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Snowmobiler dead after truck collision

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

A 51-year-old snowmobiler is dead after colliding with a pickup truck Monday afternoon on Francis Road in Gelert.

Scott McLean of Tillsonburg was heading west on the Victoria Rail Trail when he tried to cross Francis Road and struck a southbound truck driven by Gooderham resident Cheryl-Ann Haywood.

She and her passenger, Donna Simmons, were delivering mail when the snowmobile hit their Dodge Diesel Ram truck.

"It came at me so quick, I really didn't know what happened," said Haywood. "I thought it was a deer."

Haywood and Simmons, who both have volunteer firefighter training, jumped into action. Haywood called 911 and Simmons attempted to perform CPR on McLean.

"I'm not doing too bad, I guess," said Haywood. "I'm very shaken, and very sorry for the loss of the person's family. He was a stranger I never knew."

Haywood said the accident was shocking as she hasn't received a ticket or been in an accident in more than 20 years of driving. She was driving her husband's truck because her van wouldn't start.

"It wouldn't start yesterday morning, so I took the truck," she said. "If not, I wouldn't be here today. Somebody's watching me, that's for sure."

Haywood has been temporarily covering the route of a mail carrier who was seriously injured in December after swerving to avoid a deer. She praised local first responders for their kindness, as well as Canada Post and her family for their concern.

Since the accident, Haywood said several of her friends who are snowmobilers said they often don't take notice of stop signs along snowmobile routes.

"I hope everyone realizes those stop signs are there for a reason, for the safety of themselves and of others," she said.

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Photo by Alex Coop

Hunter Smith keeps the ball away from a Lakefield defender during the second half of a See "Centre" on page 2 | home game on Jan. 19. See page 13 for story

Tourist centre in limbo

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The fate of the county's Tourist Information Centre in Minden hangs in the balance, again. Only 3,705 visitors stopped by in the first 10 months of 2015, and tourism director Amanda Virtanen suggests it's time for a change.

On Jan. 13, she offered the county tourism committee three options for the centre, which occupies a Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce-owned building on Highway 35: continue as is, seek a new location over the next year, or move it to the County of Haliburton administration office in Minden.

It costs roughly \$61,000 a year to operate the centre (excluding full-time staff costs) and the numbers don't make sense, Virtanen told The Highlander.

The cost per customer engagement is \$23.58, which doesn't include the 30 per cent of people who used only the bathroom. Costs for online marketing are dramatically lower, at only \$0.003 per digital impression.

"It's important to realize what the investment is versus the number of people who are coming into the tourism centre," Virtanen



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Centre needs to be impressive

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The last option in her report has the centre remaining on the highway until April 30 and then relocating to the county's administration office in Minden. That makes a lot of sense, Virtanen told *The Highlander* after the Jan. 13 meeting.

"We would still be able to do all the activities we do at the tourism centre, except it will be based out of the county building," she said.

"But it's not my decision, it's the decision of the tourism committee and the county council."

This option would also provide the chamber 90 days to figure out what to do with the Highway 35 property.

Chamber manager Rosemarie Jung said she was unable to discuss the future of the building.

"We're still in discussions at the moment."

Virtanen said that people have been using the Internet for tourism inquiries rather than walking into the centre.

She doesn't want to take the whole centre online, but other options have to be considered.

She pointed to Algonquin Park's centre as an example of success. Rick Stronks, chief park naturalist at Algonquin Park, said that centre attracted about 190,000 people in 2015.

The combination of staff-driven programs and interactive displays resonates with people who decide to drop in, he said. Its budget is roughly \$240,000, which doesn't include

full-time staff members, and is not something the Tourist Information Centre in Haliburton can match, said Virtanen. Small details, however, could make a centre more interactive.

"For a tourism centre to be a real draw for people it has to be very impressive, and has to have ample parking, interactive displays and other things that the County of Haliburton is not ready to invest in, so we have to look at another approach," she said.

County warden and Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt doesn't know what the decision will be on Jan. 27.

"I haven't got any idea what the group decision will be, but I think there is some fairly compelling evidence that those dollars are better spent elsewhere," she said.

The tourism stakeholder's committee held a meeting on Jan. 20. Members filled out a survey about which option they preferred.

The survey results were not available at press time, but Martin said many members believed there is a lot of value in having a Tourist Information Centre.

Visitors to the centre appreciated the personal contact, said Barry Martin, co-chair of the committee.

"There's a great deal of interest in the future of the visitor centre, and we appreciate having an opportunity to have a say in the decision," Martin said.

Survey results will be forwarded to county council prior to the meeting on Jan. 27.

Dysart helping residents save energy

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Dysart residents looking for ways to reduce their hydro bills are encouraged to take advantage of the municipality's kilowatt meters.

The Environment and Conservation Committee's "Kill-A-Watt" program, a recently implemented initiative, provides the public with free access to one of two kilowatt meters.

"A lot of people don't know that a stereo or computer is still drawing power if it's plugged in, even if it's not turned on," said Tamara Wilbee, Dysart's chief administrative officer. "We want to get the message out that there are things people can do to cut costs in their own home and help the environment at the same time."

Conserve - A Cottage Story, a video published by the committee in 2011, was the starting point for the Kill-A-Watt program, Wilbee said. The video, which can be viewed on the township's website, features Lee Battiston, a member of Dysart's Environment and Green Energy Committee. In the video, he uses a kilowatt meter and methodically identifies his cottage's primary energy consumers. Battiston calls this

the "plug walk." Once the walk is complete, he begins to make minor adjustments to his cottage which ultimately results in a reduced hydro bill. The video is 10 minutes long and focuses heavily on how one can reduce hydro bills without dramatically altering daily routines.

"We have a heat line on our water heater and it was using about \$200 worth of energy per month during the winter, so we buried our line and only use it when it's below -20 degrees. That resulted in substantial savings," he told *The Highlander*.

Once the minor adjustments to his cottage were complete, Battiston and his family saved around \$3,500 per year on electricity. He acknowledged the important role windmills and solar panels play in the evolution of Ontario's energy landscape, but said there are plenty of ways to conserve energy while leaving a specific lifestyle intact.

"When you look at the whole energy field there are all kinds of windmills and solar panels you can buy that are expensive, but conservation is by far the best bang for your buck."

The video's message of conservation resonated with the environment committee, and as a result, Kill-A-Watt was born.

Based on his experience with the measuring tool, which he used in his own home, Brian Nicholson, public works manager for Dysart, had positive things to say about the kilowatt meters.

