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Poetry in motion: A ballerina wows the crowd during the 12th Annual Nutcracker ballet on Dec. 6 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. See page 31 for story.

Eskedjian and HHHS parting ways

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Varouj Eskedjian is no longer at the helm of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

Eskedjian's former executive assistant Marlene Vieira confirmed he was no longer president and CEO of the corporation in an email sent Dec. 8.

"Yes, Varouj is no longer our CEO, but I

have no other information to provide yet," wrote Vieira, adding the HHHS board of directors was in the process of finalizing a press release.

In a second email, she passed along a comment from acting board chair Dave Bonham.

"We have a due process to follow and we are not in a position to release any information at this point in time. A formal media release will be issued by Thursday

morning [Dec. 10]."

Carolyn Plummer, chief nursing officer and director of hospital services, assumed the position of interim CEO.

Eskedjian took the position in January of 2013 following Paul Rosebush's departure.

Peter Oyler, chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, said the news came as a surprise.

"There probably isn't one member of the foundation board, including myself, who

wasn't surprised and probably shocked by the news with respect to the termination of Mr. Eskedjian's services as CEO of the hospital," said Oyler in a phone interview.

Oyler added the former CEO "worked closely with our executive director [Dale Walker] and our foundation board."

"We've had nothing but a positive working relationship with him over

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Foundation chair Oyler 'shocked'

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his tenure at the hospital. We will certainly miss that relationship."

He said the foundation board will be meeting in "due course" to determine the direction they will be taking when it comes to fundraising.

"A large part of that will be determined by the corporation's direction and who's running the corporation as president and CEO."

The foundation is a charity that raises funds for local health care facilities.

When reached, Eskedjian said he didn't wish to comment at this time.

HHHS oversees two hospitals and two long-term care facilities located in Haliburton and Minden.

For updates to this story visit thehighlander.ca.

Correction

The story "Residents rally around salvage yard" (*The Highlander* issue 214, page 7), listed incorrect business hours for the proposed site. Hours for Steve Beaver Trucking and Excavating should have read 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. *The Highlander* regrets the error.

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Highlander news

Reducing poverty a matter of political will says Mike Perry

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Years worth of information on poverty in the county is now in the hands of council.

"This is the most comprehensive thoroughly researched, extensive and exhaustive resource localized to our area that we've ever seen," said Mike Perry, City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team's executive director, referring to Haliburton County's Poverty Reduction Strategy. "The key will be implementation and that's why I challenge council to pick up with implementation. It's not about more research, it's about political will."

During Haliburton County Council on Nov. 25, Perry presented the reduction strategy's fourth action plan, which addresses barriers to employment and education. Public health nurse Mary Lou Mills was also on hand to make the presentation.

The previous three chapters were presented to council over the course of 2014.

Perry is also a member of the community-based committee that has been developing the strategy since 2012.

"Poverty isn't a problem for only 'the poor', it costs all of us," Perry said.

According to the report, 11.9 per cent of workers in Ontario earned minimum wage in 2014, compared to 2.4 per cent in 1997.

"Having an adequate income enables residents to contribute optimally to the economy and improves the tax base so that the City of Kawartha Lakes and the County of Haliburton can provide the services residents need," notes the action plan.

There are several implementation recommendations for the chapter on barriers to employment and education. They range from identifying current, emerging and future business opportunities, to developing strategies that target business and industry retention.

In addition, each chapter has specific tasks assigned for all levels of government, including the municipality, which will help reach the action plan's goals.

With all of the information presented to council so far, Perry said the county is in a favourable position to implement meaningful changes which will help families struggling with poverty.

Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke with *The Highlander* after the employment and

education chapter was presented and said he hopes council can discuss the report in detail early 2016.

"We just received the final report, but poverty is something we never really stopped working on," Fearrey said.

"Poverty isn't a problem for only 'the poor', it costs all of us."

Mike Perry

executive director,
Kawartha Lakes
Family Health Team

The report's numbers about the growing number of people earning minimum wage stood out to Fearrey.

"The province has gone in that direction ... and the reality is that it's a trickle-down effect, it always has been," he said. "It's a little bigger than just a local problem, but there's no doubt it's a major local problem as well."

Ensuring the entire county has access to high-speed Internet, he added, is the most immediate step the municipality can take in addressing barriers to employment and education.

"Young families can move here but don't move here because they don't have the ability to do their jobs properly," he said. "We've made some progress with Dell and all our partners who are working on this, but it's still something that can be enhanced in the next year or two."

The poverty reduction strategy began with a presentation to City of Kawartha Lakes Council (CKL) in the fall of 2010. It was made by the Access to Permanent Housing Committee. The Poverty Coalition, CKL and County of Haliburton Councils approved the development of a joint strategy in early 2011. The joint steering committee was formed as a result.

Following several focus groups, conferences and online polls, all organized by the steering committee in 2012, the group used that information to develop five chapters. Each chapter is a major point of emphasis in the fight against poverty. They include affordable

housing, transportation, food security, employment and education and children and youth.

The strategy's fifth chapter on early childhood assistance will be released in early 2016.

Perry said it's unclear how the steering committee will operate after the final chapter is released.

"We will certainly help the municipality as the steering committee if asked for assistance," he said.

Perry noted he would like to see some regular status updates moving forward regarding how and when parts of the poverty reduction strategy are implemented by council.

To view all of the information released thus far by the steering committee, visit www.city.kawarthalakes.on.ca/residents/house-and-home/poverty-reduction-strategy.

Quick Facts

- In Kawartha Lakes, 1,600–2,100 people use food banks on a monthly basis, 40 per cent of them children. In the County of Haliburton, 271 households access food banks on a monthly basis, 30 per cent of whom are children.
- Fifteen per cent of Ontario's children live below the Low Income Measure
- In 2010, 92.6 per cent of new employment opportunities for adults over age 25 in Ontario required postsecondary education.
- Homelessness costs the Canadian economy over \$7 billion annually

Stats from Haliburton County's Poverty Reduction Strategy



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Editorial opinion

A time to give

With only a few weeks until Christmas, local stores are a flurry of activity. Lists are being made, Santa is checking them twice, and children everywhere are dreaming of something special this holiday season.

But what about parents who can't afford what's on that list? For some, just keeping the house warm, the lights on, and having enough left over for food, leaves little for presents under the tree. No one should have to decide between these essentials and giving their kids something special for Christmas.

The truth is, there are people in our community forced to make this decision; Haliburton County has one of the highest poverty rates in Ontario. More than 270 households need to access food banks monthly.

SIRCH attributes this high level of poverty to the amount of low-paying seasonal work and the large number of pensioners.

With a county largely built on seasonal tourism, the number of us who are unemployed or underemployed is not surprising. Hiring comes to life in the spring, peaks in the summer and wanes in the fall. There are some exceptions with the icy promise of snowmobiling and other winter recreation.

Still, a full-time position at minimum wage is not enough to provide adequate income for a family to live above the poverty line, according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District (HKPR) Health Unit.

For families receiving social assistance, at least half of their income is spent on non-subsidized housing and utilities – that's twice the level recommended by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

According to HKPR's Rethink Poverty campaign, that doesn't leave a whole lot for basic necessities such as food, clothing, transportation and personal care items.

And then – what about people on a fixed income? The county's population is just over 17,000; 27 per cent of them are over 65 and therefore likely pensioners. Another

57 per cent are over 50 and approaching the same status. Meanwhile, many seniors wait for an opportunity to get into long-term care. With a shortage of personal support workers, some are just barely getting by.

Recently, executive director of the Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team Mike Perry was back at County council to present the fourth of five chapters of a proposed Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Those chapters include affordable housing, transportation, food security, and employment and education, with the last chapter on children and youth to be released in 2016. Perry stressed the necessity of implementation and political will over further research. We agree, wholeheartedly.

Of the 270-plus households accessing food banks monthly, 30 per cent have children. This is not acceptable. Collectively, we have to do our part to come to grips with local poverty and better the future of our children and community. So, while we wait for a poverty reduction strategy to be put into place, we can all still do something this Christmas.

There are so many initiatives – including the Heat Bank, Fuel for Warmth, and food banks – to which many are able to contribute. It doesn't take much to bring a smile to a child's face and, through that, those around them. Our county is very proud of what we do for the deserving, so let's show that pride as much as possible. It's time to fill in the gaps where the warmth slips out. Find out if there are families you can sponsor to make a kid's wish come true. Let's warm not only homes but hearts this Christmas.

Drop off toys at the OPP's Fill-a-Cruiser this weekend, at local grocery stores, or donate to the Community Christmas Basket Program through the Minden Hills fire department.



By Jennifer Hughey

The climate economy

Let me be the first to say it. I'm not minding 9 degrees Celsius weather in mid-December one bit and an informal poll says I'm not alone. I guess there's just something really enticing about not having to fight the traditional numbingly cold spell or blinding blizzard, even at this early point in the winter.

It's almost like spring has re-sprung or that maybe we'd just bypassed the season winter altogether. Again, in my head at least, this is a nice, unexpected luxury, although I'm sure another part of the county and the country doesn't like this unseasonal weather one bit. This is of course speaks directly to a large portion of the local economy and their utter dependence on the thermometer. To them, the start of winter means it needs to be winter and when it's summer it needs to look and feel like summer. Extended warm spells in mid-December are not welcomed at all.

Translated, this disdain for weird weather patterns no matter the season, means tourism precisely and an economy we've grown very, very dependent on. Consider this our fiscal Achilles heel. It's something that's controlled this area for a very long time and will continue to do until we find viable alternatives that can at least lessen the economic impact of unexpected drops or rises in the mercury.

Just ask a local golf course owner how vital Mother Nature's influence is on his bottom line. Imagine losing a month of revenue due to climate in a business that may last seven months if you're lucky and you soon realize most of us are sitting in a very precarious position when it comes to trying to eke out a living in a tourism-centric community.

What we need to fully realize is that these seasonal hiccups are going to become more and more commonplace as climate change starts to really affect our business. As the years go by we're going to "lose" the traditional winter conditions we've grown so accustomed to and we have to be smart enough to plan ahead for what we're going to see in its place. We have to be economically prepared for what scientists refer to as climate migration. Simply put, our climate is traveling 10 miles south every year and in 90 years Haliburton County's climate is expected to be like that of present day Virginia. There isn't a lot of snowmobiling taking place in Virginia.

While this quoted scientific study dealt more with how flora and fauna might adapt to a rapidly-changing earth, the smart ones among us know this is also very, very much a question of our bottom line as well. As much as a local tree species may be in jeopardy in the years to come due to climate change, our economy faces the exact same risk. Only a fool would disregard the warning signs, regardless of whatever it is we're trying to save here.

