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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Firefighters battled a blaze at 1033 Whispering Pine Trail on South Lake Jan 12. See story on page 3.

Students to build off-grid energy centre

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

It's a win-win project for Brian Nash, Abbey Gardens and Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program.

The college recently announced their partnership with Abbey Gardens to build Ontario's first completely off-grid

Alternative Energy Presentation Centre, which will give the public an opportunity to see just how a "state-of-the-art, hybrid, off-grid energy system" works.

"We started looking for a site about a year ago where we could do a build and have an energy demonstration centre," said Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind.

He embarked on this endeavour because of

the many cost-effective energy options now available, he said.

"The technology now is just incredible."

Outside, visitors will see solar and wind systems in action. Upon entry they will discover his company's award-winning GridZero system. The system is designed to optimize the use of renewably generated energy while maintaining the grid in the

background for security and to manage battery charging during low sun hour periods.

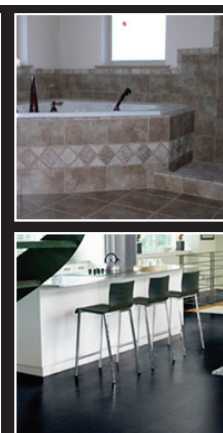
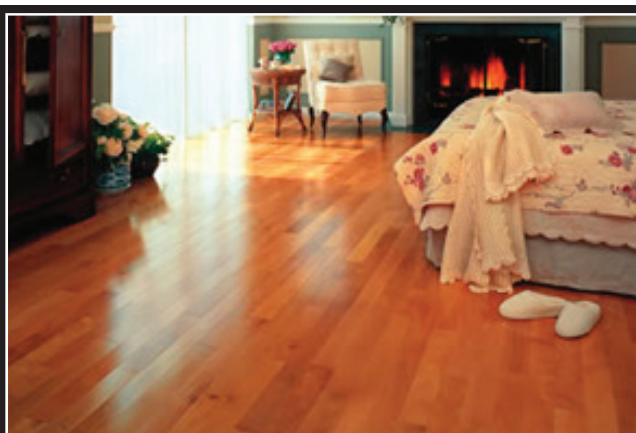
"It's the up-and-coming power system that's going to transform the way the public thinks about off-grid," Nash said.

They will likely have a couple of digital kiosks in the building to give people a better

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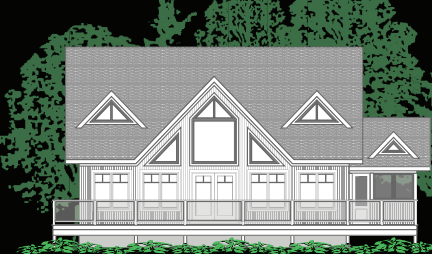
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Fiancée horrified by accident

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

It may have been a set of stairs that saved Ryan Jennings's life.

Jennings, 29, and his fiancée Amanda Barnett, 28, were picking up a mattress from Riverview Furniture in Minden Jan. 7 when Barnett accidentally backed into Jennings.

Barnett said the stairs Jennings was using to enter the storage unit where the mattress was located, could be the reason why he didn't sustain more serious injuries and for that, is thankful.

Police reported Jennings was standing behind the vehicle, a burgundy Ford pick-up truck being operated by Barnett. Jennings, standing on a set of stairs to a storage trailer, was said to be guiding

Barnett, who was reversing the vehicle to the trailer.

The press release stated Barnett accelerated the vehicle and struck Jennings, causing him to be pinned between the pick-up truck and the storage trailer.

Jennings was airlifted from Minden Hospital to St. Michael's hospital just before 4 p.m. by ORNGE with serious injuries which were later confirmed by Barnett. He left the scene in stable condition which was verified by the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment.

"Day three (Jan. 10) at St. Michael's and Ryan is doing a lot better," Barnett commented on *The Highlander's* post on social media. "He can finally lift his left leg off the bed."

Jennings suffered a pelvis fracture on both sides, three broken ribs and fractured both legs. Barnett also said Jennings's left leg has three separate fractures along with his right knee cap.

"In total, he has 26 stitches, 21 on the left leg and five on the right," Barnett said.

Jennings spoke to *The Highlander* and said he is in pain and resting. He and Barnett want to thank everyone for their support and good wishes. The family has set up a GoFundMe account for those who wish to assist Jennings in his recovery.

Provincial Const. Dianna Daupinee said after a thoroughly-detailed investigation, no charges were laid in the incident.

Cottage explosion injures three in Coboconk

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Three people were injured after an explosion at a cottage on Four Mile Lake between Coboconk and Burnt River Jan. 8.

The homeowners of the seasonal residence on Normwood Drive and a propane technician were investigating an unusual odour at the cottage, when the propane tank exploded, police

reported. All three people were injured and transported to a local hospital after the blast. One of the homeowners and the propane technician were transported to Toronto-area hospitals with serious injuries.

The fire marshal is investigating the explosion, which Ontario Provincial Police said is not considered suspicious. The Ministry of Labour is also investigating the incident.

An online fundraising page has been

set up for Coboconk resident Jim McLeod. The propane technician has second and third degree burns to his face and hand as well as several fractures.

"Jim will have a long and painful road to recovery and will be in the hospital recovering for an unknown length of time," said Sonya Hill, who set up a GoFundMe fundraiser in support of McLeod and his family.

At press time, more than \$7,500 had been raised for the new dad.



Photo submitted by Roxanne Casey

Canoe FM donates to Fish Hatchery

A cheque for \$5,666.50 was presented by Canoe FM to the president of the Haliburton Highlands Fish Hatchery Jan. 8. Manager Roxanne Casey said the donation was half of the radio station's Bingo proceeds, accumulated over a six-month period. "The Fish Hatchery is important to this community," Casey said, adding they felt it is a destination that attracts both residents and tourists as well as offering educational opportunities for all age groups. From left are president of the Fish Hatchery Bob Cole; Canoe FM treasurer Roger Dart; Canoe vice-president Lorne McNeil; Canoe FM production technician Ron Murphy; Canoe FM manager Roxanne Casey; Canoe FM Bingo volunteer Judy Johnson; Canoe Bingo lead Pat Barry (in red); Hatchery volunteer Ron Sedley; Canoe FM sales person Dave Allen (in plaid); Hatchery treasurer Gary Moffatt and Canoe FM president Malcolm MacLean.

Highlander news

Blast levels home on South Lake

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A family has lost their home and pet dog after a fire levelled their house on South Lake in Minden.

A propane tank explosion was initially suspected at the Jan. 12 fire in the Whispering Pines community, but fire investigator Lance Schubert was on scene the next day to determine the origin and cause of the fire.

“At this point, that still remains unknown,” he said. “I would say if there were any explosions, they were secondary to the fire. It may have been thought yesterday that there was an explosion followed by a fire, but it was the opposite. Fire is the cause here.”

Debris was scattered across the frozen lake and along South Lake Road, about a

kilometre from the house. Minden Hills and Dysart et al fire departments responded to the incident at 1033 Whispering Pine Trail off of Hamilton Road just before 2 p.m.

“It was fully engulfed,” said Myles Gartshore, deputy fire chief of Minden Hills. “It was gone.”

Nearby residents were shocked by explosions and dark smoke, and the fire department received several calls.

“I was sitting on the couch,” said a neighbour, who lives across the bay from the home. “[The door] really banged, which was unusual, so I thought it was a big wind.”

“I was lying in bed and it moved,” said her husband. “I thought maybe some snow fell off the roof and I didn’t think anything of it.”

After seeing a large billow of smoke rising up from the trees, the neighbours called the

fire department and made their way toward the house to offer help.

“I saw the smoke from across [the lake] and you knew it was a big fire with the way the smoke was,” said the neighbour.

“I was crossing my fingers there was nobody there,” said her husband. “As I was moving across the lake, there was another ‘boom.’”

Neighbours reported hearing up to three small explosions. Nobody was home at the time of the incident, which has been deemed not suspicious. Schubert said the house was not heated by propane, but there were propane tanks on the property.

Clothing and donation drives have been announced for the family. Those interested in donating can contact Why Not Collect It owner Sandi McElwain in Haliburton or Natasha Coumbs at Haliburton Auto.

Drivers still not getting the message

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

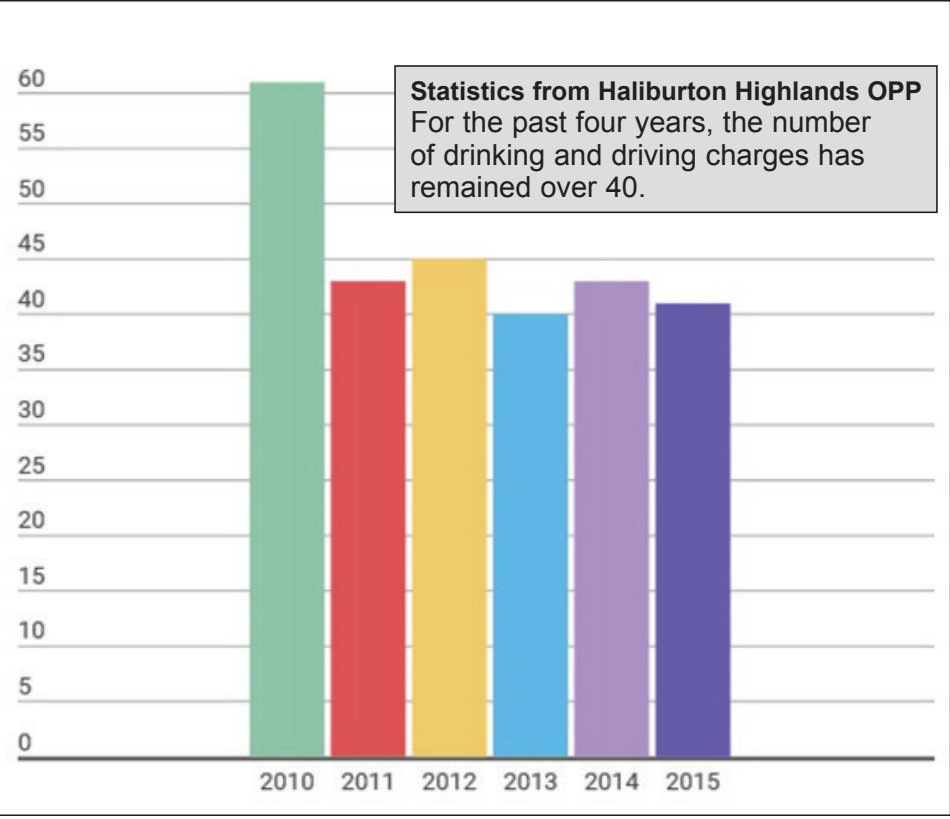
Since 2011, the number of drinking and driving charges laid by the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has not gone down.