The plug walk he performed uncovered an inefficient 30-year-old fridge, which when replaced saved him and his family a lot of money.

Now, a new meter is making its way around the municipal office. Its enhanced capabilities allow it to measure larger items' energy consumption. It's unknown when the new meter will join the Kill-A-Watt initiative.

"It can measure heavier appliances like commercial freezers and compressors," Nicholson said.

He praised the conservation committee's ongoing dedication to finding ways to reduce consumption rates in the municipality.

"To me it speaks volumes when [committee] members are going out and purchasing this stuff and trying it," he said.

Wilbee said the meters used in the Kill-A-Watt program cost them about \$40 each.

Dysart itself is looking into using less energy. Municipalities across the province have been required to report annual energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions since the Ontario Green Energy Act's inception in 2009. Townships must also develop Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plans (CDM Plan). The informative videos and Kill-A-Watt program fall under Dysart's CDM Plan, which also says municipal operations' consumption of fuels and electricity will decrease by 1.5 per cent per year between now and 2020.

The full CDM Plan can be viewed on Dysart's website

Wilbee said anyone interested in using a kilowatt meter can call the municipality office or drop by in person to sign one out.



Highlander news

New county treasurer replacing Janke

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

After 14 years serving the county as treasurer, Laura Janke is retiring.

Janke joined the county in 2002 after working in the City of Kawartha Lakes finance departments, as a financial services coordinator in Lindsay and as a senior accountant at BDO/Ward Mallet.

Alongside financial responsibilities in the county, Janke has also been responsible for the management of the information technology (IT) department. She was part of projects to bring high speed internet to the county in 2002 and negotiation efforts to resolve issues with the Ontario Provincial Police's new billing model in 2014.

"Not being successful with the OPP billing was a tough one," said Janke. "I certainly gave it my all."

Janke said it has been a highlight of her time here to "[treat] the county money as if it was my own, and always try to make the best decision possible for the ratepayers."

An avid snowshoer, kayaker, camper and outdoors enthusiast, she will vacation in Florida after retiring, and hopes to be active cutting wood for those in need.

"But first, some time with my four little grandchildren," she said. "They can hardly wait for 'Nan' to pick them up for playdates." Incoming county treasurer Elaine Taylor

began working for the county Jan. 11. She worked at BDO Dunwoody and was most recently the director of finance at St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener, where she was responsible for a \$154 million budget. She is a chartered professional accountant, chartered accountant (CPA CA) with more than 12 years of financial management experience in public sector accounting.

"I'm looking forward to providing clear and transparent financial information to our stakeholders," said Taylor. "The challenge with public sector is providing the necessary services with limited resources. I have always enjoyed that challenge."

Taylor has training in LEAN, a system of identifying efficiencies in organizations and processes, which she said will benefit the

"LEAN is about becoming more efficient and more effective, often through standardization," said Taylor. "Eventually, LEAN should allow the county to continue to contain or potentially decrease costs while contuining to meet the needs of residents."

Taylor needs to complete four classes to finalize her AMCTO diploma in municipal administration, which she expects to receive by the end of this year.

For more than 22 years, Taylor has been an avid rock and ice climber and has done so while traveling in France, Cuba and

throughout North America. She has visited Haliburton County on many weekends over the past 20 years to partake of her hobbies. She also skis, runs, mountain bikes and practices yoga.

"[Haliburton County] is a beautiful place to work and play," said Taylor. "The position of treasurer allows me to apply my knowledge in a way that potentially changes people's lives for the better, allowing me to make a difference."

Janke retires Jan. 27, at which point Taylor will be appointed county treasurer.

Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Stretching for a good cause

Haliburton Yoga owner Lynda Shadbolt teamed up with Baked and Battered's owners, Colby Marsellas and Craig Gordon, to raise money for Food for Kids Haliburton. It's the third year Shadbolt has hosted yoga sessions, both at the restaurant and her studio, raising \$1,020 for the program. The money isn't just for Haliburton, County cooridinator Aaron Walker says, but for 1,200 of the county's elementary school kids and the Adult Education and Training Centre. Thom Lambert, a ceramic artist based in Haliburton, also donated prizes for three of the sessions, making it a team effort. Pictured above: Craig Gordon, Aaron Walker, Lynda Shadbolt, Thom Lambert and Colby Marsellas.





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Speed a factor: police

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Haywood plans to return to work

The OPP would not confirm if the snowmobiler had run a stop sign, but said speed was a contributing factor in the accident.

Francis Road was closed for about five hours on Monday.

The accident is the second serious snowmobiling incident in two days in Haliburton County. On Sunday, a 41-year-old man was airlifted to hospital after an accident on Nomad Road in Haliburton.

The OPP and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs

launched Provincial Snowmobile Safety Week on Saturday. It aims to remind drivers to be aware of snowmobilers along roads or at crossroads of trails, and asks snowmobilers to be aware of personal safety and not ride while impaired, after dark or at dangerous speeds.

There were 15 snowmobilerelated fatalities in the province last winter, a decrease from the previous two winters. Eighty-seven per cent of those fatalities involved male riders, and 58 per cent were riders or passengers between the ages of 35 and 54.



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Editorial opinion

We're doing all right

Energy conservation and efficiency are on the tip of many tongues.

Hydro rates, which jumped again in November, have hit thousands of households and small businesses. Minimizing power consumption and lowering the bill is high on many to-do lists and it doesn't require a blow to your daily lifestyle.

It seems that message is resonating in Haliburton County, a result of various elements coming together.

Dysart's environment and conservation committee has a unique program that involves free access to a kilowatt meter. It's an excellent place to start when it comes to reducing consumption as it identifies what items are the major power suckers contributing the most to your bill. Simply plug in and take notes.

It's a process that's worth undertaking, because as committee member Lee Battiston pointed out in this week's *Highlander*, there is potential to save \$3,500 per year.

Townships across the county have a relatively strong focus on clean and efficient power use. Minden Hills' recently formed renewable energy task force will likely influence a lot of the township's energy-related decisions in the future. The new Harcourt Hall will be built with energy efficiency in mind, which isn't a ground-breaking achievement worthy of high fives and fist bumps, but is worth recognizing because residents didn't have to think long about whether or not this was something worth pursuing. They knew it was, because our mindset towards efficiency and clean power is where it needs to be.

Haliburton County's unified stance is encouraging. Ontario's Green Energy Act, helped to push reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. It's also done an admirable job informing people of what kind of future we're moving towards and how we can make it better. It's helped influence the creation of simple initiatives like the distribution of kilowatt meters, which actually deliver meaningful results

But we can always do better. The county's online and offline marketing platforms are in an awkward transitional phase. How far do we push one without minimizing the effects

of the other? What can we do in-person that can't we can't offer online? How do we balance our demographics?