What this means is the absolute need to build an economy based as much on businesses which aren't weather dependent or at the very least, finding ways to mitigate its effects. In the most basic terms, if sunshine or precipitation plays a major role in a business' viability then we need to find ways to minimize Mother Nature's effect on the equation. A door manufacturer for example isn't really at the mercy of the thermometer. In fact you could say that about any manufacturing or trades. They're really not weather-dependent.

Climate has an unsavory stranglehold on the area. Think about how many events in the past have been at the mercy of it. While I know you can't completely separate yourself from its effects (a part of this community will always be attractive simply based on the weather) what you can is what some smart local businesses have done in diversifying their operations to allow for greater flexibility in a changing climate and economy. Sir Sam's Ski Area for a long while had been simply that, a ski area, completely dependent on winter to provide what winter had always provided. Snow and lots of it. But through sheer necessity Sir Sam's morphed into Sir Sam's Ski & Bike which not only spread out the risk climatic risk but also helped the company create new revenue streams from its existing topographical assets. There is a huge lesson to be learned here. Mother Nature might have a say in your operation but she certainly shouldn't be running the show.



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Editorial opinion

Scratching our heads...

Dear editor,

We look to our municipal government and elected officials to make and enact decisions that are in the best interest of our community. For some time now, throngs of folks have been attempting to access businesses and health services on Highland Street by crossing at the main entrance of the municipal lot by the docks. We've witnessed fender-benders, near-collisions with pedestrians, and even people attempting to direct traffic in an effort to secure safe passage across the busy road. For families with children, the elderly, or for folks with mobility issues — for whom this spot is the only viable "exit" from the lot — this is downright dangerous.

We've informed the town of this, as have many of our customers. The BIA had promised to take up the cause; some politicians even made election promises. Yet, it would seem a costly "traffic study" that failed to observe pedestrian traffic at this trouble-spot, nor consult businesses

and residents in the area, has suggested the best place for a crosswalk would be the corner of Highland and York. While there may be issues at that intersection, a larger number of pedestrians cross, and will continue to cross, the road at the main lot entrance in front of the docks.

We're left scratching our heads that our municipality has decided that this is the best place to put a crossing! Given that the town has been informed several times of the situation, it would stand to reason it will be the town that will be held liable when someone is seriously injured at this spot. Why wouldn't the municipality reduce their liability by ensuring the safe passage of pedestrians here? In our opinion, the municipality has gotten this one wrong: Study or no study, the crossing is in the wrong place.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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A bald eagle soars over Head Lake.

And then two come along at once

People often ask how I come up with the ideas of what to write about in my Outsider column week in week out. And, while my three regular readers might pick up upon the occasional, how you folks would put it, do over; my answer to those less eagle-eyed is simply, 'oh, something always comes along.'

And so it was this week. Sunday morning rolled around and I'd got nothing, not a sniff of an idea and I was beginning to panic. In fact, I was up especially early primarily because I'd woken before dawn thinking about my dilemma and not been able to go back to sleep. Now, I sat at my laptop in my pajamas scratching my head for an idea, while absentmindedly trawling websites for a Christmas present for my lovely wife. What I was going to find her on the Bass Pro site I have no idea but that's another story.

An hour or so of fruitless thinking and online shopping later Little Z appeared at my office doorway and the day began in earnest. No more time to sit and stew on my writer's block, there were important things to do like play Lego, make pancakes for breakfast,

shoot Nerf guns at each other...

Lunchtime arrived in what seemed like a heartbeat, and then, after another round of Lego, I escaped the hell that is a billion tiny, multi-coloured blocks and headed out on my own to see if I could bag a late season deer.

Now, sitting in a tree on a beautiful sunny fall afternoon listening to the sounds of the forest gives a fellow time to think. And so it was I soon got back to the dual conundrums of what to write about and what to buy my lovely wife for Christmas. That's when it struck me: not three weeks ago I was moaning in my column about those folk who put up their Christmas decorations in the middle of November. I had chastised them for wishing the year away, for thinking about the coming of Santa way too early. Now, upon reflection, I imagined those same folks smiling smugly to themselves at the thought of me panicking about last minute Christmas shopping, about finding a tree, about writing and sending cards before the last posting date, about turkeys. Goddamn turkeys, they foiled me on the hunt in the spring and now

they are annoying me again!

This out-of-control, racing-headlong-towards-the-end-of-the-line train of thought put a cloud over the rest of my vigil in the tree. No deer came to me. Perhaps they sensed the bad karma of the strange orange blob high in the branches and took a detour. Perhaps they never came at all but at dusk I took the arrow from my crossbow and clambered dejectedly down, still with an unfilled tag and still with no idea of what to get my lovely wife for Christmas.

WHAM! That's when it happened.

'What? The best gift idea in the world? The biggest buck in Haliburton County stepping out? What!' I hear the few of you that are still reading ask.

No, just WHAM! As I uncocked the crossbow in the semi-darkness something went wrong and it dry-fired. A shooting pain shot up my arm and blood began to pour from my thumb.

I can't say what I said next but driving back home wasn't the most pleasant experience. When I got there my lovely wife saw the

blood on my hands and immediately started to congratulate me on getting my first ever deer. She stopped half way through her applauding, noticing my less than elated demeanour and the way that I winced as I washed off the blood. My thumb was blue and swelled like a Christmas bauble. I was ordered to go to the hospital.

Two hours later I was back at home, my fractured thumb in a cast that stretches to my elbow, my hunter's pride in tatters. And to think, I had wondered what I was going to write about in my column earlier in the day!

As it turned out, I'd done myself an injury worthy of any ridiculous missive that I've written to date. And, I'd got my wife the perfect Christmas present, me, an invalid who'll need lots of care and attention, and perhaps the odd sponge bath over the holiday period!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

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Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: What should be done to reduce poverty in Haliburton County?



Ted Cumber

Gooderham

The big problem here is unemployment. I think council should concentrate more on bringing in industry instead of tourism.



Bill Moshenko

Haliburton

More jobs, more industry. I don't know how you could actually increase industry around here. Provide more training, education and trades.



Dan Sisson

West Guilford

If we could expand, maybe bring in another company like Tim Hortons... a big franchise that would give a lot more job opportunities up here. It's really hard to find work around here.



Rick West

Haliburton

Council can be more proactive in attracting small businesses and better paying jobs.



Jen Coates

West Guilford

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We all know how difficult it is to see a cherished pet in pain. These generous people have ensured that the veterinary issues can be addressed and the owner given peace of mind. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

For more information on HPOAF and how you can help, please go to www.haliburtonpetfund.ca

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Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund

Salvage yard not a compatible neighbour

Dear editor,

Hunter Creek Estates in Minden, Ont. is listed on the "web" as an Adult Lifestyle Community in Minden Hills. Realtors are targeting the small homes and adult living communities that are priced for retirees and working adults. Minden amenities are well publicized on this site. It's a site which encourages people to visit, and live in the Haliburton Highlands. Active adult living is a growing trend in Canada, as 65-year-olds make up over 25 per cent of the population. The County of Haliburton has twice as many seniors per capita compared to other Ontario communities. Affordable senior housing is still limited in this County and the wait-list for apartments is years long. Hunter Creek Estates has been a

residential community since the late 1970s. Some residents have lived here for more than 30 years. At that time, few people worried about Canada's environmental future. The words pollution and conservation, although part of the English language, were not seen to apply to the natural environment. The human animal has certainly made mistakes in the past, and although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

For obvious reasons, a salvage yard is not a compatible neighbour to a senior residential community. A salvage yard threatens our lifestyle, our quality of life, the environment, wildlife habitat, bird migration, drinking water, wetlands and more. There should be a buffer zone

between a residential area and an industrial site. I would like to see the small land area in question, replanted and rejuvenated and turned into a green space. The land then would provide a narrow buffer zone for humans, while protecting the habitat of wildlife and the quality of the drinking water, lake water and creek water as well as the nearby wetlands.

We cannot change the location of Hunter Creek Estates, nor mistakes that have been made in the past. We can however, make better informed decisions about the complex environmental problems that greet us daily. We humans cannot continue to despoil the natural world that gives us life.

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Highlander news

Realtors happy with decision to forego land transfer tax

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local realtors are happy to hear the provincial government has decided not to give municipalities the power to impose a land transfer tax on properties.

"Let me be clear: There will be no extension of the ability to have a land transfer tax to any municipality," said Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Ted McMeekin during question period in the Ontario Legislature on Dec. 2.

According to a press release from The Lakelands Association of Realtors, the tax would have added an additional \$4,600 to the closing costs of the average priced home in Ontario.

Andrew Hodgson, broker of record of Century 21 Granite Realty Ltd., was delighted to hear the news.

"It's exciting news," said Hodgson in a phone interview. "That was going to be a huge tax hit. What we want to do is try to stimulate real estate sales as much as possible. As everyone knows, there's a multiplier effect on the economy for every real estate transaction."

For the "average cottage"—one that sells for about \$400,000—in Haliburton County, Hodgson says the tax would have added an extra two per cent or \$8,000 to the price.

Hodgson pointed out that rural areas such as Haliburton County are already paying more than urban centres for

services such as hydro and policing. He added "cap and trade is a killer to rural Ontario."

"We're already paying a huge price compared to urban Ontario."

Dysart Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Murray Fearrey believes pressure from realtors resulted in the decision.

"I think it's positive for our area because certainly the biggest industry we have is people purchasing land, cottages and resales in Haliburton County," said Fearrey.

While it would have been another source of revenue for municipalities, Fearrey said, "You can only tax people so much."

The release from The Lakelands Association of Realtors states this would have been "the largest tax increase on

home ownership in a generation."


Toronto is the only city in Ontario to charge the land transfer tax.

"In Toronto, an estimated 16 per cent drop in housing transactions were a result of the municipal tax, costing the City of Toronto \$2.3 Billion in economic activity," the release stated.

Buyers currently pay the province a land transfer tax on their purchase. This is based on the value of the property and ranges from 0.5 per cent up to and including \$55,000 to two per cent above \$400,000 where the land contains one or two single-family residences.

"We're already paying a huge price compared to urban Ontario."