Information provided by the OPP revealed that an average of 43 people are charged with drinking and driving each year.

Between 2010 and 2011, the number of charges dropped from 61 to 43. In 2012, 2013 and 2014, that number remained in the 40s. As of Dec. 17, the number of drinking and driving charges in 2015 was 41.

Despite many efforts, members of the OPP refused to answer provided questions.

DUI charges laid in 2015, by age	
20-29	8
30-39	11
40-49	7
50-59	9
60+	6



Eggs with a side of networking

Chamber breakfast provides businesses with opportunity to be heard

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Poor road conditions didn’t stop 30 people from attending the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce’s AM Breakfast at the Oakview Lodge and Marina in Algonquin Highlands.

“Given the travel people had to make, and the weather, we still had close to 80 per cent of everyone show up,” Rosemarie Jung, general manager of the chamber, told The Highlander after the event Jan. 12.

The new owners of the lodge, Anna Schmiegelow and Greg Herbert, introduced themselves and welcomed everyone.

The guest speaker for the morning was MP

for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, Jamie Schmale.

He opened by telling guests the constituency office is open and encouraged everyone to use the office’s resources when it comes to passport needs, taxes and immigration. Schmale talked about several prominent issues from the federal campaign, like job growth and the increased need for access to high speed internet.

“We’re not just talking about internet, but cell service as well,” Schmale said, pointing out the lack of cell service in areas like Wilberforce.

The official opposition’s stance on various issues like the federal budget and the battle against ISIS were also covered. Schmale then

congratulated Carol Moffat on her recent appointment to County warden.

Jung took centre stage next, and encouraged guests who weren’t yet a chamber member to become one. She said events like the chamber breakfast are one of the many networking events that members can look forward to.

In addition, she said members have a lot of say in how the business and networking landscape is shaped in the county.

“We’d like to see every business become a member, because united, our voice is a lot stronger,” Jung said.

The chamber’s next breakfast event will be at McKeck’s Tap and Grill Feb. 2.



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Editorial opinion

Here we go, again

It's been a year since we wrote about highway maintenance and Carillion Inc. and not much has changed.

My predecessor wrote about the lack of accountability from the British-based firm, saying that dealing with a provincially awarded contract is like spinning wheels on an icy stretch of highway.

But, maybe, just maybe, the attention may change the way things are done.

The company, which already faces nearly \$1 million in fines for failing to clear Toronto highways in 2014, is back in the news again for a series of accidents in the Greater Toronto Area on New Year's Day. Twenty accidents were reported as "weather-related" on Jan. 1 and the Ministry of Transportation has launched yet another investigation – this time to determine how much salt was used on the Queen Elizabeth Way, as well as sections of various 400-series highways.

In Haliburton County, where Carillion is responsible for Highways 35 and 118, there has not been enough winter weather yet to determine whether or not Carillion is holding its end of the bargain.

But it's still a point of contention for many people, as the first sign of the 's' word can elicit memories of poorly cleared shoulders, not enough sand or salt and a later start compared to the good old days. A time when you knew who was taking care of the roads, and they had friends and family that needed them to get to work or to take their kids to school. They were accountable and reliable.

When there were problems, you knew who to call and felt they meant what they said about wait time. Now, we need to call a toll-free number to determine when things will be clear. Or send an email, which makes no sense for many of us.

Residents are quick to confirm where

roads are not maintained. In a quick social media survey, people said it's easy to see where the conditions change, like night and day, as one drives into Look Lake from Highlands East. Gelert Road is also neglected, often not getting ploughed until snow has stopped. As Carillion has the contract for both the Bancroft and Huntsville zones – isn't there a method to the madness? Shouldn't all of the roads be treated the same?

And we all remember concerned citizen Sean Pennylegion, who wrote a letter to the MTO. Their response: it was in discussions with Carillion to further improve winter maintenance performance. The spokesperson said the contractor is required to provide what they call, "a roster of drivers and to submit verification that their winter equipment is mechanically ready."

If this lack of accountability remains the norm, it's good to know there is a way out.

Thanks to our friends at *The Times*, we have learned that Carillion's \$12-million-a-year contract has clauses that allow the province to terminate it if the work is substandard.

If that happens, then I suggest returning to a time where we trusted we could safely navigate the county and jobs remained local. Or allow the public a forum to express what they would like to improve, so the municipalities can take the information to the MTO.

If Carillion remains in the news, maybe it will behave a little better, but if past history is an indicator, not much will change.



By Jennifer Hughey

Now that would be a headline

There are some things you will never see in Haliburton County, like an aircraft carrier or a cheetah for example, although I suppose seeing a cheetah here is an outside possibility considering those things run extremely fast and one might end up in the area by mistake after chasing an antelope way too far out of its hunting territory. The chances of this happening are, of course, rare, but one can at least hope.

Barring any imminent cheetah encounters, there are a lot of other things you will never see in this county mainly because the odds are stacked against it and the precedent against it occurring has long since been established. In that sense, very few things up here happen out of the blue against the ordinary. While you may hope something will happen to break this chain, you just know it ain't likely to happen. Some things are just dyed into the area's wool, more so we're creatures of habit and some habits are really hard to break.

But again, a guy can hope. Now, in this case, I'm not looking to see any superfast African predators. My wish list is a little more modest (and possible, one would think) although if I was a betting man (and I am) I would certainly bet against it (big money). At this point you're obviously wondering what the hell all this seemingly endless drivel is leading to and aside from the initial goal of reaching the column's required word count, I've also put together some things I'd like to see but, in all likelihood, aren't bloody likely.

Following is the top headlines and stories you'd love to see (but will never see) in Haliburton County. Consider it in jest if you want or just being blatantly honest. The end results are pretty much the same.

- 1 – Haliburton parking meters deemed unnecessary. Dismantled. "Council agreed that dinging people a couple bucks to buy groceries might send the wrong message in a tourist town," says councillor.
- 2 – Public swimming pool installation completed. "In the end it was a no-brainer. What was particularly inspiring was the way everyone got behind it," says project coordinator.
- 3 – Comprehensive rail trail usage agreement reached. "In the end we're all residents of the county so it only makes sense that we all have a say on how things are run," says project co-chair.
- 4 – New tourism campaign gets unanimous thumbs up. "The meetings to discuss this were kind of a waste of time, really. Everyone was in agreement from the get-go. Heck we even had people offering to help put up the signs before they were even printed," add tourism director.
- 5 – Business wants to set up shop in the county. Local residents up in arms, cheering. "It's really about weighing your point of view and goals versus those of others and ultimately deciding what's best for everyone," says long-time resident.
- 6 – Population grows, thanks to new full-time employment opportunities in the county. "It's crazy how one opportunity has led to another and then to another. I guess this is what they call the ripple effect," says county councillor.
- 7 – Cottage association welcomes new development to the area. "It's tricky, weighing what you want your vacation property to be against the long term health of the residents that live and work here full-time and when it's all said and done we're all in this together," says cottage association president.
- 8 – Riding actually elects representative from party in power. "Frankly, it's a little embarrassing that we didn't figure this thing out sooner. Statistics show that opposition backbenchers don't carry a lot of political weight. Who knew?" says local voter.
- 9 – Haliburton County amalgamation finalized. "In the end it's just much more efficient. There's really something to be said about strength in numbers. Welcome to the new united Haliburton County," says new councillor.
- 10 – Minden and Haliburton residents meet at Allsaw for record-setting group hug. "They're really not that different than we are and all those rumours about them having a third ear and a tail just weren't true," says enlightened resident.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Editorial opinion

Ploughing through Carillion

Dear editor,

We all could soon be getting another gosh almighty snow job from that Carillion outfit, via their (lack of) performance based contract. Thanks to the perseverance of the *Times'* Chad Ingram, we now have access to this “deal.” So far, Carillion has only had to return some of our taxes to the province for giving us the old "sleigh ride". For a big corporation, that's just the cost of giving us the business! Carillion's wrong-doings are not limited to making our roads treacherous. Last November the Ministry of the Environment charged them for illegally burying drums of oily waste in the Huntsville area.

In response their communications manager Meline Beach, quoted chapter and verse from Carillion's “propaganda bible.” “Carillion is committed to deliver service in an ethical and sustainable manner ... blah, blah, blah...”

Yes sir, they're committed all right. Committed to their shareholders to cut as many corners as they can get away with and hang on to as much profit as they can get away with. All at our expense!

Last winter after a snowfall, Dilbert Bagley and I followed one of those big Carillion contraptions down highway 35 from Sandy Bay Road. We both swore (a lot) that the tank and plough trailer on the back, followed the big tandem dump truck like it had a mind of its own. There's no way we were going to try and pass with the poor visibility it produced. The plough, acting afraid of the snow, only took off about half of it. And that tank was like a nervous little pup, having just a wee piddle of de-icing liquid at each corner!

Dilbert called it a white-knuckle-flight all the way. I confess I was sure glad I had something under the old corduroy pants that I could depend on. That old half-ton of mine

tried to go up and down the hills every which way but straight. We were getting ready for a cold dip in Miner's Bay. Next we were sure the old truck was going to do a cannonball at Moore Falls. That road was shinier than the seat of my Sunday go to meeting trousers. Finally, pulling in at Coboconk and prying my fingers off of the wheel, while Dilbert let go of the dash, we hauled ourselves into the Pattie House for a couple (or so) to settle our nerves and celebrate still being in the here and now. No-sir, I didn't drive again that day. We got a leaning onto shoulder from some good Coby folks over to Dilbert's cousin Orville's place. I declare that it was bad enough driving in the snow and ice, so I wasn't about to try it stoned!

The Premier's in a No-Wynne situation until she uses the cancellation clauses in this mistake. Then we can get back to the way things were before our public services got hit in the privates. Local folks would be controlling the ploughing for us and making travel safe for their own kin too.

So much for these free trade deals; which all the corporate controlled globalization con-artists tell us are even better than the two eggs, with everything special, over at your favourite breakfast spots in the county.