Our focus is in the right place, despite the occasional



By Alex Coop

fumble in marketing. Returning to Ontario after spending some time out west, it's been interesting to see how differently two communities approach the topic of renewable energy and how they market the importance of conservation. In Estevan, Sask., over the past two years, conversations surrounding the energy business often revolved around fossil fuels, strip mines and oil recovery. These industries are the source of income for thousands of families.

But the extent, to which many people were misinformed about the potential of renewable energy, was unfortunate. Conservation and efficiency weren't high priority.

The province tried to convince everyone that coal was still a big part of the nation's energy landscape moving forward, and in the process, placed renewable power in the back of everybody's mind.

During the construction of a costly \$1.4 billion carbon capture building, which went online in October 2014, anything to do with renewable power or conservation was severely over-looked. The experiment was designed to capture the released carbon emitted by a coal fire plant located next to Estevan. Captured carbon was then sold to a nearby oil company for enhanced oil recovery. An early assessment of the project revealed technical issues forced the plant to work only 45 per cent of the time. A seemingly large waste of money that could have been used to slowly usher in a new energy business model in a province that is always flat, sunny and windy. Wind farms and solar panels love that kind of landscape.

There is plenty of room to grow when it comes to minimizing our energy footprint in Haliburton, but it seems we're heading in a refreshingly different direction, and I welcome it with open arms.

Giving winter the boot

The return of the colder weather got me thinking about winter footwear of years ago.

The first item that came to mind was galoshes. The galosh, which I presume is the singular, is a rubber boot that rises past the ankle, encasing your shoe and closing with a zipper or a series of clips. Galoshes: from the French, galoches, invented by... well we are really not sure. Someone names Radley is credited with coming up with the idea in England after reading up on the efforts of Caesar's legions to keep their feet dry and warm by wrapping them in skins. Alas, one Alvin Rickman registered a patent for an overshoe in 1898. The invention of vulcanization, which allowed rubber to remain pliable in cold temperatures, served as a midwife to the birth of galoshes.

I hated them.

They were the winter wear of choice when I was in elementary and secondary school and, well, most of my fellow students agreed with me that they looked pretty dorky. They were big and clumpy and the only reason they were worn was that mothers insisted (which led to the more contemporary admonition... "Make sure you wear your rubbers.")

Because galoshes were worn over the shoes, they were a size or two bigger than the shoe size, which, in my case, added to the enormity of black rubber growths on the ends of my legs. To enhance the dork factor, there were some who slipped plastic bags over their shoes before donning a pair of galoshes, adding a colourful fringe sticking out of the top of the boot... charming.

Nearly everyone wore them. Nearly everyone cursed them. The road salt and sand would gum up the zippers and often make them impossible to close or open. To add to the aggravation, sometimes you could get the zipper up, but once you got to school it wouldn't zip down, trapping your foot in the tight fitting boot and requiring you to spend the day clomping about the school, attracting the admiring glances of young girls who were always on the look-out for a young man fetchingly turned out in an oversized black boot.

We all "loved" the metal clasps that were used to secure the galoshes that didn't have

zippers. With four or five sets, the clip would be threaded through a metal "ladder" on the opposite side of the boot and then pushed back to lock it in place. And what a squeal the clasps made as it was pushed closed...something akin



By Jack Brezina

to fingernails on a blackboard. I hated these worse than the zipper ones. They looked even dorkier. The one advantage being these seldom ceased to function like the zippers, other than occasionally freezing shut, a problem that was quickly solved once back in a warm environment.

The frozen clasp was not a problem, because I, along with my fellow students, had learned there was one way to pull off the cool look with galoshes... remember our mothers made sure we were all wearing them when we left the house. The moment we were out of sight we would undo the clasps or open the zipper. What a fashion statement! Giant black rubber overshoes jauntily flapping like wounded ducks with every step, and, if yours had the clasps, rattling as well. We were sure the nonchalance of the open front flap had surely all but erased the dork factor and we cut quite a vision as we waddled our way to school.

I haven't seen a pair of galoshes in decades. The internet shows they still exist and although a search for images resulted in a bunch of overshoes that looked more like Duckies than boots, I was able to locate a number of sites featuring galoshes. One army surplus outlet in the United States listed them in their inventory, but alas they were sold out. Just as well, as they were only offering sizes 10 and 11. I also located a pair on ebay.com with metal clasps and all, but they turned out to be available only in children's sizes. The price, \$112.

Even if they did have them in my size, the price seemed just a little steep. And, upon reflection, I am not sure I really want to revisit my teenage years, at least not those involving flapping galoshes.

CORRECTION:

In the Jan. 7 issue of *The Highlander*, we published photos of the Archbishop of Toronto with Bill Gliddon and Barbara Trocewicz. The photos were submitted by Michael Hudson through the Anglican Church and not by Glenda Burk and Martha Waind. *The Highlander* regrets the error.

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Editorial opinion

Minden snow angels

Dear editor,

I would like to congratulate the Township of Minden Hills for their snow removal services.

I live on Main Street in the village and can tell you exactly how complete and determined their efforts are. Starting at around 4 a.m. every morning, when there is new snow, the snow angels are out there hard at work.

The last few weeks it seems there has been snow in varying degrees every night/day and so it is much appreciated by the businesses, residents and shoppers that they are on the job. (By the way ... the young lad who shovels my steps is fast becoming a tycoon.)

A noticeable difference between the snow removal efforts of our county's two "towns", shows the absence of parking meters on Minden's main street certainly makes it

easier to remove the snow ploughed "cone / comb" from the curbs and creates a much friendlier and safer walking situation. This is appreciated by everyone but especially by seniors. It shows great forethought by the Minden planners! Anything to make Minden the main place to shop, bank, eat and drink is what we all need to strive towards.

Bravo to the Minden Hills administration staff and, more specifically, to the Roads Department. Now, if you could do all your fine work – just a little quieter – only kidding. Vroom-vroom away! You are doing a great

(I can sleep later when the snow stops.)

Sinclair Russell Minden

Thank you, Scotty!

Dear editor,

I was saddened and disappointed when I received a phone call letting me know the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament was cancelled.

I was fortunate and honoured to serve on this fundraising committee of Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC) for six years. The mandate was to raise funds to benefit people in the county needing the services provided by CCHC, i.e. Meals on Wheels, transportation for medical trips to specialists, etc.