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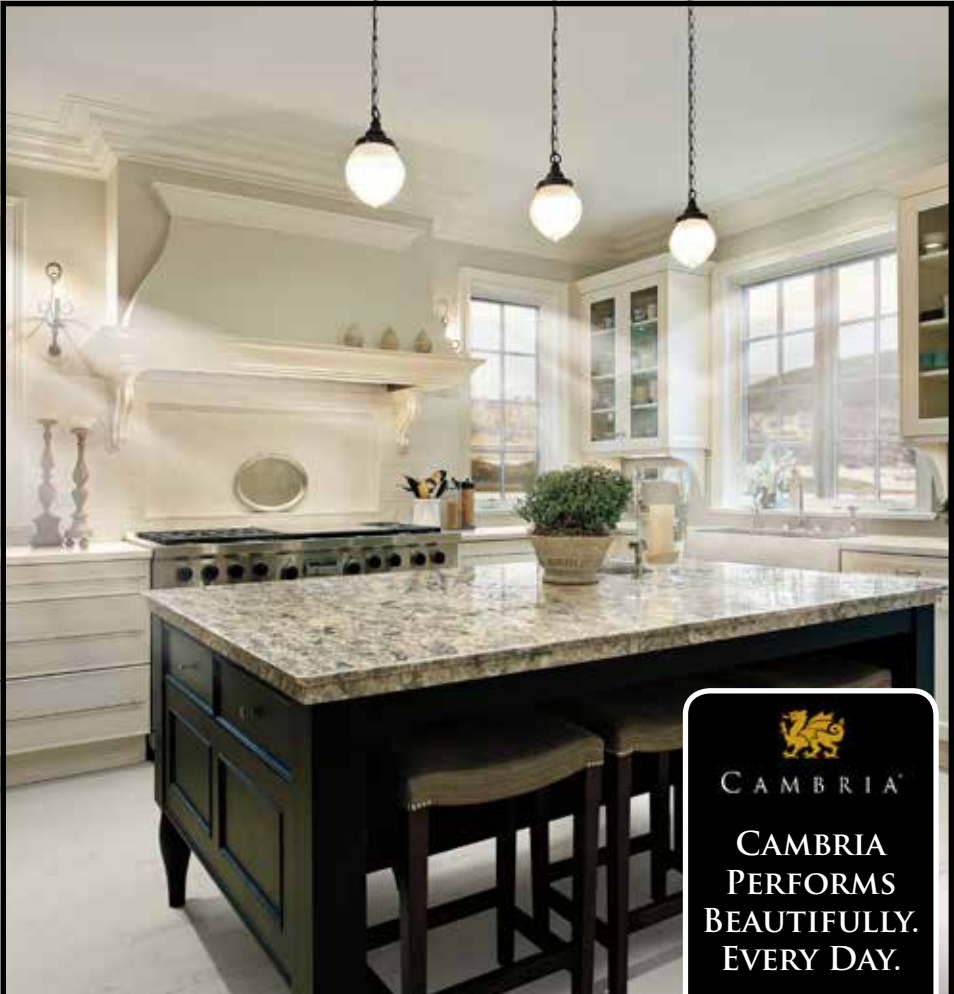
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Close call

Emergency services try to remove a Canada Post mail truck from a ditch on Kashagawigamog Lake Road. According to the OPP, the truck swerved to miss a deer and rolled into the ditch while striking a tree. The truck sustained severe damages and the lone female occupant was trapped with serious injuries. She was extracted by the Dysart et al Fire Department and transported by ambulance to the Haliburton Hospital for treatment. No charges have been laid.




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Parker Pad donates \$6,000 to community

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Six monumental donations were made to Haliburton-based organizations last week.

In celebration of Parker Pad and Printing's sixth anniversary in Haliburton, the company gave out six \$1,000 cheques.

The recipients of the donations include: The Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network, Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Fuel for Warmth, Christian Community Concern Centre (Haliburton County Home Builders Association toy drive), Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund and the Haliburton and District Lions Club.

"The staff at our Haliburton office is grateful for the support they have received since 2009 and would like to help a few organizations that do great work in the community," said company president Janis Parker in a press release.

The report also noted that donations have increased in increments of \$1,000 annually. The recent donations are part of the company's annual commitment to support a variety of causes and groups in Haliburton County.

Last year, the company contributed \$5,000 toward sending several Highland Storm hockey players and chaperones to Buffalo, N.Y. for an NHL game.



Photo submitted by Parker Pad and Printing

Recipients accept a cheque donated by Parker Pad and Printing.

County in brief

Hydro One rolls out new service

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

After a successful pilot launch in November 2014, Hydro One customers are now able to receive personalized text or email alerts about outages affecting their homes.

The announcement was made Dec. 3, and Rob Quail, vice president of customer service at Hydro One, noted in a report the new service is essential for customers.

"When customers' lights go out, they need to know two things: that help is on the way, and when we will restore power so life can get back to normal," he said.

Customers who register for the service will receive alerts when an outage has been reported near their residence and updates on estimated times of restoration. Customers have the ability to decide when and how they receive messages.

The service is addition to Hydro One's communication tools, which also include

the outage map on www.hydroone.com, the Storm Centre and the company's outage app.

Algonquin Highlands man killed

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

A local man was killed on Dec. 9 after hitting a moose on Highway 118 at the Muskoka border.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP were dispatched at approximately 5 a.m. after a Honda Civic was located in the north ditch by a pedestrian. OPP determined the car was travelling westbound when the moose entered the roadway and was struck.

Michael Jackson, 69, of Algonquin Highlands was pronounced dead at the scene as the car incurred serious damage.

Technical Traffic Collision Investigators, EMS and fire department members from Bracebridge attended the accident.

Watch for more on this story on thehighlander.ca



Photo by Alex Coop

Realtors give charities big boost

The Heat Bank of Haliburton County and Cottage Dreams Cancer Initiative receive \$3,240 and \$1,390 respectively, during two cheque presentations on Dec. 8. The money was donated by the Lakelands local Realtors of the Ontario Realtors Care Foundation. Funds collected by the foundation every year are distributed to shelter-based charities in the area.

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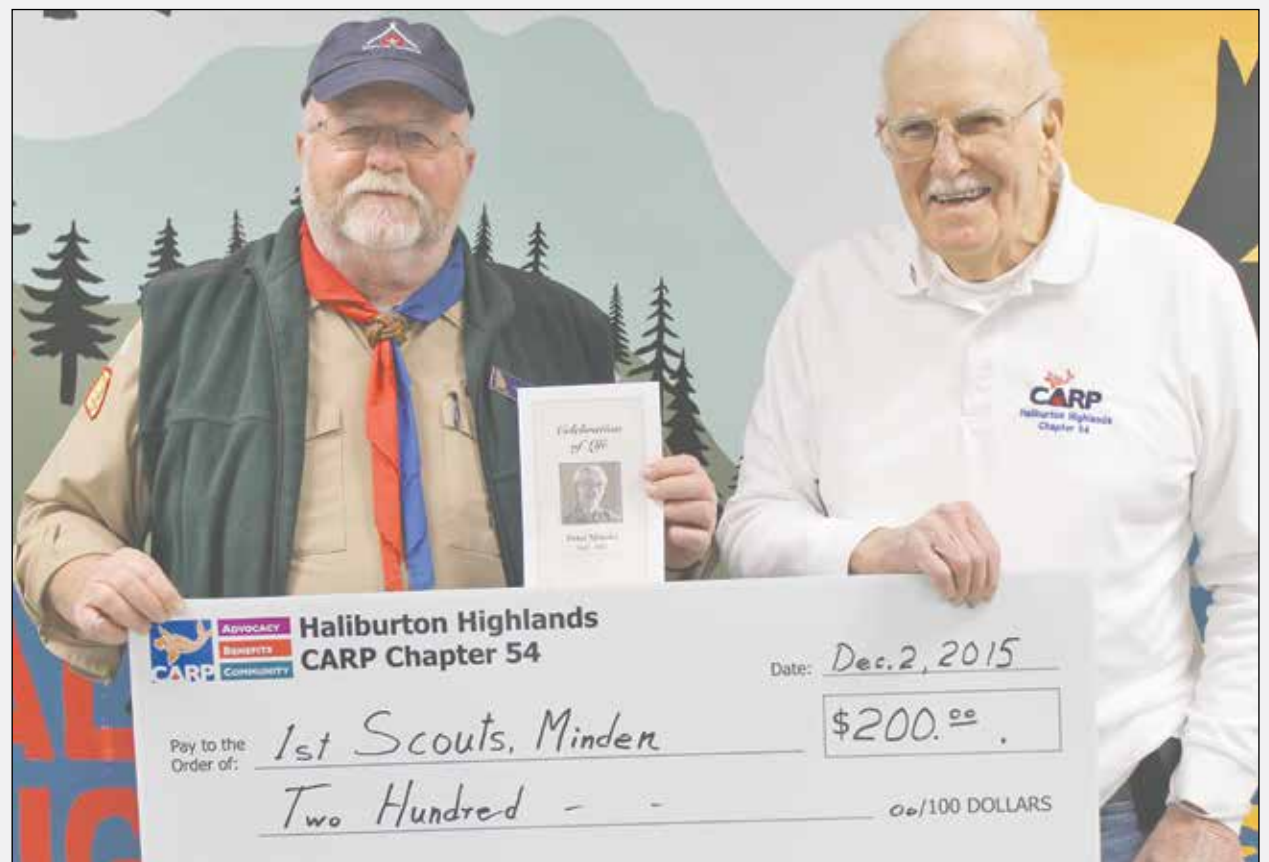
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Submitted by Frank Thom

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Bryan Kernohan, of the 1st Minden Scouts receives a \$200 cheque from Bob Stinson, Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54. The cheque was in memory of former vice-chair Peter Minaki, who passed away this summer. Minaki was a significant contributor to the scouting community, and even received a certificate from M. Vincent Vanier, Chief Scout of Canada, for his efforts in 1958.

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Highlander business

Hot sauce for Heat Bank

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

A little brainstorming session led to a community initiative with a spicy twist. On Nov. 27, 82 bottles of homemade hot sauce were made available for purchase.

According to Heat Bank co-founder Tina Jackson, the creation was a community effort to help market the organization, which assists people with Low-Income Energy Assistance (LEAP)

programs, heating emergencies and hydro disconnects.

“It was just a bunch of us chatting,” said Jackson. “We needed something different to do that is a fundraiser, but as well be an awareness piece on heat related issues in the community.”

Jackson, along with her co-founder John Teljeur, came up with the idea and executed with the help of Heather Reid, operations director with Abbey Gardens. Reid found the recipe for the hot sauce and coordinated the production.

The committee put the word out and had 20-lbs. of peppers donated from local gardens such as Owl Farm and Community Living,

but also from Teljeur’s personal garden. “We had a whole garden designated for growing peppers,” said Teljeur. He donated 20 to 30-lbs. of jalapenos which resulted in over 50-lbs. used in the process.