There's nothing free about these deals for regular folks and they're sure not about trade. These back room deals are only about stealing our control of everything that matters to us, and to our grandchildren, by diluting our democracy until it's thinner than the blueberry filling in a store-bought pie!

This winter, if Carillion slips on some black ice in their paid for duties, they'd best keep on sliding right out of Ontari-ari-ar-o!

John Gibb
Minden

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Guenter Horst

A snow covered piece of history.

The death of polite society

I was driving home from work the other day, chatting with a work colleague of mine. I was up front and he was in the back. We were discussing fish species in...

Oh sorry, did I get distracted there? I was just on my phone checking my status, you know, my Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat accounts. I have to do it at every possible opportunity. Can't miss a thing. Wouldn't want to be caught napping by any of my 'friends', 'followers' or countless other digital non-entities now would I.

I jest, of course, because I am of a certain age – the age that starts with 'middle' – and while I do have a Facebook account, I am neither desperate enough nor able to check it at any given moment because firstly, it can always wait until later and second I don't have a smartphone. Then again, maybe I do because my phone won't allow me to instantly go on-line and, as such, I can't get caught pulling that kind of ignorant stunt!

The trouble is most of the rest of the world does have a so called smartphone and it seems the majority of the global population under the age of 30 does feel the need to reach for their 'device' at least once every five or so minutes to check for updates on the many and varied social networking sites to which they

are connected. Just imagine how dumb they'd be without their 'smart' phones! This kind of behaviour bugs me. It bugs me a lot. But I guess I'm not 'in' with the cool kids anymore. And so when, the other day, while my colleague and I were discussing fish species of England and their commonalities with those in Canada (boring to many of you I'm sure but interesting to us, or so I thought) he completely zoned out of the conversation, I was somewhat surprised. He had, after all, started the discussion, asking me a question, and then, when I'd given my carefully considered response, there was no reply. I looked at my other passenger, sitting in the seat next to me. He glanced back, turned to me and said “the ignorant @#\$\$ is checking his phone.” I swore and threw something heavy over my shoulder. The phone addict had presence of mind to duck, even if he didn't have the decency to listen to my answer and we got into how shall I put it, a bit of a debate about the social etiquette surrounding the necessity to check your cell phone while someone is talking to you. Basically, I called him all the names under the sun and he got abusively defensive about his rude behaviour.

Kids eh! Now segue to a few days later when my lovely wife, Little Z and I drove into the village in my truck. My new-to-me-but-really- quite-old truck is pretty cool. It's a single cab with a bench seat, meaning we all sit cozied together up front. Little Z is in a car seat and as such he is strapped into the passenger side, necessitating that my lovely wife is squished in the middle, right tight next to me, just how I like it. Additionally, my truck is less than blessed with the accouterments of modern vehicles, meaning it is bereft of a CD player or iPod dock, it lacks electric windows, and, it is without central locking. This being so, after we had completed our shopping (bear with me I'll get back to the ignoramus with the cell phone), my wife had to stand by while I unlocked her door manually. I then opened it for her and beckoned her to climb in, before closing the door behind her. “How chivalrous,” she chimed with a smile touching my arm as she shuffled into the cramped interior of my truck. And that got me thinking. As much technology has benefited us in the last thirty years, it has also dealt crushing blows to the very fabric of the society in which we live. Yes, I can push a button from 20 yards away

and unlock my car doors but does my partner smile as I do it? Do I feel the same warm glow that I would get from courteously opening the door for her? Of course I don't, I probably ignore what she's saying as I walk to the opposite side of the vehicle and then climb in, checking that my smartphone is safely seated in its dock, never giving my darling wife a second glance! And as for the dreaded smartphone, and its ultimate all round 24/7 connectivity, I should have gladly stuck my colleague's Samsung/i-Phone thing right up his all protecting Otterbox as soon as I realized he was ignoring me in favour of communing with fake Internet friends. The younger generation's addiction to these devices is eating away at life as we know it to the point where they can't even maintain a conversation any more: the rise of technology is slowly killing polite society. I didn't shove my colleague's phone up him though because that would have been rude, and because he's bigger than me, and because I'm sure he'd still have used it, even if it meant talking out of his @#\$\$!



By Will Jones

TheOutsider

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What do you think about Carillion's ability to maintain the roads in the Highlands?*



Jackie Burgess

(with Annabelle), Norland

It hasn't been the best this year. Whenever I've been on the roads, it's pretty bad.



Dave Mowatt

Minden

They've been okay. I've been on the road a lot from Cannington to Minden.



Don Mantle

Miner's Bay

I think they're doing okay so far.



Vicki Sisson

West Guilford

Hwy. 35 is always great, but once again 118 doesn't seem plowed often. There are many times that I don't feel very safe.



Laurie Smith

Haliburton

I don't travel on roads that they maintain, but from what I hear, it's not very good.

Photos and interviews by Sue Tiffin

You can't please everyone

Dear editor:

I am writing in support of the Trophy Wall. I agree festive greetings are lovely, however not all people in the county would agree with us on this as Christmas is not something they choose to celebrate in their religion. We do not see letters written in to request it not be included in the paper as it is offensive to some.

Throughout history, hunting and fishing have been important activities in Haliburton County. Many residents consider it our heritage and are proud to continue the tradition. Part of this tradition includes displaying the game we take to feed our families, as a tribute to the animals harvested.

I have raised my children and they are now raising their children within the county to respect our land and the wildlife that live here with us. This is not the slaughter of animals merely for the fun of it, it is teaching our young people to have an interest and a respect for something that is outside of them.

I regret that one of your readers is offended by this but request that you continue to print the photos. I respectfully suggest she is under no obligation to look at these photos and could better display her kinder, gentler side by doing what she can to rid the world of child hunger or violence against women. Both are REAL issues which offend EVERYONE.

John Davidson
Haliburton County

HHHS cancels Scotty Morrison tourney

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

After seven successful years, the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament has been cancelled.

The announcement was made by the Haliburton Health Services Foundation shortly after the new year.

"What you have to understand is that the foundation has a staff of two and we are also undertaking three other major fundraising events," said Peter Oyler, the foundation chairman.

"I personally couldn't ask my staff to run another event without the support of the volunteers from the previous committee, who we asked, because we simply can't do it without their assistance."

Even though they attempted to recruit, a

lack of volunteers was one of the reasons why the event was cancelled, Oyler said.

The absence of a major sponsor also made things increasingly difficult, he said, adding the foundation's staff tried valiantly to secure the sponsor who had supported the foundation for several years.

Oyler would not specify the individual's name or business, but said calls to the individual's agent were not returned.

"Right there, you're in a bit of trouble if you can't get a major sponsor," he said.

The last obstacle for the foundation was a scheduling issue which caused Mark Dennys, the tournament's long-time bartender, to back out the last second. Oyler said the foundation could not find a replacement.

Planning for the event began in September 2015.

"We felt six months would be ample time to secure the necessary parties to make this tournament happen," he said. "I don't think anyone is to blame for its cancellation, on the foundation's part or on the part of the parties that simply weren't able to come to the table this year," he said.

The charity tournament raises money for support services in the community, like Meals on Wheels, palliative care, social recreation, and many others. The foundation became the fundraising agency for the event last year. Community Support Services was the driving force behind the event before 2015.

Since the tournament's inception, about \$200,000 has been raised.

The Highlander was unable to reach Scotty Morrison for comment.

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Council rallies behind curling club

Repairs will require major investment

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Wilberforce Curling Club is seeking financial support from the Municipality of Highlands East to replace the club's piping system, which broke down during the Christmas holidays. The estimated cost is \$150,000.

Darrell McQuigge, vice president of the club, presented council a business case on Jan. 10 in which he highlighted the importance of having the facility in the community.

"Curling, as many of you know, has been very active in the community for upwards of 60 years," said McQuigge.

He said new members to the community chose to move there partly because of the existence of a curling club.

Back in October, the club repaired a few leaks in the pipes but air continued to escape. As a temporary solution they put in a couple of litres of brine—a liquid made up of calcium and water—each day. Brine keeps the cement cold which makes it possible to produce and keep the ice.

Unseasonably warm temperatures dealt the system its final blow on Dec. 24, resulting in the club advising its members the season was over. Arrangements were made with neighbouring clubs in Minden, Haliburton and

Bancroft to ensure that previously scheduled bonspiels went ahead. (The Jan. 16 mixed bonspiel in Minden was cancelled due to low registration numbers.)

Before the unexpected breakdown occurred, the executive was working on replacing outdated mechanical ice equipment. McQuigge announced they recently received a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for these repairs.

"This was our original business concern and driver over the last few years—and now we have the additional requirement which is to replace the flooring and the piping," he said.

Based on rough estimates, it will cost an additional \$150,000 to repair the floor and fix the piping system, bringing the grand total to \$300-350,000.

The Wilberforce Curling Club was built in 1975. According to McQuigge, it still has the original floor and the compressor dates back to 1966.

"The piping system ... has been encased in there for 40 years. It's fragile and basically surpassed the time of its lifespan."

If they receive support from the municipality, the club is prepared to try and raise \$35-50,000 for the capital costs of the project.

"All I can say is if there is any physical way that this club and its building can be saved, we should do what we can to do that," said councillor Cecil Ryall, a member of both the Wilberforce and Minden curling clubs.

Ryall mentioned there was talk about



Photo by Mark Arike

Darrell McQuigge explains to Highlands East council the estimated cost for the curling club's repairs will be around \$150,000.

starting a county league and Wilberforce was going to be invited to join.

"Unfortunately, what happened has happened," he said, adding that many people have asked him about the welfare of the Wilberforce club since the incident.

"This also carries across to Bancroft because we do a fair amount of curling there as well."

Councillor Joan Barton agreed.

"I would like to see the municipality move forward to work with the club to come to a solution. I think the club, for their size, have already done phenomenal work in pulling together various resources," said Barton.

In addition to their bonspiels and league nights, the club offers others programs such as the Elementary School Physical Education

Curling Program.

"Our kids get an experience while they attend the Wilberforce [elementary] school that no other kids in Ontario have the opportunity to get," she said.

One of the benefits of the program is that it creates an opportunity for different generations to come together, said Barton.

In a survey, 34 of the club's 54 members who responded expressed their desire to see the facility repairs completed in time for next season, which starts in the fall.