This committee met regularly under the leadership of Scotty Morrison. He rarely missed a meeting and was instrumental in obtaining not only local sponsors, but NHL speakers, referees, Hockey Hall of Fame representatives, trophies and of course, the

Stanley Cup!

The community was totally supportive of this hockey fundraiser by generously donating money, as well as many items for auction. Our own NHL heroes, Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson generously supported this tournament both financially and with autographed memorabilia. Significant money was raised for the community and the committee had fun in the process.

Many thanks to Scotty who gave his name, his energy and his generous heart to this successful tournament – all to help seniors in this community. Thank you, Scotty!

Ruth Mitchell Haliburton

(Committee member 2008 – 2014)

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

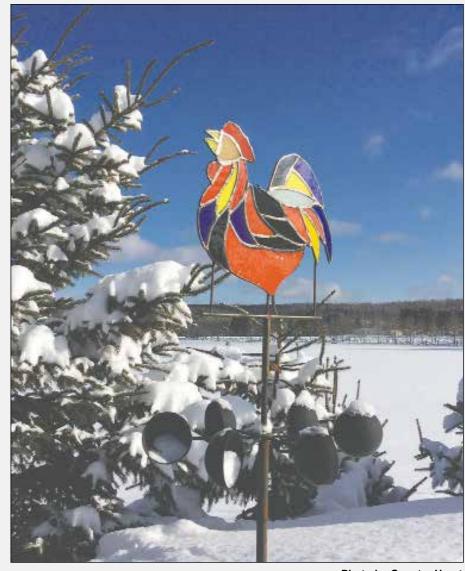


Photo by Guenter Horst

A crisp winter morning in the Highlands.

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Of monsters and men

'Tis a tale of contrast, a story of two halves, is a downhill master, thought it hilarious. a weekend filled with events that could not be more different that I tell this week and it all started with me being grumpy about not being able to go ice fishing.

There I was, ready for an expedition out onto the ice, when out of nowhere, or so it seemed, I had been press ganged into going cross-country skiing by my lovely wife. Now, I've never been cross-country skiing before and the prospect of lurching about in the snow while attached to two long planks of wood did not really appeal but, like it or not, I was going (I had been very firmly

Tentative at first, I gradually gained my ski legs, and with gentle encouragement -"COME ON! KEEP UP!" to be exact – I began to get the hang of it. Then we came to a hill, a down hill. Hmm. Skis firmly entrenched in the groomed track, I began to descend, relatively slowly at first. At first, meaning for the initial two yards. Quickly I gained the kind of momentum that no one should be doing unless buckled in behind the wheel of a car, and, as the hill leveled out and the track turned a gentle left, I went straight on, my head some way in front of my skis. My lovely wife and Little Z, who

Me, I thought it a tad chilly as I extricated myself from a snow bank.

I did come on to cross-country skiing though during my first afternoon and by early Saturday evening we had joined a party of friends who were out for a ski in the bush. The sensation of silently gliding through the trees as the sun glinted its last weak rays between the branches was quite magical. I was momentarily transported to another place where I was in quiet harmony with nature, where I had a wondrous connection with my surroundings, and then I fell over again.

Dusting myself off for the umpteenth time, necessary, whether I should instead have I could have been forgiven for hanging up my skis there and then, but there is definitely something to this cross-country skiing lark that attracts me and I shall be slipping and sliding silently through the forest again very soon.

That said, there was to be no cross-country communing with nature on Sunday. The exact opposite, in fact. Little Z and I took a trip to the big city with Mr Dobbins and his boy to get up close and personal with the Bounty Hunter, Zombie, Monster Mutt and Grave Digger.

Yes, we went to Monster Jam!

The roar of engines was deafening. The fumes wonderfully intoxicating. The Rogers Centre, home of the Blue Jays, packed to the rafters and the monster trucks, gigantic. Oh what a show! Trucks with wheels bigger than a small house and engines that kick out an amazing 1,500 horse power, and what do they do? Drive over stuff, jump really high and smash into things, and crash! Little Z was in awe (and so was I but don't tell anyone). The music blared, the engines gunned and the crowd went wild. I wondered, just for a moment, whether the spectacle I was watching was really taken Little Z out for another silent swisn through the forest, but my pondering was shattered by a gut rupturing backfire and the thrill of the Monster Jam took over again. My son stood on his seat and yelled for more as a school bus with enormous wheels and an engine to match spun a pirouette in the middle of the arena (they call it a donut, I believe) and I joined him, whooping like, well, like an American as the noise reached a crescendo and the bus flipped over and crashed, all in the name of family entertainment.

The Outsider

After many more crashes and throat cracking whoops, we arrived home to Haliburton at around 10 o'clock on Sunday

By Will Jones

evening; Little Z and Mr. Dobbins' boy fast asleep in the back seats, still clutching their mini replica monster trucks. As I plucked him from the truck, my son's eyes half opened and he said sleepily: "Can we do it again Daddy?"

"What?" I asked, "Monster Jam or

"Both," he said. Then, resting his head on my shoulder, he began to snore softly as I carried him into the house.

And you know what, we will. We'll do it all again because that's what living here is all about. Experiencing everything, from the sublime to the ridiculous, from skiing through the bush on planks of wood to whooping while Grave Digger delivers the

'Twas a contrary weekend but a great one and a Haliburton life less ordinary is good for this Englishman and his sidekick, Little

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: Do you think Haliburton County needs a tourist information centre? Why?



Cassie Clare

Minden

Yes, especially in the summer. When people need maps and to know about community events, they go there. Websites are good too, but not as easily accessed for everyone or updated enough.



Jessica Graham

Minder

Yes I think so. If you are not from the area, how would you know how to find things like the scenic lookout and the white water rapids?



Sam Snidal

Toronto (Minden cottager)

I think the centre and a website should exist. I like going in there and chatting because experiencing the in-person element is nice. It would be bad if it was to close.



Debbie Farrell

Gooderham

Absolutely! We are getting more and more tourists in the area and that is good for the economy. They really need both an online and a drop in presence for the best results.



Josiah Irwin

North Bay

From an outsiders perspective, they are a great place to get pamphlets, brochures and generally good all-around info. I probably would not use online nearly as much as a real bricks and mortar location.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin & Jennifer Hughey

A superior level of care

Dear editor,

I wish to thank all the very nice people who cared for me while I was in different hospitals for months. To the ambulance operators, while one was driving the other was by my side to make sure I felt safe, thank you.