Abbey Gardens processed the peppers and put it into donated jars. The labels were created and printed by Parker Pad and Printing who donated to the cause. Rhubarb owner Terri Mathews-Carl said they are also using it in their menu items.



Photo submitted by Abbey Gardens

Jars of the Jalapeno hot sauce are available at Rhubarb.

“I really think that this is something that will only grow in the future,” said Jackson. She hopes people will hear about it and realize giving back and participating is as simple as growing a few hot peppers and coming out for a cooking session.

“Our hope is that we won’t have to exist in the future,” said Jackson, but for now the committee has plans to make the initiative bigger next year, potentially adding a cook off and by setting up a greenhouse at Teljeur’s home in hopes to grow more peppers.

The hot sauce is \$10 per bottle and can be purchased at Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon. All of the proceeds raised from the hot sauce will be donated to the Heat Bank.



Photo by Walt Griffin

Beyond expectations

Amy Bain (right) and Connie Sawyer show interest in a purse at the Pharmasave in Minden during the town’s Ladies Night event, which raised money for the YWCA Women’s Shelter. Organizers and business owners noted the event was an overwhelming success. Canadian Tire contest winners were Mary McKelvey, Sherry Gidge, Kelsey Barnum, Val Carr, Georgia Hewson, Shauna Russell.

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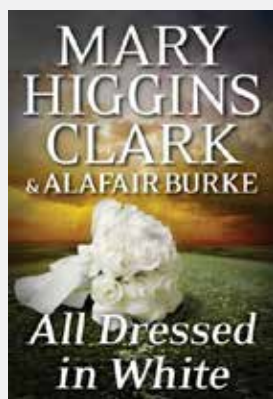
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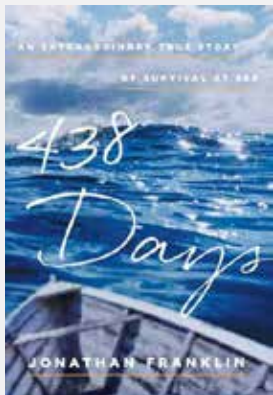
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1. *438 Days: an extraordinary true story of survival at sea* by Jonathan Franklin
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1. *Face-Off: top 10 lists of everything in hockey* by Editors of Sports Illustrated Kids (JNF)
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Photo by Mark Arike

Chris Lynd, secretary and past chair of the Arts Council, addresses colleagues at her final meeting as a board member.

SPARC a top priority for Arts Council

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands has some big plans for the upcoming year.

Board members highlighted some of the projects they're working on for 2016 and beyond during the organization's annual general meeting at the Haliburton Highlands Museum Dec. 2.

One of the initiatives at the top of their list is Supporting Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC).

"Our goal is to make that a very active kind of place where people in the rural performing arts can connect with each other," said board secretary Chris Lynd, referring to the "communication network" found on SPARC's website.

In 2011, the Arts Council first became involved with SPARC as a partner to help address the need to support the performing arts in rural areas.

"I think our committee would say that in the cities people are being serviced in a more efficient way than they are in the rural communities," said Lynd. "So that's where we come in."

Nearly \$80,000 in funding came through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Lynd pointed out this money enabled the Arts Council to pay for some administrative costs and give their office administrator Peggy Morgan a few extra hours.

The SPARC committee will host a social gathering titled Spotlight On the Performing

Arts Dec. 10 at The Dominion Hotel in Minden.

Over the past year, the work of Arts Council members has been showcased at Haliburton County Folk Society events and local businesses such as Baked and Battered.

"We're trying to expand that more and more," said interim chair Erin Kernohan-Berning.

The Arts Council will host a gathering in February for members of the fine arts and crafts community.

While at a recent event hosted by the Ontario Arts Council, Kernohan-Berning learned that the local arts council is doing very well in comparison to similar organizations.

"I got to see where do we stand with the rest of Ontario in terms of what our arts council does? We do very well, actually," she said, adding that each organization faces similar challenges.

Despite the fact the organization has faced some financial challenges in the past, Kernohan-Berning announced they received a three-year, \$9,000 annual operating grant from the Ontario Arts Council.

The Arts Council hired Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants to conduct a financial engagement review for 2014-15. Board treasurer Renee Woltz explained it was necessary to undertake this process under the Corporations Act.

"Basically, the review went well," said Woltz. "Our financial records are in good order."

Woltz commended Morgan for "keeping us in good financial shape."

From time to time, the organization also utilized the services of certified professional accountant Jennifer Kidd.

Depending on how much funding the organization receives next year, Woltz pointed out it may not be necessary to conduct an engagement review.

"It depends on our level of funding," she said.

A motion was passed at the meeting to once again hire Dawson Gray if a review is necessary.

When asked about the cost of the review, Woltz said the bill had not yet been received but it was expected to be around \$3,000-4,000.

The meeting concluded with a call for nominations for board members. As a result, Erin Lynch and Greg Gillespie were appointed to the board, which includes four standing members. After serving two, three-year terms, Lynd bid the board farewell. However, she will continue to volunteer for the organization.

Barb Bolin, chair of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, thanked Lynd for her years of service.

"Chris has been the mother to this organization for so many years," she said.

Lynd served as chair of the board for three years. She was succeeded by Laurie Carmount who resigned after less than a year into the position.

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Highlander arts

Symposium in the works for Sculpture Forest

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

A two-week symposium with sculptors from across Canada could be coming to Haliburton in the summer of 2017.

"It's something we've been talking about for a long time," said Barb Bolin, chair of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, in a phone interview. "We've been talking about a way to celebrate 2017 and also for a long time we've been talking about a way to bring in Canadian and international level sculptors."

The board is in the process of submitting an application to The Canada 150 Fund through Canadian Heritage. They are hoping to receive \$80,000 to make the Haliburton Sculpture Symposium possible.

"It's basically to undertake events and projects which celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of the country," said Jim Blake, curator of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest about the fund.

That year will also mark Dysart's 150th anniversary since incorporation.

If successful, the money would be used to bring eight artists to Haliburton to create stone sculptures which will remain in the Sculpture Forest. The grant would pay for flights, transportation, accommodations, food and the stone itself, among other expenses. They are also looking for sponsorships of \$10,000 per sculpture.

The theme for the artwork would be "Canada strong and free."

The artists would make their creations in a space at the Haliburton School of the Arts. Bolin says they will be given the necessary tools to carve out a "fridge-size" piece of stone.

"We'd like to have a time each week where people can come and talk to the sculptors and have a look around," she said.

The plan is to install the pieces in a cluster along Head Lake Trail.

"The Head Lake Trail goes right through the Sculpture Forest and Glebe Park," explained Blake, adding that interpretive signage would also go up.

"This is sort of a very specific thing, which is about the history of the country and the history of the area."

John McKinnon, an artist from Nelson, B.C. with two sculptures in the Sculpture Forest, would take on the role of symposium



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Spiral Ascent, a stone sculpture designed by John Shaw-Rimmington and constructed by students at Haliburton School of the Arts, is one of the many pieces in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

coordinator.

The dates for the event haven't been confirmed, but Bolin says it would take place in early June.

If there happens to be an excess of funds, an endowment fund will be established for the Sculpture Forest.

"We're looking at legacy in a whole bunch of ways here," said Blake.

Both Bolin and Blake agree the symposium would shine a light on the Sculpture Forest and the Highlands.

"I think it really will give us the opportunity to promote the Sculpture Forest to sculptors and artists around the world. I think it will give us a body of work we can really promote," she said.

"It raises that profile," he said.

Blake pointed out it will take six months to find out whether the grant application was successful.

The Sculpture Forest is currently home to 31 sculptures. It is estimated 10,000 people visit the area annually.

For more information about the Sculpture Forest visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Fine art displayed at high school's first showcase

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The arts program at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) showed off its work Dec. 9 through the high school's very first Showcase of Fine Arts.

"It's a celebration of some of the great things happening at the school," said Karen Gervais, an arts teacher at HHSS.

In addition to the mounted art pieces on display, students put on several dramatic and musical performances.

Funds raised during the showcase went towards the school's art scholarships and field trip events for music students. The various art departments like music, drama, visual and digital arts will also be receiving portions of those funds.

As of press time, the total amount raised

was not yet available.

Gervais encouraged anyone attending to sample some of the arts for themselves at one of the interactive art workshops set up at the school.

"It's very cool that we're all coming together to show off what we're doing," said Melissa Stephens, arts and hospitality teacher at HHSS.



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Highlander health

HHHS faces massive \$100K deficit

Sick leave and overtime put strain on hospital budget

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Sick days and overtime are costing Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

According to Dale Robinson, corporation treasurer and finance committee chair, the organization is running a \$102,000 deficit—or \$9,000 more than last year.

"A large part of this deficit is due to sick leave and overtime, and those two things go together," said Robinson, who presented a report during a board meeting at the Minden hospital Dec. 3.

Since this happens regularly, Robinson said his committee has discussed the possibility of adjusting the budget.

"The only way we can do that ... is adjust the budget somewhere in the neighbourhood of a couple hundred thousand dollars, if we were going to cover our realistic coverage of sick leave and overtime," he said, adding that grants or donations won't show up to pay for this.

"It would mean cutting our current budget by \$200,000 and putting it into a sick leave pot."

Robinson said there would have to be a change in staffing or service, or a combination of the two, to accommodate these adjustments. The finance committee will continue to discuss this item.

He pointed out that HHHS president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian has managed to "work his magic" in previous years with the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

"We've always had money flow in for some projects or things we were involved in, which helped us cover the deficit."

Robinson said the HHHS currently has some funding requests in to the Central East LHIN for some projects.

"So we could be fine by the end of the year," he explained, "but we have to keep



File photo

HHHS currently has funding requests in to the central East LHIN.

asking the question... should we be doing something to realistically address what sick time and overtime is costing us?"

Robinson noted they are in the midst of comparing sick leave and overtime numbers with other hospitals located in the Central East LHIN.

"We always like to look at what are they doing right or better than we are to get a better result."

The Highlander attempted to contact Eskedjian for comment on Dec. 7, but received no response. The following day it was announced he was no longer HHHS

president and CEO. Eskedjian's former executive assistant Marlene Vieira said she would be forwarding our questions to acting board chair Dave Bonham. However, no communication has been received as of press time.

Hospital auxiliary in desperate need of volunteers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Tracey Lear doesn't want to think of what could happen if the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary fails to fill 10 vacancies on its board in June.

"[There is] nobody in the wings to take them over," said the auxiliary president during a Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board meeting Dec. 3 in Minden.

Positions which will be vacant include president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, assistance secretary and several standing committee roles.

In her time with the auxiliary, Lear

hasn't seen so many positions become available at once. She believes this is due to a combination of fewer new members joining and members being weary of assuming too much responsibility.

