- 6 car garage with living quarters
- 4 bedroom cottage plus boathouse
- State-of-the-art off-grid system PLUS...
- New! 200 amp hydro installed

DRAG LAKE \$669,000



- New 3 bedroom, wood floors
- Open concept, cathedral ceilings
- Custom kitchen, master w/ensuite
- Gorgeous screened room and deck
- 395 feet of shoreline

BOB LAKE \$299,900



- Well maintained 3 bdrm. cottage plus Bunkie
- 100' Algonquin style lot - southern exposure
- Big lake view - deep, clean, rocky shoreline
- Very private, well treed lot
- Original owner - shows pride of ownership

KOSHLONG LAKE \$779,000



- Custom built 4-season cottage/home built in 2008
- Loads of floor-to-ceiling lakeside windows
- 1500 sq. ft. open concept with vaulted pine ceilings
- 162' crystal clear rock shelf shoreline
- Crown land across from you for great privacy



Cathy Bain*
705-286-1234
Ext 224



Susan Johnson*
705-457-2414
Ext 44

STORMY LAKE \$345,000



- 3 bedroom, renovated, winterized cottage
- 139 feet of southeast waterfront exposure
- Borders 40 acres of Crown land - privacy plus
- Beautiful sunsets, good swimming & boating, year round access



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Larry Hussey*
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ext 23

HALIBURTON VILLAGE \$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.

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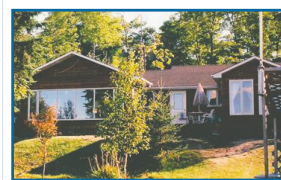
- PRIME LOCATION !! \$179,900**
- 3+ bedroom in town home
 - 2,300 sq. ft. of living space
 - Walking distance to all amenities
 - Oak kitchen, hardwood floors, sunroom
 - Many, many upgrades



- GREAT OPPORTUNITY \$200,000**
- Long term "Brewers Retail" tenant
 - 3,000 sq. ft. building, loading dock
 - Overlooking Gull River
 - On town water & sewer
 - Great investment



- 3 LAKE CHAIN! \$264,900**
- 2 bedroom cottage plus Bunkie
 - Detached garage
 - Clean waterfront
 - Lakeside docking area
 - Level treed lot on a chain lake
 - Value priced comes turn-key!



- 4 SEASON RETREAT \$374,900**
- 3+ bedroom, open concept ranch-style home
 - Child safe shoreline, expansive views
 - Front and rear decking
 - 1,800 sq. ft. living space
 - Year round easy access



- 4 SEASON LUXURY \$379,900**
- 2 + 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,800 sq. ft.
 - 131 feet gradual sand waterfront
 - Full walkout basement
 - 2 lakeside decks, 3 lakeside walkouts
 - Screened "Haliburton" room



- FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$399,000**
- 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath
 - 3,923 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



- 4 SEASON RETREAT \$424,900**
- 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 1,218 sq. ft.
 - 231 feet of waterfront, 2.16 acres
 - Master bedroom with walk-out to deck
 - Pine floors, central air
 - Large lakeside deck and dock areas



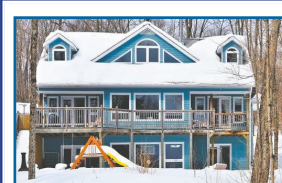
- PANABODE 4 SEASON \$439,900**
- 100 feet of waterfront
 - Located on 5 lake chain
 - 2,000 square feet of living space
 - 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms,
 - Extensive decking, detached garage
 - Close to Haliburton Village!



- PRIME WATERFRONT HOME \$469,900**
- 1.15 acre lot with 360 ft of waterfront
 - Extensive boating and fishing to 3 lakes
 - 2,500 sq. ft. of luxury living
 - 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, finished basement
 - Oak kitchen, floors
 - Double heated garage



- PERFECT BEACH! \$489,900**
- Stunning 4 season home or cottage
 - Level, well treed lot on 3 lake chain
 - 2,300 sq. ft. living space 3 bedrooms, 2 bath
 - Finished lower level with lakeside walkout
 - Double garage
 - Heated workshop, shed & toy house!



- CUSTOM BUILT \$619,900**
- 3+2 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3,000 sq. ft.
 - 125 feet of frontage, 1.01 acre
 - Oversized double garage
 - Year round access
 - Stone fireplace, walk-out basement
 - Four season home/cottage



- SIMPLY SPECTACULAR! \$938,000**
- 2006 custom upscale home/cottage
 - 1,269 feet of waterfront, southern views
 - 5 bedroom, 5.5 baths, 6,000 sq. ft.
 - Cherry kitchen, 3 fireplaces plus, plus
 - Year round access within 2 hours from GTA