My son and his wife spent two weeks with me every day. Patty and Karen would visit me at the hospital in Haliburton and then in my home, when I went home. My good brother Sidney Woolley, stayed with me every day. He brought me fruits, cookies and my favourite drinks.

I thank God, Dr. Norman Bottum was always devoted to me because of my serious condition. Every day he got in touch to see how I was. He is very dignified, his smile gave me the impression that I will survive. He and the other doctors took such good care of me, I didn't feel any pain.

I hope and pray that all those wonderful people always have happiness in their lives. I have forgotten all their names, but not their lovely care.

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Man charged with impaired driving

By Jennifer Hughey

A man was charged with impaired driving Jan. 16.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP were patrolling in the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife parking lot, when they saw two snowmobiles speeding toward the police cruiser on the North Road trail in Dysart et al.

Police determined after speaking to the drivers the one male had been

drinking.

Joel Boughen, 21, of Bluewater was charged with driving while impaired and driving with more than an 80 milligram blood alcohol level.

Boughen was released and is set to appear in court in Minden Mar. 2.

Routine traffic stop leads to suspension

By Jennifer Hughey

Editor

A Dysart man's licence has been suspended for 90 days.

OPP in brief

Haliburton Highlands OPP were conducting a routine traffic stop on Halbiem Crescent in Haliburton, when they stopped the male driver and determined he had been drinking.

Michael Zahn, 42, was arrested and charged with multiple offenses Jan. 16.

Zahn was charged with driving while impaired, driving with more than an 80 milligram blood alcohol level, driving without a valid permit, driving without a license and for failing to notify of address change.

On top of the suspension, Zahn's vehicle was impounded for seven days. He is set to be in court in Minden March 2.

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New home for Katie's Run

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Katie's Run, an annual fundraiser for epilepsy research, is trading its hilly terrain in Eagle Lake for a flatter route in Haliburton.

The fifth event is relocating to Haliburton after four years at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride.

"We wanted it to be somewhere closer to town and we wanted it to be a bit of an easier route," said co-race director Trudy Pogue. "Sir Sam's has been a great venue, but it is a difficult run."

Participants will gather at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School July 9 before heading out on either the trails around the school or The Haliburton County Rail Trail, depending on which category they enter.

In the past, hundreds of racers have faced the steep hills and taken in the magnificent view at Sir Sam's. Last year's race options ranged from 2.5-10 kms and a bike category was also offered

Pogue said the members of the organizing committee looked at different sites before making their selection. Since the new route doesn't have any twists and turns, it will require fewer volunteers to ensure everyone is safe and on the right path.

"The Rail Trail, being nice and flat, and the high school being right there, it all just seemed to have a lot of pluses," she said.

They considered the trails near the Haliburton School of the Arts, but determined they too were fairly challenging.

Participants will register in the high school's athletic complex and then gather at the track for the start of each race. The five and 10 km runs will go along The Rail Trail and back to the school while the 2.5 km walk/run will take place on trails and roads around the school.

Pogue said it is likely a police officer will be situated along County Road 1, which intersects with The Rail Trail a short distance from the starting area.

The hope is the new venue will draw more participants because of the reduced level of difficulty. "Casual runners, serious runners and people who do it just for the cause" are all encouraged to come out, said Pogue.

"It might be a little bit more appealing." Founded in 2012, Katie's Run was inspired by—and named after—Haliburton native Katie Woudstra. The 20-year-old, who suffers from epilepsy, has now been seizure-free for the past three-and-a-half years thanks to medication.

Since its inception, the run has raised more than \$60,000 for Epilepsy Canada, a non-profit organization that supports epilepsy research.

Visit katiesrun.ca to register.



Photo submitted by Roxanne Casey

Off to Jamaica

Canoe FM presented Brenda Pedden Boyce tickets to Jamaica Jan. 18 as part of their Great Escapes draw held Oct. 10. Boyce plans to take her daughter Pam on the trip in February.

Pictured above, from left, Roxanne Casey, Canoe FM station manager; Brenda Pedden Boyce, the lucky winner and Pam Pedden, Brenda's daughter and travel partner; Linda Coneybeare, TravelPlus; Ron Murphy, production technician for Canoe FM; and Sharon Lynch, Canoe FM volunteer.

Snowmobiler seriously injured in Haliburton

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

A 41-year-old man from Haliburton was seriously injured in a single snowmobile collision Jan. 17.

The Dysart Fire Department and Haliburton County paramedics responded to the accident, which occurred at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Nomad Road.

The man was taken to a local hospital and then airlifted to a Toronto-area hospital for further treatment.

At press time, the incident was still under investigation.

VDO reaches milestone

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

In less than five years, a team of volunteer dentists and hygienists have treated hundreds of local residents in need with more than \$1.5 million in dental care.

The Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) for Haliburton County has provided \$500,000 worth of free, urgent dental care to low-income residents less than a year and a half after reaching the \$1 million milestone.

"This achievement is something for our whole community to celebrate, because hundreds of volunteers and donors have helped in whatever ways they could to build, maintain, provide dental care and support the clinic," said board member Lisa Kerr.

Through the VDO, almost 600 patients from around the county have been treated in 4,281 appointments. A total of 23 dentists have volunteered at least one day with the VDO since the charity opened in 2011.

Despite the VDO's success, it faces the ongoing challenges of needing volunteer dental hygienists, fundraising for the operational costs of the charity and reducing the number of patients on the wait list. About 34 people currently need urgent dental care.

For more information about the VDO for Haliburton County, visit dental-outreach. com or call 705-457-3111.

County in brief Schmale calls for referendum

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

The MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is encouraging constituents to call for a referendum on electoral reform by signing an e-petition.

It asks the Minister of Democratic Institutions to hold a referendum so citizens can have their say on any proposed changes to how Canada elects its parliament. The deadline for signatures is April 9.

As of Jan. 20, the e-petition had 10,183 signatures, 3,900 of them from Ontario.



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Photo by Walt Griffin

Clint Stapley sells the business to Dave Lacey after almost 20 years.

Aker's Auto Glass changes hands

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Aker's Auto Glass has a new owner and is getting a new name this spring.

Original owner Clint Stapley owned the Minden business for almost 20 years and has worked in auto glass for 27 years as well as doing upholstery work for 30 years.

"It's just time to do something different," he said

Stapley rented space in Minden when he

first set up the business in 1998. Aker's Auto Glass moved into its current home on Booth Street in 2002. Though he started out primarily repairing and replacing windshields, Stapley started selling and installing tires as well in 2009.