"Sometimes when you've got a newer volunteer, they could be just retired and they've left that whole thing behind," she said in a phone interview, referring to deadlines and responsibilities.

Lear joined the auxiliary in May of 2009, partly because she wanted to carry on in the footsteps of her mother who served other auxiliaries. Within six months she became vice president, a position she held for two years. After four years, she will

complete her final term as president at the annual general meeting.

"Once a volunteer, you're volunteering in different areas also," she said, explaining how many local volunteers devote their time to more than one organization.

Since forming in 1971, the auxiliary has raised more than \$1.2 million to help purchase equipment for the Haliburton hospital.

"This year our commitment is \$65,000," she said.

In order to fulfill that commitment, volunteers will need to step up to the plate. Lear would like to see people of all ages and backgrounds come forward for the

positions.

With eight meetings throughout the year, the monthly commitment is only a few hours and mentors are available to offer support.

"It's supposed to be fun—and it is," she said.

Board members serve a two-year term. Computer and organizational skills would be valuable, said Lear.

Anyone interested in filling one of these positions can learn more by attending a board meeting Feb. 3 in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton hospital or by calling Lear at 705-457-4032.

Highlander life

Haliburton wins Best Boat Race of the Year

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

The Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races left more than just waves this summer. They left an impression, as the competition was recently awarded Best Boat Race of the Year by the Canadian Boating Federation (CBF).

Event coordinator and Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) member Barb Hammond was thrilled to accept the trophy at the 65th Annual CBF Convention Nov. 28 in Brockville.

"I think it's great for the town of Haliburton to be recognized in this fashion, since they have really put a focus on tourism," Hammond said.

The event took place on Head Lake on Aug. 22-24 and featured many different types of watercraft, such as hydroplanes, runabouts and drag boats, according to Hammond.

Hammond cottages on Haliburton Lake in Fort Irwin and her involvement started because of her son Wesley's interest in the sport. He has been racing competitively for the past four years and took first place in the B Class Hydro division in Haliburton this summer.

Winning is bittersweet for Hammond, as she estimates she spent over 200 hours planning and preparing for the race.

"I approached TORC board members at a race in 2014 and in the winter of 2015, an executive came and scouted the site to verify it was conducive to racing," she said, noting the size of the lake and amount of wind were

key factors for approval.

In the past, TORC has hosted races which averaged 80 contenders. TORC president Rob Dixon confirmed 126 boats took part at the inaugural event, some from as far as the U.S.

"The turnout in Haliburton was excellent," said Dixon, adding he hasn't seen numbers that high in over 15 years for the club. Dixon and Hammond both said the last time an event like this was hosted in Haliburton was in the 1970s.

It was Dixon's first time in Haliburton and he said he was completely surprised at the amount of attention the event received, as far as spectators.

The main sponsor was Haliburton-Wedgewood RPM and co-owner Alan Gordon said the races were a community initiative which brought many families, seasonal and local, together to spend some quality time watching a sport that's been around for 60 years.

"The event attracted some of the best amateur racers in North America," said Gordon. "This was a significant event for Haliburton County."

Hammond said the event also sold raffle tickets for prizes to raise money in support of the local hospital.

"We raised \$1,700 and 100 per cent of the money went to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary," she said, adding the Haliburton and District Lions Club served all food for the event and both groups have committed to participate again next year.

"I wanted this race to be a benefit to the



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Barb Hammond holds the trophy awarded to Haliburton for Best Boat Race of the Year with major sponsors Alan Gordon and Lisa Robbins from RPM.

town and therefore I tried to give back in every way," said Hammond. "The fundraising for the hospital, Lions doing the food, trophies, program, banners printing, official photographer and signs were all from local businesses."

Dixon commended Hammond for her dedication to the race and her months of work recruiting racers from all over to show up and participate.

"TORC is looking forward to making it an annual event," said Dixon. "I know all of the participants and officials were all happy with the venue and see the future potential."

The trophy is currently on display at Haliburton-Wedgewood RPM and will make

its way to Youngdale Fuels in the New Year and eventually to the Dysart Municipal building.

The dates for next year's event have been set for August 2016 and were at a Dysart council meeting the day after this year's races.

"After witnessing the success, we did approve its return for 2016," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "Any time you bring a number of new visitors to the county, they need accommodation, food and fuel. They do explore the downtown and there are definitely economic benefits."

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Tykes win gold

The Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tykes came out on top at the Woodville Tyke tournament. They won their first game against Woodville with a shutout of 9-0 and their second against Brock, 6-2. Their final game they battled back against Barrie to win the A final with a score of 11-4.

Jumpstart looks forward to big 2016 season

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The Jumpstart program in Minden is expecting to double its funds in 2016 to help even more children become physically active.

The national charity, which made its way to the Canadian Tire in Minden in 2012, helped 104 children and distributed almost \$15,000 in 2015, according to Jumpstart's budget report for the town.

Terry Gregorini, Minden's Canadian Tire dealer, said the local extension of the charity has several opportunities to raise the charity's awareness in 2016.

"There are several things we haven't done yet that could increase funding," Gregorini said. "Our goal is to help as many kids

become active."

He noted the community could participate in Jumpstart Days, in addition to other awareness-raising events. Jumpstart Days take place across the country and allow stores involved with the charity to raise funds by running barbecues, car washes and other activities.

Gregorini stressed the fact that 100 per cent of all donations raised by Jumpstart stay in the community. Registration costs and the purchase of sports equipment are both covered by the charity.

The county's high unemployment rate, which is above provincial and national averages according to Statistics Canada, continues to contribute to poverty in the area.

This has made meeting registration costs for expensive programs, like hockey, difficult for some families, Gregorini explained.

"There's a need to raise more here," he said.

The growth of Jumpstart is trending across the nation, said Eric Cartledge, regional manager of Jumpstart programs in Central Ontario.

In September 2015, the number of children helped by Jumpstart reached one million.

"It's grown exponentially," he said.

A big reason why it's become so successful, he added, is because of the various programs the charity supports. Alongside popular organized sports like hockey and soccer, Jumpstart also supports various martial arts and dance classes.

According to Cartledge, children in hockey programs are assisted the most by Jumpstart, followed by organized sports and dance classes. Martial arts classes come in at fourth. Applications for assistance can be submitted from Jan. 15 to Nov. 1.

Gregorini said Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, which is the charity's local partner, have application forms for the program. In 2014, Point in Time raised approximately \$5,000 for the program.

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The Jumpstart program began in 2005. Funds raised by the charity can also go to community partners, who expand or develop new programs for children in the community.

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Brechin Johnson Tyke

What a huge weekend for Brechin Johnson and the Highland Storm Tyke's. The team traveled to Woodville Saturday morning for the Woodville Hurricanes Tyke tournament. The Storm had the tough task of playing the hosts first thing, but quickly halted whatever momentum the Hurricanes had, scoring nine goals, unanswered. The Storm cruised through the tournament, winning the Championship, with Brechin recording five goals. He followed that up on Sunday with another two goals.

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Connor Byrne Tyke

The Highland Storm Tyke's were able to pad on their already impressive stats this season, winning four straight games over the weekend, including a tournament championship in Woodville. Connor was an integral piece for his team over the weekend, recording 5 goals, and helping the Storm improve their record to 10-1 on the season.

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Isaac Lee Novice

The Novice Highland Storm travelled to Port Carling this weekend to take part in the Muskoka Rock's annual tournament. The Storm started off on the right foot, beating the Grand Valley Tornado decisively in game 1, setting up a match up against the Staynor Cyclones, which ended in a 6-6 tie. The A finals took place against the Storm and the host Rock. The Storm battled hard, but the Rock had their number, winning the Championship game 7-3. Isaac, who was a major factor, recording a point in each game, has come into his own as an offensive dynamo.


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Fri. Dec. 11 in Minden

Seniors: 8 - 9 pm

Sat. Dec. 12 in Haliburton

Intermediates: 9 - 10 am

Juniors: 10 - 11 am

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Wed. Dec. 16, Haliburton

Initiation 1: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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Highland Storm



Great defensive tournament for Midget As

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team took to the road Dec. 4-6 to participate in the Regional Midget Silver Stick Tournament in Pembroke. The tourney kicked off late Friday night against the Gananoque Islanders, who came out of the gate flying and built a 3-0 lead through two periods over the lead-footed Storm. In the third, our locals found their legs and a spectacular end to end rush by Jaydon Wood got the gray and blue on the board. Two more goals followed; the first by Paydon Miscio and the tie goal by Owen Patterson-Smith, to end the game knotted at three.

Early Saturday morning, the Storm went up against the RWC Crusaders from Ottawa. The Highlanders, full of energy, created many offensive chances in a tight defensive affair. Matt Manning capitalized to give Haliburton a 1-0 lead in the first. In the second, the home side continued applying pressure with Jon Morrison putting the Storm up 2-0. Before the frame expired, RWC finally solved the solid goaltending of Ethan Howe, on a power play, to cut the lead in half to 2-1. The Crusaders eventually evened it up with more than three minutes left and ending the second game in a 2-2 tie.

Saturday evening the Haliburton squad went up against the tournament hosts Pembroke Lumber Kings. The first period found both sides playing a cautious defensive style, as a loss would eliminate either team from the tourney, a Pembroke turnover gave the Storm the break they were seeking and a feathered feed from Jaydon Wood to Paydon Miscio put Highlanders up by 1 after one. In the second, the tight-checking, tense match continued with the Lumber Kings tying it up 1-1. The third persisted in the same manner with both teams having a few chances but host Pembroke scored the go ahead goal with 53 seconds left to puncture the Storm's chances and win the game.

This weekend they have two home games in Haliburton, Dec. 11 at 8:30 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 3:30 p.m.

PeeWee As win

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

On Dec. 6, the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm PeeWee A Team were in Huntsville to play the Otters in what was surely to be a great matchup. The Storm won the opening faceoff and applied pressure from the onset, but it was the Otters who opened the scoring with a centering pass and bullet shot low-blocker.

The Storm did manage to tie it up when Aaron Bellefleurs wrist shot found net after a redirection out front, with assists from Joe Boice and Nick Phippen.

While the Otters were on a change, the PeeWee A boys took advantage, moving the puck up and transitioning quickly. Keefer followed his "chip-in" to the corner where he and Cole Prentice battled the Otters defence. Crafty forward Brenden Newhook came away with it and took the biscuit across the crease, went high with a backhanded nifty shot, wowing the crowd in the process.