Reeve Dave Burton told McQuigge the municipality's treasurer would "crunch some numbers" so that council could include the request in budget deliberations on Jan. 25.

SIRCH gets \$75,000 in funding for new program

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant, SIRCH Community Services will run a 12-week, full-time training program with the ability to teach up to 12 trainees various carpentry skills this spring.

The program known as Chic & Unique Furniture Upcycling will focus largely on the refurbishment of discarded furniture and wood products. Upcycling is a trend that's becoming increasingly popular across Canada. "We are very excited about the potential of Unique and Chic Furniture Upcycling" said Gena Robertson, the executive director of SIRCH Community Services in a release. "Upcycling is a very hot trend right now, and by having a local pool of trained people to create quality upcycled products, we may become the go-to place for upcycled furniture in south central Ontario."

The program will also teach people basic carpentry skills. The training sessions will take place at the Thrift Warehouse in Haliburton.

SIRCH applied for the grant through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Chic & Unique Furniture Upcycling is a pilot project funded by the foundation.

The program starts on Feb. 29. Anyone interested in participating can contact Cammy George at 844-847-4381, or send an email to info@sirch.on.ca.

Wilberforce to host benefit dance for Harcourt landmark

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Highlands East council is supporting a benefit dance to help rebuild the Harcourt Community Centre.

Barb Robertson of Friends of Harcourt Community Centre asked council Jan. 11 to waive the fee for use of the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce Feb. 27.

"I think that's a no-brainer," said deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge. "We help our neighbouring communities."

"I don't think there's any issues there at all," said reeve Dave Burton.

The community centre burned down Nov. 29 due to an electrical problem. No one was hurt in the fire, which saw more than 30 firefighters from Dysart and Highlands East respond.

The current rental fee for weddings and private functions is \$160 plus tax. Non-profit organizations receive a rate of \$100 plus tax. The municipality's website states that some functions and groups can use the space at no charge at council's discretion.

Robertson said they would pay for insurance coverage through the municipality's insurer.

Council voted unanimously to waive the rental fee.

She told *The Highlander* proceeds from the

event will be used to purchase furnishings and other necessities for the new centre, to be located in the same place as the original building.

The dance will feature local band The Cross Cuts, door prizes, draws and a penny raffle. It will run from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets, which are \$10 per person, will be available at the Wilberforce pharmacy, Agnew's General Store and the Wilberforce Legion.

Anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation should call Robertson at 705-448-9876 or Eileen Knox at 705-448-2596.

Smokin' Jakes returns to Gooderham

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

After two years in Eagle Lake, Smokin' Jakes BBQ is returning to its previous home in Gooderham.

Highlands East Council approved a zoning bylaw amendment request from Shane Leach, owner of the portable restaurant, during a public meeting Jan. 11. The municipality didn't receive any letters of support or opposition to the application.

"I'm very excited to be back in Highlands East, where my business should have been all along," said Leach.

The business got its start in Irondale in 2009. Leach then relocated to Gooderham, off Highway 503, in 2011 and continued operating there until 2012. In 2013 his son

was born and he decided to put the business on hold and take a job as a sous chef at Sir Sam's Inn.

"With my seasonal business, I felt that I could get a job," he said.

In 2014 he moved the business beside the Eagle Lake Country Market. He leased the space until Thanksgiving of last year.

Leach serves up pulled pork, poutine and other hot foods out of his 1970 Airstream Overlander, which has been converted into a professional kitchen.

He requested council waive his application fee, which was paid previously, and that they grant permanent zoning for the business.

Municipal clerk Irene Cook explained that a site plan agreement was initiated with the property owners in 2010 for temporary use. One of the conditions outlined in the agreement was that the fee for rezoning would be waived when the business returned.

"There is no fee for this application," said Cook.

"We look forward to having you back," said reeve Dave Burton.

Leach, also a member of the county's culinary tourism taskforce, told *The Highlander* he plans to open for business in Gooderham mid-May. He has already spent some time landscaping the forested area of the property and says the location will offer opportunities for growth.

Leach thanked Nancy and Dave Elstone, owners of the Eagle Lake Country Market, and area cottagers for their support of the business.

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Centre first of its kind in Ontario

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understanding of energy flow, such as the amount being produced and consumed.

Nash has committed to investing \$50-60,000 into the project.

The 1,200 sq. ft. building will feature sustainable and natural features such as rammed earth and straw bale walls and traditional timber framing. Students in the college's certificate program will build the structure between May and August of this year on the grounds of Abbey Gardens, located near West Guilford.

The 300-acre site already houses a market garden, Food Hub and several businesses including a brewery.

Since Abbey Gardens focuses on sustainable practices, Nash described the partnership as a perfect fit.

"It's a great marriage of values," he said.

Nash will also relocate his office from a space at Parker Pad & Printing in Haliburton to the presentation centre in the fall.

Ted Brandon, training officer with Fleming College, echoed Nash's sentiments.

"We are so excited to be working with Abbey Gardens and Haliburton Solar and Wind. These organizations' vision and mission align directly with the goals of the Sustainable Building program," said Brandon.

"The joint project with the Fleming Sustainable Building Design and



Photo by Mark Arike

Brian Nash, owner of Haliburton Solar and Wind, in front of the Food Hub at Abbey Gardens.

Construction program is an exciting opportunity for us to welcome a class full of enthusiastic students to our site and support lifelong learning about sustainable

practices," said Heather Reid, operations director of Abbey Gardens.

Nash hopes the centre will serve as

"a proactive component towards our community's energy security in a rapidly changing world."

SolidState moves to main street

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

After five years on Maple Avenue, Haliburton's SolidState Computer Solutions has moved to main street, with a new shop at 237 Highland St.

"Day one was good," said Adam Perecko, who owns the technology and repair business with his wife, Kait. "We're seeing a lot of people, more than we've had in the last couple of weeks."

Adam, a 2005 graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, took over Michael Computer Solutions (owned by Michael Kursbatt) in 2011 and renamed it.

The young business owners felt it was time to find a more visible location.

"We really wanted to have a space that was comfortable and inviting to our clients, that made them feel confident in bringing their important technology in to us to be taken care of," he said.

In May, the Pereckos took ownership of their new property. They spent the last six months converting the former residence.

"We knew it was going to take a lot of work," said Kait, pointing out the front half was originally built in 1927 and the back in 1978.

A new heating system, windows and doors were installed by contractor Adam Cannon of Coldwater Customs.

"We're pretty happy," she said.

When they enter, customers encounter

a hardwood floor into a well-lit space and find five monitors, two of which are for check-in and the others for streaming content such as information on current deals and company policies.

"We use those screens to confirm that their contact info is up to date and to check in their systems for assessment and repair," said Kait, referring to the two screens.

A piece of orange shag carpet, originally from a bedroom that is now a tech area, is on the floor. Across from it is a three-seater sofa and a coffee table, complete with the remnants of an old computer inside.

They plan to install a wheelchair ramp in the spring.

Both are happy with the look and feel of the space and are equally as pleased with the warm welcome they've received from the neighbours.

"It is a pretty cool neighbourhood to be on the main street," said Kait.

SolidState currently employs four people and has one co-op student from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

They sell laptops, build custom desktops and perform repairs on Microsoft and Apple products. Some of their other services include business networking, hardware upgrades and data recovery.

Their hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit mysolidstate.ca or call 705-457-3962.

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Public Notice - Proposed Fee Changes

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, at their January 28th, 2016 Council Meeting will consider amendments to the following By-laws with respect to Fees and Charges:

- Schedule "B" By-law 15-02 - Camping Rates and Fees - Increases and Decreases to certain fees related to administration, camping and rentals
- Schedule "I" By-law 15-120- Fees and Charges - Environment: Water, Sewer & Landfill - Housekeeping wording changes and Addition of new fee of \$50.00 per cubic yard for unsorted household waste and unsorted commercial refuse.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden. A full list of the proposed changes can be found on the Township's website at www.mindenhills.ca

If you have questions regarding the changes to By-law 15-02 Schedule "B" Camping Rates and Fees please contact Director of Community Services Mark Coleman at 705-286-1936 ext. 201 or email mcolem@mindenhills.ca

If you have questions regarding the changes to By-law 15-120 Schedule "I" regarding landfill fees please contact Environmental and Property Operations Manager, Ivan Ingram at 705-286-1936 ext. 216 or email iingram@mindenhills.ca

Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *The Bone Labyrinth* by James Rollins
2. *Get Even* by Martina Cole
3. *The Relic Master* by Christopher Buckley

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Money Talks: When to Say Yes and How to Say No* by Gail Vaz-Oxlade
2. *Concussion* by Jeanne Marie Laskas
3. *The Essential Retirement Guide: A Contrarian's Perspective* by Frederick Vettese

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *The End* by Charlie Higson (YA)
2. *The Good Dinosaur* Read-along Storybook and CD (Picture Book)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation* (DVD)
2. *Boys in the Trees: A Memoir* by Carly Simon (Book on CD)

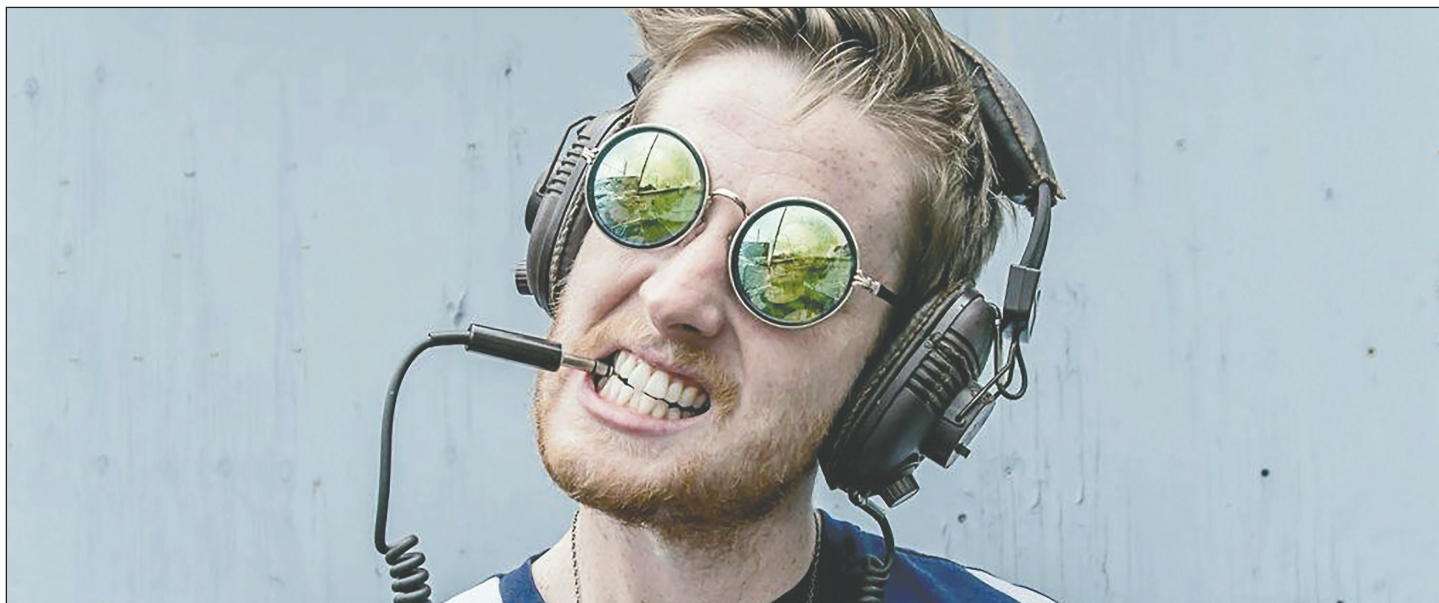


Photo by Niko Holmes

Former local resident Will Riley is the lead singer of the Montreal-based band, The Willing.