"You get to know a ton of people in a small town, for sure," said Stapley. "The people are what I'm going to miss the most. If anyone can find work in Haliburton County, it's an amazing place to have a living and work. It's not like the city, where you never know if the next customer is friendly or not."

About a year ago, Stapley met Dave Lacey, a mechanic from Oakville with almost 40 years experience. Lacey was looking to make his cottage a more permanent residence.

"It was always a dream to retire up here," said Lacey. "I never thought I would be owning a business up here. One thing led to another and it seemed a perfect fit."

Lacey is a licenced mechanic with an automotive service technician licence and 10 years of auto glass experience.

"I've always wanted to have my own shop," said Lacey. "I'm where I want to be. It's a funny feeling because we've finally made it."

Stapley and Lacey stressed no major changes will be made at the shop, with the employees hired by Stapley still in place. In the spring, the Aker's sign will be removed and the business will be known as Precision Auto.

"[Stapley has] been a super, super guy," said Lacey. "He's helped out a lot. People in Minden are going to miss him, but hopefully I can make people feel the same way he has."

Stanley said he was grateful for fellow businesses and his customers. The shop transferred to Lacey Jan. 1. Stapley is assisting with the transition of the business until the end of January.

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Meetings & Events

January 28

9:00 am, COTW/Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

*Please note that Council has reduced its meeting schedule to one meeting in January to be held on Thursday, January 28, 2016.

Council will commence 2016 Budget deliberations during the January 28 Council Meeting.

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

- Schedule "B" By-law 15-02 Camping Rates and Fees Increases and Decreases to certain fees related to administration, camping and rentals
- Schedule "D" By-law 15-120 Cultural Centre Programs & Facilities change to admission by donation.
- 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 or changes to By-law 15-120 Schedule "D" Cultural Centre Programs & Facilities please contact Director of Community Services Mark Coleman 4 705-286-1936 ext. 201 or email mcoleman@mindenbills.ca

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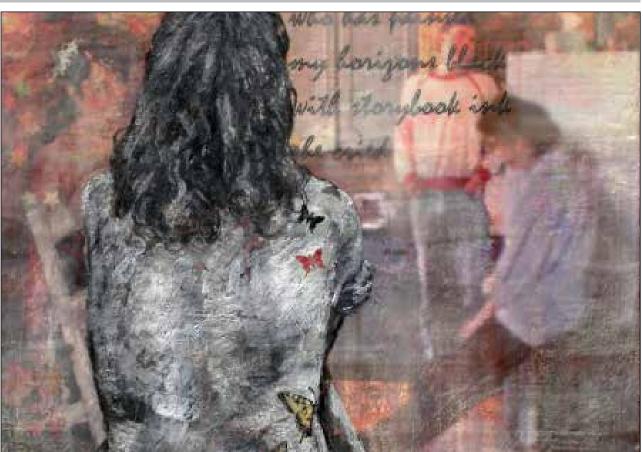


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Photos submitted by Laura O'Reilly

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. *Scandalous Behavior* by Stuart Woods
- 2. Bitter Season by Tami Hoag
- 3. Between Sisters by Cathy Kelly

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

- 1. Spark Joy: An Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying up by Marie Kondo
- 2. The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative Places from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley by Eric Weiner
- 3. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

- 1. Clean Sweep! Frank Zamboni's Ice Machine by Monica Kulling (JNF)
- 2. *Worm Loves Worm* by J.J. Austrian (Picture Book)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

- 1. The Martian (DVD)
- 2. *Shopaholic To The Rescue* by Sophie Kinsella (Book on CD)

Library News

Jan. 27 is Family Literacy Day! Join us at our Minden branch at 10:30 a.m. and our Dysart branch at 2:30 p.m. for story time with Ontario Early Years Centres.

Woman and a Girl (left) and Storybook Ink were two of the pieces submitted for jurying.

Local talent elected to Society of Canadian Artists

By Jennifer Hughey

Edito

Artist Laurie O'Reilly calls herself an observer and storyteller.

The West Guilford resident was elected to the Society of Canadian Artists (SCA) last year, after a jurying of 10 of her best pieces was conducted. O'Reilly said it was the next step in her career as an artist.

O'Reilly and her husband made the decision to move to the Highlands seven years ago from Owen Sound. She hadn't been painting as much as she wanted to and when her husband retired, they started looking for properties where they could build a home – and a studio.

"It was a personal decision for me, a good next step," O'Reilly said about deciding to submit her art to be juried by the SCA.

In 1957, a group of Toronto Artists created the Society of Co-operative Artists and in 1972, SCA was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization. In 2004, the focus changed from just Toronto to become a national society and in 2007, the name was changed to Society of Canadian Artists.

In order to be considered, an artist is required to go through what's called the juried process.

"They tell you how many pieces to submit, to provide an art statement and biography," O'Reilly said. "They jury the works of the artists that are submitted. Elected means, through the jurying process, they have admitted you to the Society and you get to put the initials beside your name."

Artists are then able to participate in other art shows which can only be entered if you are a member.

"There is a website that allows for more exposure and visibility and, for me personally, that was a good thing."

O'Reilly was raised in Niagara Falls and Toronto. She travelled a lot when she was younger, seeing the world and participating in other cultures. After returning to Canada, she received a science degree in biology from the University of Guelph.

"The program gave me hands-on experience in form, function, physiology and ecology," she said, adding her minor in fine arts, which she started in 2004, helped her develop some of her technical skills.

The summer they moved to West Guilford, she applied to full-time summer courses at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

O'Reilly said she's most interested mostly in landscapes and landscape of the model, which led her to her passion for figurative work.

"Over the past 10 years, I have participated in three curated gallery shows, as well as juried group shows, city sponsored exhibitions, local gallery exhibitions and studio tours," she said.

O'Reilly considers it a privilege to have been able to sell her work locally, nationally and internationally.

"My art is always narrative driven," O'Reilly said.

She works to have her artistic voice speak about interactions with the more vulnerable members of our society, she said, as well as our environment and some of the consequences of our less than understandable choices.

O'Reilly has received an emerging artist grant and an exhibition assistance grant. She has been asked to lecture on encaustic practices (also known as hot wax painting), run drawing and painting workshops and has contributed to a juried art publication out of the United States.

Chairperson for the Tour de Forest Charlene McConnell says being elected into the Society of Canadian Art is an honour. McConnell and O'Reilly started working closely together at The Art Hive on various projects for the collective in 2012.

"Not only does this national recognition help an artist develop a national and international platform but it validates their chosen path," McConnell said. "The artistic community in Haliburton is fortunate to have Laurie in our midst."