The second period started with the Storm quickly shorthanded, but with hard work deep in the ozone burning precious seconds, Joe Boice and Colin Glecoff produced a short-handed goal to take the lead and zap some life out of the home team. Joe Boice later added another tally going backhand with an otter defenseman on his back. The second period ended with the storm up by a score of 4-2, and slightly outshot 18-15. First year defenseman Ty Mills and Colin Glecoff were stand outs in this important game, skating hard from whistle to whistle, asserting themselves with impeccable anticipation causing

Dylan Keefer made a veteran play in the third, following his own shot to the net. He buried the rebound, displaying a keen hockey sense, making it 5-2. The Otters got many of their chances right in front of the net, but it was the Storm's goalie Darian Maddock who stood his ground, frustrating the Otters offence all game. The Storm added another goal to extend the lead to 6-2 and the Otters put another up with a weird bounce, to cut into the lead by one, but it was too little too late.

Bantam As drop close one

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A Team currently sits third in the standings with 15 points. They have played 14 games thus far, giving them seven wins, six losses and a tie. They went against the number two team, the Huntsville Otters, Dec. 4 in Minden.

The Storm team fought hard but spent 24 minutes in the penalty box and suffered a 4-1 loss. Their only goal came very late in the second period. Battling around the net was Owen Gilbert and he managed to sneak it behind the goalie. Help for that goal came from Zach Morissette and Nik Dollo. The team will be up against the South Muskoka Bears, currently number one in the standings, Dec. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in Haliburton.

Gold for the Tykes

Submitted by Janice Rickard

On Dec. 5, the Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tykes played in

the Woodville Tyke tournament. The first game of the day was against Woodville, where the Storm dominated play from beginning to end, resulting in a 9-0 win for the Storm. Strong passing, shooting and skating led to many offensive chances and many assists. First goals of the season were scored by Evan Jones and Parker Simms. The player of the game for the Storm team was Parker Simms.

In their second game of the tournament, the Storm faced Brock. This game was a much better test for the Storm. After a very close first period, the Storm found their groove and ended up having too much scoring power for Brock. The final score ended with the Storm on top 6-2. The player of the game was Jace Mills, who led the offensive attack with a hat trick.

With two wins under their belt, the Storm Tyke team was off to the A final were they played Barrie. The Storm team trailed early but battled back to defeat Barrie 11-4 and take home the gold medal. The player of the game was Connor Byrn, who played excellent defense and also added to the offensive tally. It was a great first tournament for the team. Every Storm player had an assist or goal over the course of the day for a full team effort. Superb goaltending by Chase Winder led the team to victory.

Coming off their tournament win, the Tykes hosted the Muskoka Rock Dec. 6 in Haliburton. The Storm opened the scoring first and remained dominant the rest of the game. In front of a big crowd, the Storm went on to win the game 13-2. Many Storm players added to the tally and the player of the game went to Josh Scheffee. Way to go team! The puck drops Dec. 12 in Port Carling, where the Storm will face off against the Muskoka Rock again for a rematch. Good luck Storm.

Novice fall short

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Highland Storm Novice team traveled to a tournament in Port Carling Dec. 6. Game one of the tournament was Storm against Grand Valley, their first win of 4-1. Goals were scored by Graeme Armstrong, Cheyenne Degeer, Addison Carr and Beckam Reynolds.

The second game was against the Stayner Cyclones. This was an awesome game as the teams were very well matched. The Highland Storm were down 4-1 and came back to tie the Cyclones 6-6 for the final. This put the Storm into the A finals with goals scored by Kadin Card, Graeme Armstrong, Addison Carr, and Cheyenne Degeer.

The Highland Storm played very well in the A finals, however they experienced a tough loss against the Muskoka Rock with a final score of 7-3. Goals were scored by Cheyenne

Storm reports

Degeer, Kadin Card, and Isaac Lee. Next weekend the Storm Novice team travels to Huntsville for a tournament. The Highland Storm's first game is Dec. 11 at 4:10 p.m. They also have a double header in Parry Sound on Dec 13.

PeeWee AEs tie one, win one

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walkers Heating and Haliburton Health Team Highland Storm PeeWee AE's travelled to Gravenhurst this past weekend to play two games against the South Muskoka Bears.

The first game started quick for the Storm, as Tyler Martin scored five minutes in. The Storm played probably their best period of the season with sustained pressure throughout the opening frame, limiting South Muskoka to only a few harmless shots from the outer perimeter. The Bears managed to score in the second with the help of a "seeing-eye puck." The Bears then took advantage of a power play to take their first lead of the game. Kolby McGovern tied the game once again on a highlight reel bar-down backhander. Storm goals were from Brendan Coumbs and Tyler Martin with two more to notch the hat trick. Nathan Miscio made a glorious glove save with only a minute to go, to keep the score at 5-5 until the final buzzer sounded. Tyler Martin was player of the game with an honorable mention to Trainer Jeff Martin who didn't miss a beat, even with his arm in a sling.

Sam Hoenow scored three minutes into game two on a backhander through the five hole. Owen Harrison made it 2-0 near the end of the first, when he recorded his first of the season on a high wrist shot blocker side. The Bears responded immediately off the faceoff on a nice shot that just beat goalie Nathan Miscio inside the post. In the second, Zach Davis (playing excellent positional hockey) found himself in the right spot to slide one past the Bears goaltender to restore Highland's two goal lead. The Bears scored again with only 30 seconds left in the second, but Tyler Martin returned the favour giving the boys a 4-2 lead heading into the final frame. The South Muskoka team scored on a dribbler five minutes into the third and then popped in another a minute later to tie the game at four. The Storm would get the winning goal with two minutes to go when grinding winger Kolby McGovern's efforts paid off on the power play to make it 5-4 and help the Storm savour an undefeated weekend. Players of the second game were the defense pairings of Cody Martin/Mathias Lee and Tim Turner/Ben Robinson.

The team travels to Huntsville Dec. 12 to play the Huntsville Otters.



December 3	December 10	December 12	December 17
7:30 PM in Haliburton vs. Bobcaygeon Storm	7:30PM in Haliburton vs. Parry Sound Islanders	7:00PM in Bracebridge vs. Bracebridge Blues	7:30PM in Haliburton vs. Bobcaygeon Storm
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Highlander sports

HHSS snowboarders prepare for season

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

It's the hole in the stomach one gets after hitting a jump at high speeds that snowboarders at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) can't get enough of.

The continued success at competitions, however, might have something to do with it as well.

"Since I can remember, we've had students making it to OFSAA consistently," said Jessica Lloyd, HHSS' snowboarding coach.

The slalom races have drawn great interest from snowboard enthusiasts at the high school, including Drew VanLieshout, 17, who is eager to hit the slopes once again after missing the entirety of last

season due to a broken hand.

"Being able to snowboard at school is pretty cool," VanLieshout said. "The personal progression part of it and enjoying [snowboarding] with friends is a big part of it all."

School competitions focus on both individual and team performances. Each team is made up of five snowboarders, who race against competing schools for best overall times. The top three times from each team are added up, which represent the school's overall time. However, the top three individual performances from each school are taken into consideration, too.

"Even if your team doesn't make it to the next level, you can still continue on as an individual," Lloyd said.

The lack of snow so far this winter

isn't a concern, she added. But before athletes even get on a board, the team will have to go through rigorous dry land practices. Squats, lunges and other core-strengthening exercise are top priority heading into the season, Lloyd said. Early-season exhibition races will begin in early January. By then, many people are anticipating the snow will sweep its way across the county.

"The ski hills seem optimistic that snow is coming," she said.

When the snow is blanketing the landscape, many people in the Highlands turn to skiing and snowboarding. It's a big reason why the excitement surrounding snowboarding is so strong at the high school.

"We're lucky to have a ski hill in our backyard," Lloyd said.

People's passion for snowboarding and skiing goes well beyond places like Sir Sam's, which is a popular destination during the winter. VanLieshout and his friends have, over the course of a few winters, built a large play pen in their backyard. It includes a drop-in and several rails.

"It just became a fun thing on its own," he said, referring to the redesign of his backyard. "It just kept growing."

VanLieshout encourages anyone remotely interested in snowboarding to give it a try.

"The first day is always the hardest and a lot of people give up after that first day," he said. "But if you stick with it and persevere, it's worth it."



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Photo by Alex Coop

HHSS win one, lose one

Alex Petrie drives around a Viking defender during the HHSS junior boys basketball team's home game against I.E. Weldon Secondary School on Dec. 7. The junior team fell 38-24, while the senior team won 50-40 in a thrilling triple over-time match.

Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Mon. afternoon, Nov. 30		
MEN		
High average: Claude Cote – 223		
High single: Claude Cote – 287		
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 288		
High triple: Claude Cote – 678		
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 681		
WOMEN		
High average: Chris Cote – 181		
High single: Chris Cote – 194		
High single handicap: Anna Shuster – 260		
High triple: Chris Cote – 522		
High triple handicap: Sandra Legge – 653		
Mon. night, Nov. 30		
MEN		
High average: Rick West – 225		
High single: Rick West – 388		
High single handicap: Rick West – 393		
High triple: Rick West – 798		
High triple handicap: Joey Cox – 890		
WOMEN		
High average: Cathy Snell – 244		
High single: Cathy Snell – 326		
High single handicap: Cathy Snell – 326		
High triple: Cathy Snell		
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		High triple: Ray St. Pierre – 544
		High triple handicap: Ray St. Pierre – 706
Tues. afternoon, Dec. 1		
MEN		
High average: Claude Cote – 226		
High single: Claude Cote – 366		
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 371		
High triple: Claude Cote – 896		
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 911		
WOMEN		
High average: Chris Cote – 177		
High single: Lois Finlay – 200		
High single handicap: Lois Finlay – 278		
High triple: Chris Cote – 487		
High triple handicap: Lois Finlay – 701		
Wed. Special Olympics, Nov. 18		
MEN		
Ross Anderson – 139		
Brent Leffering – 132		
Jason Cochrane – 131		
WOMEN		
Skylar Pratt – 137		
Sarah Hudson – 124		
Kimberly Buie – 122		
Thur. afternoon, Dec. 3		
MEN		
High average: Gerry Wagg – 197		
High single: Ray St. Pierre		
		High single handicap: Ray St. Pierre – 288
		High triple: Ray St. Pierre – 544
		High triple handicap: Ray St. Pierre – 706
		WOMEN
		High average: Barb Ballantyne – 182
		High single: Arlene Lowell – 206
		High single handicap: Arlene Lowell – 285
		High triple: Lynn Bartlett – 523
		High triple handicap: Arlene Lowell – 730
		Fri. afternoon, Dec. 4
		MEN
		High average: Claude Cote – 212
		High single: Ken Thompson – 296
		High single handicap: Ken Thompson – 326
		High triple: Claude Cote – 728
		High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 837
		WOMEN
		High average: Chris Cote – 175
		High single: Chris Cote – 29
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10. Flying mammals