Local grad's band gains global exposure

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

In just a couple of years, Will Riley has gone from performing for his fellow classmates to having thousands of people listen to his music.

His band, The Willing, even had one of their songs featured in a commercial for the European Handball Federation in Poland.

Now 22 years old, Riley left the Highlands at the age of 18 to pursue music at either Concordia or McGill University. His

applications to both schools were rejected.

"I got here and was like, 'I'm here so I might as well stay, hang out for a year and apply again the year after,'" he said.

Riley never reapplied and focused on creating his own music instead. During the past five years he studied music production at a private school, worked "a bunch of random jobs" and met his current band mates.

"We met at a Halloween party," recalled Riley.

They expressed their passion for music and decided to give working together a shot.

The members, bassist Paul Col, Justin Wiley on drums and guitarist Schuyler Dunn Slanagan, are a few years older than Riley, who is the lead singer and songwriter.

"I wouldn't get too attached to the current lineup of the band right now. In the next year or two I am sure there are going to be some substitutions and switcharounds," he said.

When they're not making music, Col works as a sound engineer for movies, Wiley works in recording arts and Slanagan is a high school teacher.

Together, The Willing churns out a variety of songs which are never predictable. A blend of rock, pop and punk sounds can be heard in their music. It's a far cry from the music festivals Riley took part in while at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, playing the piano and baritone.

When collaborating, he comes up with the drum beat, plays baseline and even does beatboxing, using the voice to mimic a drum machine or other sounds.

In March of 2015 they released their first EP, *Splendid Gifts*. It contains five songs, which Riley describes as "very radio-friendly" with high production value. It was recorded at Montreal-based studio The Boom Room with equipment provided by Recording Arts Canada.

Their latest release, *The Dirt EP*, features a blend of house and pop, said Riley.

"We always just want to be completely different from what we just did."

Suicide, tenacity, tunnels and the lights at the end of them are the themes of the album. Riley said often the songs just have a way of coming together.

"I wouldn't say there's a general theme to

the music I write. It's definitely on a song by song basis. Sometimes songs are just complete nothing, they don't mean anything."

The Willing has developed quite a following, mainly due to the power of the Internet. Their music has upwards of 70,000 plays and 10-15,000 downloads—without any promotion—on Free Music Archive. Riley recommends the website to any new artists starting out.

And that's exactly where a filmmaker discovered their song *Lauren's a @\$%! and* thought it would be perfect for a commercial he was working on. He offered to compensate the band and the rest is history.

"No fancy meetings with lawyers tapping pens nearby," joked Riley. "It was really just a phone call."

The producer told Riley it made him feel "funky and edgy."

The commercial will be on television for a couple of months in Poland, said Riley.

The song is about a friend of Riley's, who he says was ignoring him and was being mean. (They have reconciled since then and are still friends.)

It wasn't the first time the band has been approached for their music. For example, a soda company in Mexico used one of their songs to promote their product.

Riley isn't surprised by all the attention the band has received, but admits it is very flattering. He considers himself lucky to work with such mature, professional musicians.

"They're really grounding," he said.

As far as his future with the band goes, Riley wants to "leave (behind) the most solid catalogue of marketable music before they go to their respectable jobs and don't have time for it anymore."

He is currently in the midst of working on some solo material before he goes back to school to study psychology at Concordia in the fall.

Asked if he intends on ever doing a show in his hometown, Riley says he would consider doing a solo performance.

"We'll see," he said. "I'd be very interested in playing a solo set."

To learn more about the band visit will1.bandcamp.com or search "The Willing" on Facebook.

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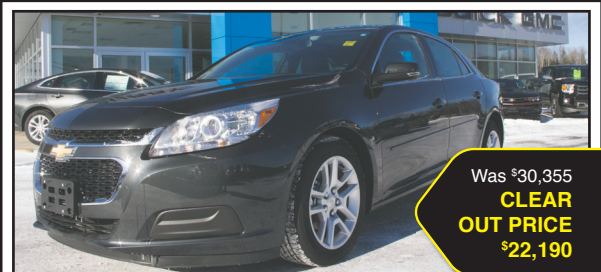
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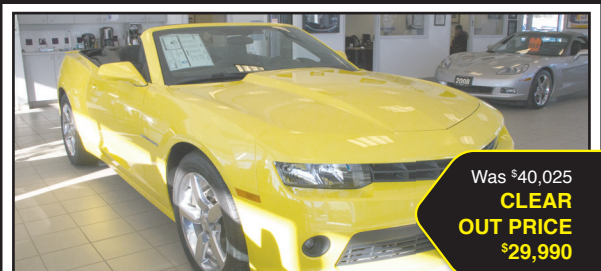
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Highlander life

Boy thrives after kidney transplant

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Three-year-old Jacob Bateman has a new kidney and is ready to start living his life outside of a hospital.

Dates and periods of time spent at the hospital have been a big part of the West Guilford boy's short but busy life.

During a 20-week ultrasound before he was even born, it was discovered Bateman was one in 40,000 people who have poorly functioning kidneys. He was born in November 2012, spent 100 days in the hospital and then another few months there just before he turned one. After about 15 medical procedures over the next little while proved unsuccessful, doctors suggested he needed a transplant.

"At first, we were pretty upset," said Bateman's mom, Cory Abbs, of her and husband Mitch Bateman's reaction to the news. "It's a lot to take in. Especially when it's your first kid and you're told it's just going to take a simple procedure and then it's not. Our minds were racing."

Though Bateman would have to grow big enough for a transplant and undergo dialysis for a year and a half first, he wouldn't have to wait for a donor.

His uncle, Brodie Abbs, didn't hesitate to volunteer when he heard his nephew needed help.

"As soon as we found out that Jacob needed help, that was it," said Brodie, a Minden resident. "It was one less question, one less thing for [my sister] to worry about. I didn't want her to donate and then be a sick mother with a sick kid. I wanted to take the stress for them."

"He is our hero," said Abbs.

Bateman and his uncle were able to undergo

the transplant in June 2015.

"For nine hours of our life we were going crazy," said Abbs. "When your kid is under for nine hours, you're just staring at the monitors in the waiting room."

The transplant was successful. Brodie said he is getting used to how everything feels and Bateman was walking just seven days after the surgery. During his three-month recovery period though, a complication involving his central venous line forced Abbs and Bateman to stay at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) for an additional four months. Abbs said her son blossomed at RMH, where he was able to play with other kids between treatment at Sick Kids Hospital. The House includes a library, playroom, gym, mini-fridge and events and activities run by volunteers.

"We didn't let him get around other kids before the transplant, because we wanted him to go in healthy," said Abbs. "Now, he loves kids and has developed into this smart, amazing little guy."

During the seven months Abbs and her son were in RMH, sharing a room together, they attended daily hospital visits and made the effort to walk around outside each day. Mitch stayed in West Guilford to work, but brought Steeler the dog to grandma's house each weekend and made the trip to Toronto to visit his family, with the support of his employers at the Pump Shop. Though Bateman could only see his dad about 24 hours a week, the family took in sites in Toronto and relaxed when they were together.

They're together again now, as their family has started the new year by moving back home. Bateman has reunited with his dog, who is keeping a close eye on him.

"I took a video and cried," said Abbs of the reunion. "Jacob said, 'okay Steeler Boy, come



Photo submitted by Cory Abbs

Brodie Abbs offered to donate a kidney to his nephew, Jacob Bateman, without hesitation.

to the bathroom. Now come to the kitchen.' He wouldn't leave his side. He was laying on him and sitting on him, and it's so great."

Bateman will still need to go to regular visits at the hospital and will possibly have to take anti-rejection medication for his entire life, but for now he's thriving as a three-year-old boy with nothing else to do but live his life.

"Once he's outside, you can't get him in," said Abbs. "There was always a medicine to give, or something, so we never really put him outside. Now, he can just do all the fun stuff."

Abbs said it's surreal to be home again, where it was exciting just to be able to make chili in her crockpot in her own kitchen.

"I'm just not used to it yet," she said. "It's going to take some time to get used to it. You're almost still sitting on a cliff, waiting to be pushed off, but you've already been pushed off."

Abbs thanked the many friends and family who helped her family, including McKeck's staff, who raised more than \$19,000 for Bateman and his parents at a fundraiser in 2013. She highly recommends donations to the Ronald McDonald House, and stressed the importance of organ donations.

"I recommend everyone to be a donor," she said. "There's nothing greater than the gift of life."

Feeding All Four in county schools

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

During lessons, students of all ages at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) take movement breaks, engage in brain puzzles and develop compassion for others.

They're learning what the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) calls a 'way of being.'

"Feed All Four incorporates Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs," said Catherine Shedden, TLDSB manager of communications. "Knowing that you need to make sure you have fed your body, mind, emotions and spirit before you're able to learn."