O'Reilly's paintings are available at The Art Hive and The Eclipse Gallery in Deerhurst, Huntsville, Ont. Her studio can be visited upon appointment and during the Summer Tour de Forest that takes place the Civic Holiday Weekend in August.

All of her paintings can be viewed on her website at www.laurieoreilly.ca or call 705-754-0444 to book an appointment.

Highlander outdoors

Fish hatchery funding spawns a debate

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

With \$10,000 from the county this year, Haliburton's only fish hatchery could operate out of the red.

The hatchery stocks area lakes with an average of 40,000 fish each year, including about 7,500 of the Haliburton Gold lake trout heritage species, which is unique to the area. It has received \$10,000 in county funding for the past two years and the fate of future funding could be determined Jan. 27 at county council.

A 2016 funding request from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA), which operates the hatchery, ignited what tourism committee chair Carol Moffatt called a "very tender conversation' at a Jan. 13 county council meeting.

"There's a difficult decision to be made," said Moffatt, who is also Algonquin Highlands reeve and Haliburton County warden.

Back in 2013, the county decided to no longer offer direct charitable contributions or cash infusions to organizations. The fish hatchery was determined to directly benefit the county's tourism mandate because fish stocking attracts outdoor enthusiasts.

Despite reducing its power bill by 10 per cent in 2015, engaging 70 volunteers and cutting the sole paid position at the hatchery from 32 to 12 hours, the association forecasts an operating deficit of just over \$8,000 this year.

To receive funding in 2015, the HHOA was expected to work with the tourism department to promote hatchery events and programs, but tourism director Amanda Virtanen said that didn't happen.

"...There was no contact made by the HHOA, and in order to promote HHOA activities, the tourism department had to actively seek out information," she said.

Moffatt said she struggled with the idea of funding the fish hatchery while not funding other groups.

"The HHOA has made changes, made some good strides," said Moffatt. "But they've just been given the money and haven't participated as requested so we can work



File photo

A group of hatchery volunteers stocking a local lake.

collectively toward our tourism goals."

If funding continued, she recommended it be distributed based on milestones met rather than as a lump sum.

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey agreed with Moffatt about the need for accountability, but said he saw the fish hatchery as being a special case.

"They're not like all the other organizations," he said. "They have a physical structure to maintain. If they don't maintain that structure and keep it there, we'll lose... fish going into our lakes, which has a huge impact on tourism."

Fearrey suggested weaning the funding over two years for the hatchery to become selfsufficient. He said Dysart was trying to help by writing off the hatchery's taxes.

Acquiring grants is difficult for the hatchery because its expenses are largely operational, according to HHOA president Bob Cole.

The fish hatchery is not allowed to sell fish, so it relies on annual fundraising events for revenue. Some provincial funding is available, but the amount varies each year depending on the recorded population of fish species.

"It makes it real tough," said Cole.

County funding would enable the hatchery to have a surplus of about \$2,000 this year. The hatchery wouldn't need to rely on the county's help for many more years, according to Cole who is brainstorming revenuegenerating ideas such as hosting solar panels or renting the hatchery property.

Organizations are typically funded when the county receives a direct benefit back in the form of brand exposure, according to Virtanen. For example, Artech Glass Blowing Studios received a \$3,000 grant when the local company went to the Emmy Awards last year, as there was national media coverage about the company's success that mentioned

Haliburton.

Moffatt and Virtanen met with Cole on Jan. 18 to discuss how the HHOA and county could better partner together.

Cole said the meeting went well, and there had been a misunderstanding on the part of the HHOA as to how they were expected to work with the county last year.

"Now we can move forward," he said.
"Haliburton County is probably the mecca for trout fishing in Ontario ... I think [the county is] getting bang for their buck."

Hatchery co-chair Bruce Miller said the survival rate of eggs at the hatchery is about 63 per cent, compared to about 0.1 of one per cent in the wild.

"We really do make a difference," he said. The tourism committee will discuss the results of the Jan.18 meeting as well as the funding request on Jan. 27.

Late winter affecting wildlife behaviour

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

A later winter than usual has caused a change in the traditional patterns of some animals and impacted regular animal behaviour during the hunt season.

Some Haliburton County residents reported spotting exposed brown hares turned white despite no snow on the ground, while others noted the impact of warmer weather on the usual behaviour of animals like deer.

"The rut came late (for the deer)," said Janene Greer of Dream Acre Whitetails Farm in Kinmount. "They were even still fighting [in early January], which is around the time they start losing their antlers in the wild."

The unusually warm weather likely had an effect on hunter effort and activity of deer during the daytime, according to Elizabeth Dorff, communications officer for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)

"Deer tend to travel less during warm weather in the fall, and typically travel at night when air temperatures are cooler," she said

"I heard from many deer hunters that deer movement patterns were different during the season than they expected," said Mark Ryckman of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). "Many of them attributed it to the lack of cold weather and snow that we typically have at that time of year."

Ryckman said the ice fishing season had been delayed considerably due to lack of safe ice.

Animals that use the snow to conserve energy by hiding or burrowing into it might be negatively affected by a milder winter, according to the MNRF. These animals rely on snow cover for insulation and reducing energy costs over winter. Lower energy costs, which can affect many wildlife species, result in higher winter survival and possibly higher spring reproduction. Insect feeders might also have improved survival rates and might thrive on an abundance of food

"In the case of bears, once the animals are

denning, it's likely to be better to have more snow cover for insulation and to reduce the over-winter costs of denning," said Jolanta Kowalski of the MNRF. "They may wake up, move around, but will den up again. If mild weather continues, there may be some reports of poorer quality dens being flooded out, or bears in accessible dens being disturbed."

"Wildlife has adapted to both variability and extremes in weather conditions and populations regularly decrease and rebound in response to environmental conditions," said Dorff.

The MNRF warns the public to resist feeding animals and stay away from wild animals.



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Highlander sports

Red Hawks win big against Tigers

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

There were no signs of exhaustion on the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior boys basketball team as they picked up a win Jan. 19 on the tail-end of back-to-back games.

After suffering a loss to Fenelon Falls Secondary School the day before, the Red Hawks senior team steam rolled past the Lakefield Tigers 54-28, thanks to a strong second-half performance.

Three of the Tigers' starters had the flu bug, and by the second half, they were glued to the bench.

A sluggish start on the offensive end of the floor only gave the Red Hawks a fourpoint lead heading into halftime, with the score being 14-10.

The second half was an entirely different story.