14. Avoid capture

15. On the peak

16. Tooth discomfort

17. Luau greeting

18. Put up with

20. Sci-fi weapons

22. The ____ Ranger

23. Opposite of WNW

24. Drive back

26. Dodger

28. Went inside

31. Mine products

32. Baseball's ____ Gehrig

33. Aspiration

35. Speed checker

39. Heavenly food

42. Lawn starter
43. Type of glue

44. Wool producers

45. Individuals

47. Very small

48. Twirl

50. Is present at

53. Tidy up

56. Nighttime vision

57. Friend (Fr.)

58. Medicinal herb

60. Established in advance

64. Unhappy

67. Exchange

68. ____ Macpherson

69. Brief message

70. Consent

71. Tinter

72. Negotiate

73. Bridle straps

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1. Close securely

2. Singer ____ Fitzgerald

3. Couples

4. Cling

5. Less far

6. Feline

7. Coral island

8. Explorer Marco ____

9. First game

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13. Passover meal

19. Worship

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25. Phonograph inventor

27. Memo letters

28. Stately trees

29. Ark's captain

30. Song
31. Distress cry (2 wds.)

34. Junior

36. Toward the floor

37. Fired

38. Deli breads

40. Cozy place

41. Materialize

46. Ladder rung

49. Away from the coast

51. Deposit on teeth

52. Come out

53. Designated

54. Poet ____ Dickinson

55. Theater walkway

56. River mouth

59. Woodwind

61. Indian robe

62. Adam's home

63. Casual tops

65. Eternally, in verse

66. Slippery fish

DECEMBER 2015 EVENTS			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Road Heritage Plaza Minden - 10:30am Yoga; 11:30am Drop-in Center; 1:00pm - 2:30pm Self-Esteem group Contact 705-286-4575	Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm Poinsettia Lunch & sale – 11:30am – 1:30pm – St. Paul's Anglican Church – Minden Admission by donation.	YMCA Wanakita – Breakfast with Santa – 9:00am – 12:00pm OPP & Auxiliary Unit Annual “fill a cruiser” event – Todd's Independent Grocer & Dollo's Foodland -10:00am-12:00pm, Park's Foodland & Easton's Valumart - 1:00pm- 3:00pm Come out to these locations and donate a food item to help us fill a cruiser and our local food banks. All food items stay in our communities.	Santa in Wilberforce – Parade at 12:30pm – Coffee after at the Lloyd Watson Centre Haliburton United Church – 11:15 am – White Gift Sunday Highlands Wind Symphony – Annual Christmas Concert – Northern Lights Pavilion – 3:00pm
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm Highland Storm Caroling - Open to Players and Families - Meet at 5PM- S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden -Taking Donations for Meals on Wheels	West Guilford Community Centre – 7:00pm – Euchre. All welcome WRAP (wellness recovery action plan) group Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Rd, Minden - 1:00pm - 2:30pm Contact 705-286-4575 Stanhope Shuffleboard – Stanhope Firefighters Hall – 1:00pm – 4:00pm	Lochlin United Church – 7:30 pm – An Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Singalong Tai Chi – Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group – 6:00pm - Lions Hall Minden. Everyone welcome no charge. Call Gail at 705-286-2225	Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services - 14 IGA Road Heritage Plaza Minden - 10:30am Yoga; 11:30am Drop-in Center; 1:00pm - 2:30pm Self-Esteem group Contact 705-286-4575

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION DEC. 3 - DEC 10, 2015		
Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC Christmas meat draw, Friday, Dec. 11. Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m. Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m., \$6/ person. Occasional volunteers needed. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month Legion Christmas Social and Carol Sing-a-long, Dec. 19, 3-6 p.m. in the Club Room. Bring munchies to share and a wrapped Secret Santa gift labelled male or female, along with a non-perishable food item for the 4Cs Food Bank.	Minden Branch Minden Legion would like to issue a retraction of the notice that Wednesday afternoon Ladies' darts was cancelled for December and January. There has been no cancellation of this activity. Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m. Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5p.m. Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time. Dec. 16, Special Ham and Turkey meat draws, with turkey lunch special. Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order. Dec. 19, Highlands Trio, 4-7 p.m., Food available.	Monthly raffle, \$75 gift certificate at Easton's Valu-mart to be drawn Dec. 23. Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 President's Levee, 2 p.m., Honours and Awards, 3 p.m. Wilberforce Branch Pool, Friday, 2:30 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp L.A. breakfast, Sunday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m., Beginners welcome – Come and learn to play. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (Note: last euchre and darts until January) Community Care Xmas Lunch, Friday, Dec. 11 at 12:00 p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome! New Year's Eve Party, Thursday, Dec. 31, 9 p.m. to close – Tickets available at the bar. President's Levee – Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 – Open House – 1-5 p.m.

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Audience members watch a play put on by youngsters at the St. Paul's Anglican Church.

St. Paul's hosts pageant

Magnetic is how one could describe the Christmas pageant at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday evening in Minden.

It's also how critically acclaimed recording artist Jane Siberry describes the Highlands.

"There's something magnetic that exists here that draws people to the land," said Siberry.

She was one of the performers playing her music to the packed church hall Dec. 5. Siberry's ties to the community extend all the way back to her great-grandparents.

Her music is a strong reflection of the surrounding lands as well.

"I try to show how beautiful the Earth is in my music," she explained.

The pageant was called *Calling All Angels*, which is one of Siberry's most popular songs. It also featured several costumed cast members and performances by Gord Kidd and Wendy Connelly of The Country Hot Flashes.

Admission was by donation. Proceeds went to church outreach programs.

Carl Dixon gets festive for fundraiser

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Haliburton definitely holds a special place in Carl Dixon's heart.

Dixon hosted the fifth annual Christmas Show and fundraiser with a little help from his friends Dec. 3, packing McKeck's Tap and Grill to capacity.

Dixon has been a part of the Canadian music scene for three decades and has played with the likes of Coney Hatch, April Wine and is former lead singer for The Guess Who.

Guests listened to Christmas favourites and other classics, while they filled Santa hats with financial donations. The fundraiser was in support of the Haliburton Food Bank and Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

"Everybody is doing this tonight for the love of the community," said Dixon, admitting he feels sentimental every time he says that. "I have been the recipient of so much good will and love ... and I can never do enough to give that back."

Dixon decided to split the proceeds between two causes this year and announced his fundraising goal at the start of the event. McKeck's owner Karen Frybort said people met the call.

"He actually announced at the beginning of the concert he hoped to raise \$1,500," said Frybort, which Dixon calculated would mean each person donating \$15. After everything was collected and bills were settled, Frybort said over \$1,600 was raised.

"People gave more than anticipated," she said. "And I also have a giant collection of food here for the food bank." Dixon said it was definitely the best year they have had so far.

For more information on how to donate to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank and Lily Ann call 705-457-3331 or visit their website haliburton4cs.org. To donate to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, visit their website at woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca.

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Carl Dixon (left) entertains guests at McKeck's Tap and Grill Dec. 3 with a little help from his friends.

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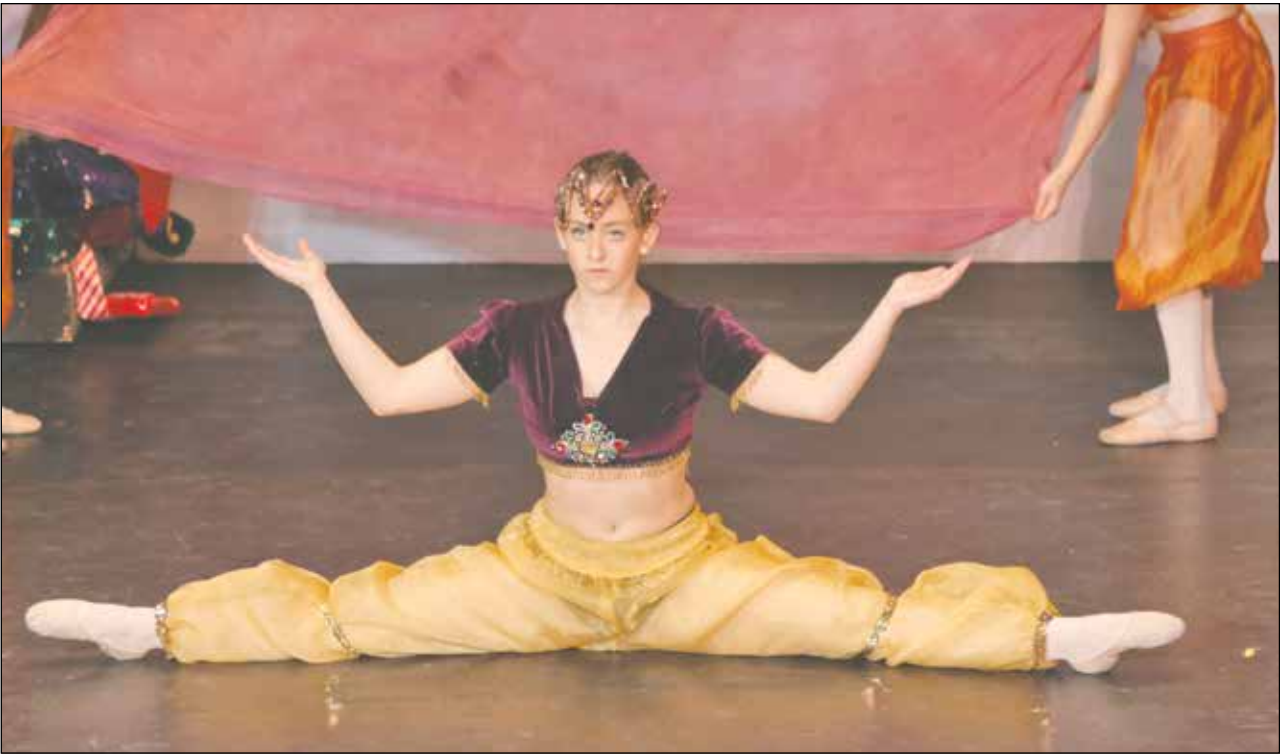


Photo by Alex Coop

Top: Unique costume designs are an important part of the Nutcracker ballet. Above: Rebecca Hamilton performs an Arabian dance during the second act of the Nutcracker.