The Feed All Four initiative also uses the First Nations Medicine Wheel to remind teachers and students to connect physical, mental, social and emotional health and wellness to teaching and learning.

As a result, Shedden said when it's time to learn about something like circumference, the students might head outside to measure a tree

rather than draw circles at their desks. They are able to stand or move at their desks inside, and learn to understand themselves and how others think and learn while discussing the traditional curriculum.

"My hope with this is that it will give students the ability to form great habits to be healthy, active participants in society and in their own lives to take care of themselves, and to learn to take care of others," said Michelle Kernohan, Grade 7 and 8 ASES teacher.

Kernohan said the students in her class often request a movement break to regain focus in class because they feel they are better able to pay attention and retain information if they are given the opportunity to move and be active.

"They are becoming cognizant of the benefits of taking care of themselves and are eager to learn new ways to be their best selves."

The students taking part in the initiative respond enthusiastically to "feeding all four."

"We can use this for life," said one student. "It gives us strategies to help us calm down,

concentrate and focus and manage stress."

"It can help us with challenging things we want to accomplish," said another student.

Kernohan said the initiative sets the bar for meeting the needs of the 'whole' child, and that the students are becoming closer with each other and with people outside the classroom as a result.

"It helps us create a family environment in our classroom in which kids support each other and connect with one another," said Kernohan.

To incorporate the body into learning, the students might stretch, do yoga or walk. To focus on the mind, they challenge each other with puzzles, word problems and concentration activities. Their spirit is engaged when they take active roles helping out at the

food bank or with kindergarten students, and their emotions are acknowledged by taking a time out to read quietly, enjoy nature or listen to calm music.

The initiative is catching the eye of other school boards and educational associations from around the province, and the TLDSB is sharing it with community partners as well. Shedden said some families have the Feed All Four poster on their fridge to remind them of a balanced life.

"We think Feed All Four is not just for students, and not just for staff, we think it's for everyone," said Shedden. "Everyone needs to feed all four every day so that they are able to learn and approach life in a healthy way."

To learn more about the Feed All Four initiative, visit the TLDSB web site at tldsbo.ca, or search for #FeedAllFour on Twitter.

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Michelle Kernohan
Grade 7/8 teacher

Highlander outdoors



Photo by Walt Griffin

A moose in its natural habitat in Haliburton County.

Deadline nears for moose project proposals

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

The public has until Jan. 18 to respond to three proposals intended to sustain the moose population, including a controversial proposal to ease wolf and coyote hunting regulations in Ontario.

Ontario's Moose Project was launched in September 2014 and seeks to increase the declining moose population. Phase one of the project involved restricting moose hunting opportunities. The second phase focuses on other factors for the decline, including predators. The three proposals awaiting public feedback discuss new population objectives to guide moose management, lengthening moose season by a day in southern Ontario for more consistent hunter distribution and potential changes to wolf and coyote hunting regulations in northern Ontario.

If the latter proposal is approved, hunters in northern Ontario could hunt wolves and coyotes with a small game license and would no longer require a game seal. Instead of a two-seal limit, there would be a harvest limit of two wolves per season and the coyote harvest would no longer be limited, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

"Recent population surveys have shown declines in moose populations in many parts of northern Ontario. Populations of grey wolves and their hybrids in northern Ontario have been relatively stable," said a MNRF spokesperson on the Environmental Registry (ER).

The proposal is being supported by some outdoors associations and contested by others.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) is generally supportive of the idea, according to Mark Ryckman, senior wildlife biologist.

"The OFAH has been calling for separate management of wolves and coyotes in northern Ontario since before the initiation of the Moose Project," said Ryckman.

"We support the removal of the game seal requirement, but are concerned that a two-wolf harvest limit could be insufficient to benefit moose populations in some areas."

Ontario wolf populations are protected and intact, while coyotes are abundant, according to the OFAH website.

"Not only does this proposal fail to address moose declines, it continues to endanger at-risk eastern wolves living in central Ontario and encourages the unregulated slaughter of coyotes," reads a call to action on the Earthroots website urging readers to speak out against the proposal.

Some local residents have signed petitions and written letters to the premier regarding the proposal, calling it a "wolf cull."

"Unless people stand up and speak in defence of these innocent creatures, this type of thing will keep happening because our government is unenlightened and shortsighted about what really needs to happen to protect other species we share our planet with," said Trina West, animal welfare advocate.

"Every time they meddle with something it comes out worse," said Angie Steckle, West Guilford resident. "Let nature take its course and leave things the hell alone."

Steckle said she had written letters to the MNRF, as well as to the premier but felt helpless.

West said the proposal reflected a decision that was both "bad" and "archaic."

"Obviously the appropriate answer would be to reduce hunters' ability to hunt moose, not kill off another species to offset this problem."

As part of phase one of the project, the MNRF reduced moose tag quotas by 18 per cent in 2014 and 15 per cent in 2015, according to Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer.

"Beginning in 2015, (the MNRF) shortened the calf hunting season to reduce hunting pressures," said Kowalski. "Starting in 2016, a shorter hunting season will give moose more time to complete their mating before the peak period of hunter harvest that occurs early

in the gun season."

About 92,300 moose live in Ontario. In 2013, there were an estimated 9,600 wolves, including eastern wolves, grey wolves and hybrids in the province. Under the proposed regulations, the at-risk eastern wolf would continue to be protected within Algonquin

Park and some surrounding townships.

If the proposals are approved, regulation changes would take effect in 2017.

For more information or to comment on the proposal, visit ontario.ca/moose, email mooseproject@ontario.ca or fax letters to 705-755-2901.

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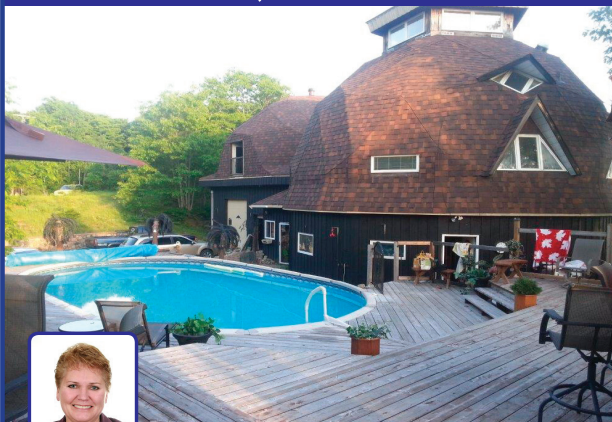
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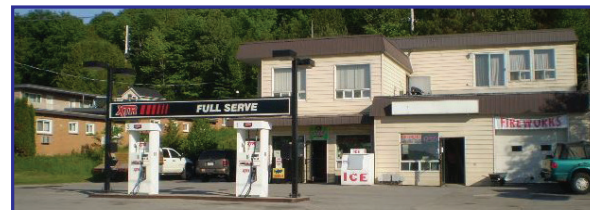
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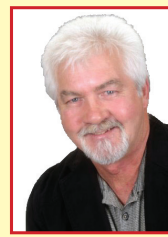
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Highlander sports

Players' hard work pays off

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Three boys on this year's senior basketball team at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) are making every second of their final hurrah count.

The team is turning heads across the league, thanks in large part to their undefeated record and exhilarating triple-overtime victory against Weldon High School Dec. 8.

All eight players on the roster showed up for a Sunday afternoon practice Jan. 10. Almost half of them have decided to stay in school for an extra year to gain more experience before pursuing a career or post-secondary education.

"We're a small team this year, but it's brought us closer," said the team's 18-year-old point guard, Hunter Smith. "We're playing much better defense this year, too."

Smith, one of the three victory lappers, has been with the team since Grade 9. His teammates Nick Thompson and Travis Carrol, both in the same situation as Smith, have played on the team since Grade 10 and 11 respectively.

Smith attributed the size of the team to their improved chemistry on and off the court. Thompson, the team's centre, said players often stay over at Smith's house when the team has a practice the next morning.

"We're a lot closer this time compared to last year when we had 15 players," Thompson said.

"We're like brothers," Smith said in agreement.

Due to a small roster and an early exit from the Central Ontario's Secondary School Athletics' (COSSA) championship last year, Smith said expectations were low when it came to the Red Hawks' performance.

"A lot of people thought with only eight



Photo by Alex Coop

From left, Travis Carrol, Nick Thompson and Hunter Smith are looking forward to playing in front of their home crowd during COSSA championships.

players we wouldn't do well," he said. "It feels good to prove them wrong."

Returning to COSSA and winning has been the goal since the beginning of the season.

"It's everybody's goal ... the coaches and the players are on the same page," Smith said.

The team's group of eight this year is the final result of a multi-year cycle, said head coach David Waito.

"One of the challenges Haliburton has is that it doesn't have the feeder programs that Lindsay and Bracebridge do," he said, referring to various Ontario Basketball Association clubs. "Because of that, we start in Grade 9 a little bit behind, but when the majority of this group started, they understood this was a four-year plan ... and the measure of the project's success will be based on what happens this year."

Smith's game has taken a big step forward, he added.

"No one has worked as hard as Hunter, in terms of how many hours he's put into his game during the summer," Waito said.

The COSSA championship, which will be hosted by HHSS at the end of February, will set the stage perfectly for Smith, Carrol and Thompson, who are looking to end their high school basketball careers on a high note.

Neither player is sure about what post-secondary life is going to bring. For the next few weeks, however, their focus will be on school and basketball. Interestingly enough, the school is focused on them as well.

"When we walk down the hallways at school people are coming up to us and asking when our next game is," Smith said. "Everyone is excited about this team."

Red Hawks extend winning streak, remain in first

By Alex Coop

With files from Gordon Cochrane

By defeating Brock High School Jan. 7, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior basketball team remained undefeated in conference play and extended its winning record to 6-0.

A successful trap defense at the start of the game gave the visiting Red Hawks the upper

hand as they entered the second quarter with an 8-3 lead. That lead was extended to 18-9 at halftime and after three quarters, ballooned to a 14-point advantage. The Red Hawks cruised to the end and won 37-24, led by point guard Hunter Smith's 11 points and five rebounds.

McKay Conebeare's strong performance on the defensive end, a trend that's continued since the beginning of the season, provided

the team with a big boost, said head coach Dave Waito.

The Red Hawk's road game Jan. 12 against Weldon High School was cancelled and has not been rescheduled.

HHSS defeated Weldon in triple-overtime Dec. 8, which is Weldon's only loss of the season.

Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Dec. 14

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 225
High single: Ken Thompson – 302
High single handi: Ken Thompson – 331
High triple: Claude Cote – 705
High triple handi: Vic Ross – 743
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 182
High single: Chris Cote – 215
High single handi: Anna Shuster – 250
High triple: Chris Cote – 687
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 692

Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 15

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 225
High single: Claude Cote – 285
High single handi: Claude Cote – 287
High triple: Claude Cote – 721
High triple handi: Claude Cote – 727
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Chris Cote – 197
High single handi: Barb Milligan – 251
High triple: Chris Cote – 552
High triple handi: Shirley Venner – 715

Wednesday Special Olympics, Nov. 25

MEN: Ross Anderson – 189
Gerald McKnight – 161
Russell Whetstone – 159
WOMEN: Melinda Nesbitt – 163
Skylar Pratt – 149
Dawn Piercey – 118

Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17

MEN: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 195
High single: Gerry Wagg – 273
High single handi: Gerry Wagg – 297
High triple: Gerry Wagg – 603
High triple handi: Stu Vanderburg – 698
WOMEN: High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 182
High single: Pat Stiver – 205
High single handi: Carol Gilligan – 268
High triple: Pat Stiver – 531
High triple handi: Pat Stiver – 687

Friday afternoon, Dec. 18

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 215
High single: Claude Cote – 266
High single handi: Gary Hunt – 279
High triple: Claude Cote – 696
High triple handi: Gary Hunt – 734
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TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

1



**Jace Mills
TYKE**

It was a big weekend for the Highland Storm Tyke team, as they were crowned champions at the Millbrook Stars Tournament. The Storm won all three games by a combined score of 30-4. Jace was named one of the three stars for his second time for racking up an astounding 12 goals.

Stats	G	A	GP
	12	0	3

2



**Paydon Miscio
MIDGET**

Paydon's red-hot streak has yet to slow down, as he's the first Storm player to receive a three-star nomination two times in a month. On the weekend he recorded a goal and four assists over a three-game span. The Storm now prepare for the first round of playoffs against the Parry Sound Shamrocks.

Stats	G	A	GP
	1	4	3

3



**Jaydon Wood
MIDGET**

Captain Jaydon Wood has been a consistent threat for the Highland Storm Midget team all season, racking up points in virtually every game. This past weekend was no different, as Jaydon continued his point-per-game pace, recording two goals and two assists over three games. The season is finalized this Friday as the Storm have one last game of the regular season before play-offs get under way.

Stats	G	A	GP
	2	2	3

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Ice ready for Sandy Lane shinny

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

There's nothing like hockey played on freshly made ice.

Owners of the Sandy Lane Resort agree and are busy prepping for their eighth annual pond hockey tournament, despite the unseasonably warm weather. The tournament is part of a package deal the resort offers and is set to take place Jan. 15 to 17.

"We have been hosting the pond hockey tournament for the past eight years," said Joachim Matysek, who owns Sandy Lane. He admitted he has an affinity for the sport. He played in Haliburton

as a kid many years ago, which introduced him to the area initially. Matysek and his family have been in the Highlands for the past 30 years and continue to promote local activities to those who stay at the resort.

"It's part of the winter scene and compliments my winter business," Matysek said. "People come up to the Highlands to go dogsledding, downhill skiing, ice fishing among other things, so it just seemed like a natural extension of the business."

The tournament is four-on-four hockey for two 15-minute periods and teams are guaranteed three games. With no goalies, the

rules and nets are modified, said Matysek.

"We can do maximum 12 teams, but normally have six to eight teams registered to play," he said, adding some of the teams travel as far as London, Ont. to play, but the vast majority come from southern Ontario.

Matysek referees the tournament, alongside other local resident Darren Mills, and hires

a few others locally to assist with ice maintenance on the day of the tournament.

"The first two weekends after the new year are relatively quiet from a business sense," Matysek said. And due to the weather, the two rinks took a few weeks longer to set up. They are usually up and running by the last week of December but took until Jan. 3 to prepare.

"It's looking good," he said. "If the weather man is correct in what he is saying, it's going to be great!"

The tournament is open to those who rent a cottage for the two-day period and is \$136/per person for the weekend. Prizes are available depending on the number of teams registered to participate.

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Submitted by Joachim Matysek
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Juniors: 11 am - 12 pm

Intermediates: 12 pm - 1 pm

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Highland Storm



Photo submitted by Amanda Rowden

The Highland Storm Tykes outscored their opponents 30-4 at the Millbrook Tyke Tournament this past weekend, winning all three of their games and the championship.

Tykes win tourney in Millbrook

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team competed in the Millbrook Tyke tournament Jan. 9-10.

Their first game, on Saturday, was against Ottonabee where the Storm were tested early but were able to rise to the challenge. Brady Burtch, Brechin Johnston, Evan Jones, Vanek Logan, Jace Mills and McLean Rowden all scored goals to help the Storm seal the victory 9-1.

It was another solid goaltending performance by Chase Winder.

In their second game, the Storm squared off against Lindsay who held the Storm to a 1-1 tie at the end of the first period. Midway through the second period, the Storm hit their stride and

started to find the back of the net. Brady Burtch, Connor Byrne, Jace Mills and McLean Rowden all scored goals and helped send the team to the A Finals with an 8-2 win.

With two wins under their belt and the championship medal on the line, the Storm were set to face Mariposa in the A Final. The Storm put forth a solid team effort, with many players adding to the final tally. Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Parker Simms all found the back of the net. The Storm won the game and the tournament with a 13-1 win. The Player of the Game was awarded to Jace Mills.

Congratulations team on a great weekend of hockey. The Tyke team is back in action Jan. 15 when they take on the Huntsville Otters.

Storm reports

Midget As busy before playoffs

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team hosted a Tuesday night contest Jan. 5 against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in Minden.

The game opened at a quick pace and the home side was equal to the task, ending the first period down by one. The second period followed at the same pace and the Storm had a three-minute, five-on-three, but couldn't solve the Shamrock net minder and the second period ended at 3-0, Parry Sound. As the Highlanders were frustrated, it all boiled over in a physical, penalty filled third finishing 5-0.

The Storm traveled to Parry Sound Jan. 8 for the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament, a precursor to the playoffs. The Highlanders opened against the Huntsville Otters and spectators were treated to an action packed even first period with both teams scoring one, the Storms by Owen Patterson-Smith. The next period found Huntsville gain an edge scoring three to end the period 4-1 for them. The third the Highlanders stormed back with two goals by Jaydon Wood to pull within one but, with the goalie pulled for an extra attacker, the Otters paddled the puck into the empty net for a 5-3 final.

The locals faced off against the Parry Sound Shamrocks Jan. 9, who they will face in the first round of the upcoming playoffs. The first period pace was a little sluggish by both sides with the Shamrocks using their magic to find the back of the net first and it ended 1-0. The second found the pace picking up and goalie Parker "The Smolen Wall" Smolen had to make key saves to keep the tournament hosts at bay until the Storm's Chris Thompson evened the contest at 1-1 to end the sector. In the third the Storm felt the game was theirs and relentlessly rained shots on Parry Sound until Mac Rider scored midway through with Chris Thompson following with his second and then scored the trick in an empty net for

a 4-1 win. It was a great morale boost against their first round playoff opponent!

The afternoon game was against the South Muskoka Bears from Bracebridge. Both sides came out in a cautious, defensive stance with the Bears sneaking one through quickly in the first. The Highlanders answered later on a feed from Jaydon Wood to Paydon Miscio, who was finally rewarded for his mammoth presence in the game. The second period found the game more open with South Muskoka scoring the go-ahead tally midway through, but Nolan Flood scored the equalizer on another feed from captain, Jaydon Wood.

The third found both teams trading chances with the Bears taking the lead once more midway in the fragment but the Storm tied it up, with six minutes left, yet again by Flood from Owen Patterson-Smith and Miscio. With tension filling the confines of the Bobby Orr Community Centre, South Muskoka tallied to lead by one and with desperation filling the local side the resilient bunch netted the tying score with 3 minutes left on a shot by Patterson-Smith from Wood, the period expired knotted at four. This led to a sudden death four-on-four, three-minute overtime segment which saw both teams trade chances but none finding the back of net. Next up was a three-on-three, three minute stanza, where the Bears snuck it in with four second left to clinch the OT and a spot in the final.

The Storm had an energetic tourney against their division rivals and had outstanding performances over the weekend by Mark Saville and Greg Crofts who do not often find the spotlight shining on them. The season is finalized Jan. 15 in Huntsville and then "wayward ho" to play-offs against Parry Sound.

PeeWee AEs wow crowd

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and Walkers Heating and Cooling Highland Storm PeeWee AE's faced off against the Huntsville Otters this past

weekend. They were eagerly looking forward to a rematch following their 4-3 loss the week before.

Huntsville took advantage early and got the first goal six minutes in. The Storm were effective killing off a penalty shortly after and took the momentum one step further, as Sam Hoenow tied the game one-handing his own rebound past the Otter goaltender.

Huntsville would retake the lead with a little tap-in that just squeaked past Storm net minder Nathan Miscio. Some fine defensive play by Mathias Lee kept the Otters from adding to their lead and some open ice rushes from Ben Robinson almost tied it up for the Storm.

In the second period, Brendan Coumbs converted a perfect pass from Kolby McGovern for the Storm's tying goal. The teams would remain deadlocked at two with wonderful end to end minor league hockey action until Sam Hoenow found himself one on one against the Otter goaltender. His bar-down wrist shot in close would give our locals the 3-2 lead heading into the final frame.

The Storm took advantage of a late second period Otter penalty when Tyler Martin gave the Storm a two goal cushion early in the third period, with a powerful end-to-end goal rush. Huntsville would respond with a power play goal to cut the Storm lead in half and then knot the game at four only 30 seconds later. The Storm had one last chance for the win with a minute to go when Hoenow once again found himself one on one with the feisty Otter goal keeper only to see the puck roll off his stick and go wide.

The game ended in a very entertaining 4-4 tie, with the local fans anticipating a highly possible opening round against the Otters in the first round of the playoffs.

Bantam As suffer tournament loss

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team were part of the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament this weekend. It started against the

Huntsville Otters Jan. 9 in Port Carling. It's always been a tough go against the Otters and this game was no different.