Nutcracker delights audiences

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Even after 12 years, audience members continue to have a good time at the annual Nutcracker performance. “Over the years, I’ve found people just expect it,” said Julie Barban, choreographer and owner of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton. “The show has become a part of many people’s

Christmas tradition.” People of all ages participate in the ballet, but is largely comprised of children from the community. The ballet’s music, which is composed by Russian composer Pyot Tchaikovsky, is a staple of the annual performance. The music has always been kept intact, but small changes are introduced each year. Alongside minor changes to the flow of the ballet, the most prominent one was


the introduction of two professional dancers from the Ukraine. They’re professional dancers from the Verba Ukrainian Dance Academy in Winnipeg. “It was great for the kids to see those two in action,” Barban said. The ballet’s performers cannot wait for next year’s show, she added. “They don’t want it to end,” she laughed. “They’ve been saying things like, ‘I want to do this next year.’”



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What's on



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Students take a moment to step outside to showcase some of their art to be featured in Wrap It Up. From left: Dalia Maliska, Jennifer Wabegijig, Kayley Duggan, Tiffany Warren, Mariah Conti and Colin Weston.

Wrap it Up for the holidays

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

The Haliburton School of the Arts’ studios are busier than usual, as students are hard at work preparing for their annual Wrap it Up exhibition.

The end of semester art show is set for Dec. 19 at the school and is hosted annually by students enrolled in the Fleming College full-time diploma and certificate programs.

“They have no guidelines except that they have to figure out what their personal style is,” said faculty member, Suzi Dwor in regards to how the artists are preparing for the gallery exhibition. “They must create a body of work that has to do with who they are and what they want to say.”

Dwor is trained in paper-making and fibre design and has been working with the students since September. She also teaches other

forms of mixed media at the College and has been for nearly 15 years.

Dwor said the artists are now working independently, after learning four fibre techniques; crocheting, knitting, paper making and felt making and completing assignments.

Fleming College studio technician Erin Lynch said the exhibition is mandatory for certificate program students as they are marked on various elements.

“Wrap it Up provides an opportunity for emerging artists to gain exhibition experience and showcase their many talents,” said Lynch about the student-based initiative.

“It will feature a variety of media from fall semester students including painting and drawing, artist blacksmithing, fibres, photography and ceramics.” Lynch said the show is the final part of their projects, as they will be marked on elements such as their space and set up.

A final class before the show will focus on marketing a portfolio and will provide education on the creation of their business card, their artist statement and their resume.

“It’s to prepare them for having a business in the arts,” said Lynch.

Lynch says the show always attracts a great crowd, as many are curious to see what the students are doing and are very supportive of the arts community in Haliburton County.

Wrap it Up is free to attend and pieces will be sold for cash only. The artists will be available to answer questions about their work and light refreshments will be served.

The show starts at 10 a.m. and goes until 3 p.m. at the Haliburton School of the Arts. For information contact Erin Lynch at erin.lynnch@flemingcollege.ca.

Christmas Season 2015

Solemnity of Christmas

Christmas Eve

Haliburton – Thursday, December 24th – 6:00 pm
Bancroft – Thursday, December 24th – 7:30 pm

Christmas Day

Bancroft – Friday, December 25th – 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Haliburton – Saturday, December 26th – 4:30 pm
Bancroft – Sunday, December 27th – 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st
Haliburton – 4:30 pm
Bancroft – 4:30 pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



\$89,885

There are many possibilities for this 4.4 acre corner lot close to the Village of Haliburton with a century old barn in good repair and frontage on a large pond. Additional 4.6 acre lot is also for sale.

BURNT RIVER



\$195,000

3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, flat level lot in a quiet location with an oversized 30' X 26' drive through garage.

CLOSE TO SIR SAMS



\$209,000

1,920 square foot, 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom home on 2.1 acres in a private setting on a year round road 15 minutes from Haliburton and 5 minutes from Eagle Lake.

ONE LEVEL - NO STAIRS



\$214,900

Nicely landscaped, newly renovated, 3 bedroom, in town home with a large screened porch, maintenance free exterior, lots of parking and a very private back yard. Walk to town and public beach.

AIRPORT HANGAR



\$349,000

44' X 72' zero maintenance building with second floor kitchen, 2 offices and a 4 piece bathroom. Year round access, municipally maintained road, new septic, 200 amp. service, high speed internet and much more.

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE



\$379,000

Spacious 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, a detached 26' X 12' garage with an in-law suite above it and deeded access to a sandy beach with south west exposure on Lake Kashagawigamog is just steps away.

EXTREMELY UNIQUE 878 ACRES ON THOMPSON LAKE



\$1,495,000

Your own private getaway! This nature lovers 'off the grid' retreat is located on a totally private, absolutely pristine lake that has never had a gas powered motor on it. This package has 2 waterfront cottages - and - a hunt camp, chalet style cottage, a barn and a workshop/woodshed off the water, all conveniently located 20 minutes from Haliburton. Great swimming, hunting and fishing (rainbow and brook trout). Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to purchase a property that has been in the same family for over 50 years.

MINDEN HOME



\$215,000

2 bedroom, 2 bathroom home with a detached garage, nice gardens and 30' of private frontage on Beaver Creek (which flows into Gull River and from there to Gull Lake) within walking distance of downtown Minden.

HIGHWAY 118



\$234,900

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom family home on 10 acres of land. Really private location, large 24' X 30' garage (workshop), recently finished basement, and easy access to snowmobile trails.

LITTLE ART LAKE



\$429,000

768 square foot 2 bedroom waterfront cottage retreat on 373 acres, with western exposure, spectacular sunsets, and an abundance of wildlife - nature at its best. Make the escape to peace and quiet today!

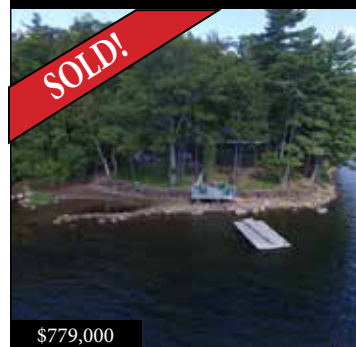
KENNISIS LAKE



\$495,000

4 bedroom Viceroy. Gentle sloping lot. Western exposure. Great shoreline.

KENNISIS LAKE



\$779,000

Renovated, winterized, 3 bedroom cottage on a spectacular point lot with a sand beach, deep water off the dock and south western exposure. Adjoining land with dry boathouse is also for sale.

LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG



\$1,099,950

Located minutes from Haliburton in a quiet bay on a 5 lake chain you'll find luxury at its finest. Call today for a detailed list of all this property has to offer. Don't dream a dream - buy one.

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CRYSTAL LAKE \$679,500



- Custom 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Open concept layout
- Very gentle slope to the water
- 2 car garage
- 330 feet of clean shoreline



- Deep water off dock
- Year round access
- South exposure
- Exceptional privacy!

HUNTER CREEK ESTATES \$98,500



- Very private, spacious air conditioned 2 bedroom home
- One level living with wheelchair accessibility
- Tons of closets for storage
- Very large deck out back, single car garage
- New roof in 2014!

HOME ON ACREAGE \$249,500



- Fabulous 4 bdrm home on over 9 acres
- New drilled well, deck, and boiler system
- Close to Minden and all amenities
- In-floor radiant heating, new landscaping
- Large insulated studio/workshop.



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NORTH SHORE ROAD \$22,000



- Vacant 3 acre building lot, well treed for privacy
- 223' frontage on a municipal year-round road
- Close to public access to the 3 lake Maple Lake chain
- Only 15 minutes from Haliburton
- Great location to build your dream home or getaway.

THE BEACH HOUSE \$129,900



- Sand beach across from your door step in Gooderham
- Brick bungalow on a quiet paved year round road
- Well maintained, nicely renovated open concept
- Walking distance of groceries, restaurant, LCBO
- Comes mostly furnished & ready to move in

HOME & APARTMENT DOWNTOWN MINDEN \$219,900



- Super family home
- Dining & livingroom w/fireplace
- Home + apt. nearly 2,000 sq. ft.
- Attached garage w/breezeway
- Close to to main street & school



- Rent apt. or use for home office
- 2 main floor bedrooms, 4 pc. bath
- 1 upper bdrm. and 2 pc. bath
- Private landscaped yard
- Book your showing today!



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*Based on rounded gross closed & collected commissions, Royal LePage, 2008-2014 *Sales Representative(s)



HANDYMAN'S DREAM \$112,900

- 5 bedroom, 1,734 sq. ft. living space
- Deeded access to Halls Lake
- Level lot, 24' x 24' garage
- Great potential, needs TLC
- Sold as is.



3 LAKE CHAIN! \$259,000

- 2 bedroom cottage plus Bunkie
- Detached garage
- Clean w/f with lakeside docking area
- Level treed lot on chain lake
- Value priced, comes turn key!



INLAW SUITE AND STUDIO \$259,900

- 3+1 bedroom, 3 bath, 3,900 sq. ft. living space
- 3.13 acres close to Haliburton
- Self-contained in-law suite and studio
- 2 fireplaces, cherry kitchen
- Paved driveway, detached garage



2 PARCELS \$345,000

- 2 separately deeded adjacent parcels
- 480 sq. ft. cabin and 272 sq. ft. cabin
- Backing and siding onto Crown Land
- Sunset views, deck, dock, shed
- The ultimate in privacy!



MULTI FAMILY HOME \$450,000

- 4+2 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 unit home
- 102' on 5 lake chain, close to amenities
- Walkout basement, new kitchen
- Radiant heat, large windows, great view
- Shop with Attached Carport.



EUROPEAN STANDARDS \$949,000

- 3 bedroom, 2,415 sq. ft. home/cottage
- Separate 3 bedroom, 1,365 sq. ft. guest house
- Boathouse, storage shed, firepit
- Triple garage, circular driveway
- Over two million dollars invested.

LOTS OF LOTS

\$29,000 - 199' fr, 2.1 ac, level building lot near Sir Sam's Ski Area

\$89,900 - 150' fr, 1.52 ac, Cranberry Lake, driveway in, building site cleared

\$92,900 - 129' fr, 0.46 ac, Haliburton by the Lake, access to 5 Lake Chain

\$99,900 - 163' fr, 0.47 ac, Haliburton Lake, hydro/phone along road, year round access

\$139,900 - 165' fr, 0.97 ac, Percy Lake, driveway in, hydro/phone along lot line

\$169,900 - 240' fr, 1.24 ac, White Lake, great building lot, south exposure

\$244,900 - 192' fr, 1.1 ac, West Lake, driveway in, year round municipal road

\$249,500 - 251' fr, 0.83 ac, West Lake, driveway in, easy access to water

\$599,000 - 700' fr, 6.8 ac, Canning Lake, hydro/phone along lot, year round access

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