The Storm had a bit of a slow start, allowing the Otters the first goal, but started to pick up momentum later in the first period. Lucas Haedicke controlled the puck behind the Otter's net, made the quick pass to Nigel Smith, who found the opening for the Storm's tying goal.

The Otters answered back with another, taking the lead once more in the second period. Both teams continued to battle. Seconds into the third period, while on a power play, Austin French took a point shot for a top corner goal. Assists coming from Owen Gilbert and Nik Dollo. Now tied 2-2, with lots of time on the clock midway through the third, the Otters scored again.

The Storm continued to work hard, as less than two minutes in the game, it was time to pull the goalie and get the extra man. Even so, it wasn't enough, resulting in the 4-2 loss for the Storm.

The second game of the tournament was against the South Muskoka Bears. The first period was hard hitting, with end-to-end action, though scoreless. Midway through the second period, the Storm pushed hard to the net and got the first goal, by Nik Dollo. The Storm started the third period strong at 1-0 but that's when things changed. The penalties began and didn't stop. The exciting fun game of hockey was lost and so was the game, ending in a 2-1 loss and the end of the tournament for the Storm.

Novice team loses

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Highland Storm Novice team took to the road this weekend, facing the Muskoka Rock. It was a well fought battle, however, the Storm fell short and lost 3-2. Goals scored by Addison Carr and Nathan Morrison. The team will host the Muskoka-Parry Sound playoff tournament at the A.J. LaRue arena on Jan. 16 and 17 with the first game at 9 a.m. against the Bracebridge Bears.

Haliburton Wolves



January 7
7:30PM in Haliburton vs.
South Muskoka Shield
6-3 LOSS

January 9
7:00PM in Bracebridge vs.
Bracebridge Blues
3-2 LOSS

January 10
7:30PM in Haliburton vs.
Coldwater Falcons
9-6 LOSS

January 14
7:30PM in Haliburton vs.
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January 15
8:30PM in Sturgeon Falls vs.
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Family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Dawson and Dr. Conway and all the staff of Haliburton Hospital for the excellent and compassionate care.
There will be a celebration of life at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Jan. 16th at 1 pm.
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EVENTS

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EVENTS

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Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary meeting February 3, 1:00pm. Ruth Parkes room Haliburton Hospital Lower floor. We will be discussing 'next steps' for 2016. Fundraising activities, membership drive. For more info contact Tracey Lear tlearn@sympatico.ca

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During this 3-year contract, the SPARC Network Coordinator will have established a Provincial Steering Committee, an online network, and 8 performing arts community hubs across rural Ontario.

The successful candidate will have an interest in the performing arts, strong communication and organizational skills, budget competency, expertise in social media, working knowledge of network development and community engagement. You are a creative self-starter and leader, able to balance working with project stakeholders, communities, and the SPARC Network Steering Committee.

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9. Author Dr. ____

14. Depict

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18. Fodder tower

19. Passion

20. Slangy assent

21. Prickly plants

23. Before, to Shakespeare

24. Laundry appliance

26. Trapped

29. Alpine dwelling

32. Capital of Oregon

34. Send payment

35. Custodian

39. Lode yield

40. Unidealistic one
42. Right you ____!

43. Made more compact

45. Caesar's language

47. Vows

48. Notice

49. Morally pure

52. Swift

53. Hearing organ

54. Mature

57. Decorator's advice

61. Sports locale

64. Painter Salvador ____

65. Astounds

66. Penn and Connery

67. She, to Pierre

68. Jail room

69. Road curves

70. Official stamp

71. Threesome

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1. Circular current

2. Cleveland's waterfront

3. Volcanic rock

4. African language

5. Team's symbol

6. Korean, e.g.

7. Powder mineral

8. Blot

9. Bus depot (abbr.)

10. Always, poetically

11. Below

12. Shop

13. Fragment

22. Small landmasses

25. Hideaway

27. Stinging plants

28. MD's group

29. Gator's kin

30. Submarine sandwich

31. Prayer close

32. ____ tax
33. Moistureless

35. Pocket money

36. ____ Winslet of "Titanic"

37. Guitarist ____ Clapton

38. Monthly expense

41. Join in

44. Pedro's "two"

46. Lure

48. Frontiersman ____ Boone

49. Stop

50. Rabbits' kin

51. Regions

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55. March date

56. Lacking color

58. Wide-spouted pitcher

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63. Mule's father

JANUARY 2016 EVENTS			
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Snowshoeing – 10:00am – 11:00am – Guided walk – Haliburton Museum – snowshoes available – everyone welcome	Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm	Flying – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm Library – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm Family Kung Fu - 6 weeks - Dorset Rec Centre – 1:30pm - 2:30p.m. - \$30 for the session 705-766-9968	Free Public Skating – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 6:45pm – 8:45pm Tai Chi – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:30am – 12:00pm Pickle Ball – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Pickle Ball – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm Library – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm Bid Euchre – Cardiff Community Centre – 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Library – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm Bingo – Harcourt Community Centre – 7:30pm – 9:30pm Walking Wednesdays – 9:30am – 11:00am – Rails End Gallery – Everyone Welcome	Snowshoeing – 10:00am – 11:00am – Guided walk – Haliburton Museum – snowshoes available – everyone welcome CFUW Speaker – Marilynne L'Esperance: Minden Community Food Hub – 1:30pm - -Fleming College
18	19	20	21

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION JAN. 14 - JAN. 21, 2016		
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 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 Live entertainment featuring country/folk music featuring The Highlands Trio, Saturday, Jan. 16, 4-7 pm Pulled pork on a bun for \$6 by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$5 cover charge for non-members.	Minden Branch 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. Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order. Monthly restaurant certificate draw date, Friday, Jan. 29	Wilberforce Branch Youth League, Thursday Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday Spaghetti dinner, 5-7 p.m., Friday Jam session, 7:30 p.m., Friday Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Robbie Burns Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 23, refreshments 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. \$15.00/ person, tickets available at the bar – Entertainment following dinner. Pat & Phyllis Gallen Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, Jan. 30, weigh in 3-6 p.m. at the branch.

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What's on



Photo by Walt Griffin

Minden Kin Club were hard at work last week, prepping the ice track in Minden.

Thrills and chills at Minden ice races

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Weather permitting, ice racers from across Ontario will be putting their cars on the track in Minden starting Jan. 23.

The annual Canadian Automobile Sports Club (CASC) racing series has been held at the Minden Fairgrounds for almost 40 years.

Members of the Minden Kin Club, who volunteer to build and maintain the ice track for the five-week length of the series, started flooding the fairgrounds on the first day of cold weather this season. The track is then rented to the CASC, as well as car companies who test tires on the ice and the ILR car

control school.

"It is a lot of work, but we don't mind doing the work because it brings a lot of money into the community," said Kin Club president Andy Rickard. "We put a lot of hours into it, but we're getting a fair return."

The Kin Club supports local causes throughout the year with proceeds from the ice rental. About 100 drivers come to the track from around the province and Rickard said they generally stay the weekend, supporting the community through accommodation rental and restaurant patronage.

The land-based track and ice racing series is unique to Minden, which is the only place in Ontario to host such a motorsport event. It

used to be held throughout Ontario on frozen lakes and rivers, but the Kin Club offered to host the event in Minden when safety due to ice conditions became an issue in the 1970s. The club members volunteer their time and support the event through their local businesses.

"Everybody has kicked in a little bit, here and there," said Rickard.

Snowbanks are built up around the track and allow fans to watch the races throughout the day. Heated bathrooms are on-site, as is a hot food booth.

"It's a spectator sport, but you've got to be a winter-type person to stand out in the cold and watch it," said Tom Prentice, former Kin Club

president. He said people come to enjoy the "thrills and chills."

The Minden ice races take place every weekend from Jan. 23 to the last weekend of February, weather permitting. A rain date will be held on the March 5 weekend if necessary. Racers will be on the track from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. The event is free for spectators.

To participate in a race, visit the CASC web site at casc.on.ca. For more information about the ILR car control school visit carcontrolschool.com. For more information about the Kin Club, visit www.mindenkinsmen.ca.

Highlander events

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Annual General Meeting & Dinner

Election Year with Constitution Changes

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Minden United Church

Social at 5pm and Dinner at 5:30pm

\$20 per person

**Ticket reservations call
Anne at 705-286-6155 or
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Photo by Mark Arike

A dancer glows under black lights while blowing bubbles.

Audience joins Alice for an adventure

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Children and families took a trip through the looking glass Jan. 10.

Colourful costumes, black lights, acrobatics and antics made for one magical journey at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion as Alice hit the stage. The one-hour show, which was presented by Motus O

Dance Theatre of Stouffville, was part of the Razzamataz Kids' Shows! series.

In addition to the out-of-town talent, the show featured young dancers from the community who participated in a dance workshop held Jan. 9-10.

The next show, *Everybody Loves Pirates*, will be held Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the same venue.

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until 11pm (or later)**



Photo by Walt Griffin

Callum and Isaac Griffin from Norland hold beaver hides at the Minden District Fur Harvesters Winter Workshop in Minden.

Trappers show off their skills

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

The 28th annual Winter Workshop, hosted by Minden District Fur Harvesters, took place at the Minden Community Centre Jan. 10. Vendors from all over Ontario, some as far as North Bay, travelled to the annual trapper and hunter show despite the rainy weather.

Attendance was pretty steady, similar to last year's event, said president of the Minden District Fur Harvesters Paul Arkwright. The Fur Harvesters have more than 100 active members still trapping in the industry from the area, and are encouraging

the younger generation to become part of the trade every chance they get.

The workshop included a junior category for those aged 15 and under, testing their skills in pelt preparation and fur handling rules.

Vendor Steve Mathewson has been coming to the show for eight years, but mentioned his father, Joe, has seen 25-30 of them. Mathewson travels from Fenelon Falls to showcase and sell his trap supplies.

"We always do well at the show," Mathewson said.

For more information about the Minden District Fur Harvesters, visit mindendistrictfurthervesters.com.

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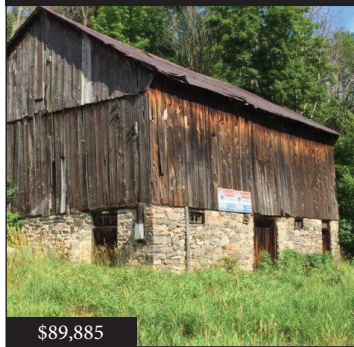
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