Led by Nick Thompson's 14-point explosion in the second half, the red and white scored 40 points and cruised to the finish line, putting their loss against FFSS far behind them. Defence also played a big factor, as the Red Hawks forced the Tigers to turn the ball over on multiple occasions. Red Hawks head coach David Waito said

the team took things into their own hands in the second half after coming out a little flat.

"I think the guys were disappointed after the loss, especially when you look back and see it was a winnable game ... but I think what it taught us, and we talked about it this morning, you got to make things happen, you can't be the better team on paper and just show up and expect to win," he said.

The ultimate goal is winning COSSA, not achieving a perfect winning record during the season, Waito added.

Despite a lacklustre performance in the preseason, Tigers head coach Jake Zelsman said the Red Hawks have exceeded expectations thanks in large part to their defense.

"If they keep doing what they did against us in the second half, they'll go deep in the playoffs," he said.

The Red Hawks' next contest will be a tournament in Petawawa Feb. 5 and 6, followed by game against Weldon Feb. 11 that will be for the Kawartha West title. HHSS will also be hosting the Central Ontario Athletic Association Championships Feb. 25.



Photo by Alex Coop

Hunter Smith, left, looks to make a move against FFSS on Jan. 19

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Junior basketball team picks up win

The HHSS junior boys basketball team were able to withstand a strong second half performance from Lakefield Secondary School Jan. 20 and walk away with a 32-28 victory.

After losing to Fenelon Falls High School the day before, the Red Hawks stormed out of the gate against the Lakefield Tigers and went on an impressive 11-0 run to start the game.

The Red Hawks entered the third quarter with a 26-14 lead, but quickly lost momentum, scoring only six points in the entire second half.

It proved to be just enough.

"We haven't been in many of these situations before," said Red Hawks head coach Paul Longo, referring to the lategame battle to hold on to the lead. "I was pretty impressed ... we wanted to make sure that they didn't shoot a three late in the game."

The Red Hawks play St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School Feb. 8.

Wrestling team posts solid results

Four Red Hawks placed in the top three of their weight class during their first tournament of 2016 in Port Perry. Shane O'Reilly, Sonya Flatman, Emily Klose, and Sonora Plumb lost only one match Jan. 11.

The team's next stop was in Uxbridge, where HHSS wrestlers, once again, performed on a high level.

Emily Klose, Sonya Flatman, and Shane O'Reilly each returned home with the gold around their necks.

Red Hawks briefs

Bronze medalists were Claire Karaguesian, Noelle Dupret-Smith, Cassidy Glecoff, and Rebecca Hamilton.

Bowling Scores

Mon. afternoon, Dec. 21 MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 224

High single: Eric Whitty – 209 High single handi: Eric Whitty – 254 High triple: Eric Whitty – 658 High triple handi: Eric Whitty – 673

WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 181 High single: Chris Cote – 187 High single handi: Gloria Taylor and June Fortune – 231

High triple: Chris Cote – 504 High triple handi: June Fortune – 657 Monday evening, Dec. 21 CLOSED Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 22 CLOSED

Wed. Special Olympics, Dec. 9 MEN: Jason Kitchener – 136 Jason Cochrane – 131 Russell Whetstone – 129 WOMEN: Skylar Pratt – 147 Sarah Hudson – 133 Dawn Piercey – 118

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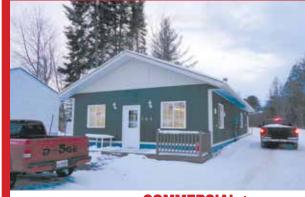


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The **Highlander** 3-Stars of the Week

Tyson Clements PEEWEE



The Peewee As participated in the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament during the weekend in Gravenhurst. Tyson had an extremely impactful weekend, being a key factor at numerous times. It started Saturday morning, as Tyson registered the only goal of the game in a 1-0 Storm win. Game two, he registered two assists for the Storm, in what ended in a 2-1 win. He kept his biggest moment for when the Storm needed it most. With the Storm down 2-1 and less than a minute remaining, the goaltender was pulled for the extra attacker. With a handful of seconds remaining in the game, Tyson won the draw, and sent a laser of a shot at the Otters goalie, beating him to tie the game, and send it into overtime.

Alex Little PEEWEE



Stats G A GP

With Tyson scoring the game-tying goal for the Storm, it was off to sudden-death overtime, to determine who would be the Muskoka-Parry Sound Champions. The two teams battled tooth and nail and as time dwindled, so too did the amount of players on the ice. When it got down to one player representing each team, it was captain Alex Little that was called upon. The Otters player was no match for the sublime skill of our captain, as Alex got hold of the puck, swiftly transitioned up ice and rushed towards the Otters net, with the skater closing the gap. With a beautiful fake to the blocker and a quick dangle back hand, Alex lifted the puck up and over the goalie for the victory, and tournament championship

Graeme Armstrong NOVICE



Stats G A

The Highland Storm Novice played host to the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament this past weekend at the A.J. LaRue arena. In what was an action-packed weekend, with the Storm playing in five games, Graeme didn't show any signs of slowing down. The second game of the tournament saw our novices face off against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The game took six periods to decide, with Graeme Armstrong sealing the win for the Storm in triple overtime. The Storm would face the Shamrocks later in the tournament to determine the B Champions. In another close contest, the Storm were able to finish off the Shamrocks, in regulation this time, with Graeme getting another goal in a 2-1 Storm win.

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Haliburton on top

Minden Curling Club hosted the second round of their 35th annual Minden-Haliburton Inter-club Bonspiel Jan. 12. The Easton's Valu-mart trophy is awarded to the club with the highest point count over two days.

The Minden teams took four of the six top steak prizes but in the end, Haliburton came out on top with the most points scored. Holding the Easton's Valu-mart Trophy and accepting on behalf of the Haliburton Curling Club are club president Mary Hillaby and her team. From left are Rick Dingman, Donna Smith, Larry Jones and Mary Hillaby.

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Bringing home the hardware

Right: The Highland Storm PeeWee A team celebrate their Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament win in Gravenhurst. Their final game went into overtime and at just over two minutes in, Alex Little hit the net to win the game 3-2. Far right: The Highland Storm Novice boys were also successful last weekend in Haliburton, winning the B final in the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament. The Novice are gearing up for their first playoff game Jan. 23 in Gravenhurst vs. the Muskoka Rock.





Novice team B final champions

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Highland Storm Novice team hosted the Muskoka-Parry Sound Novice playoff tournament at the A.J LaRue arena Jan 16-17.

It was a rough start for the Storm, losing 8-1 to the Bracebridge Bears with the only goal scored by Kadin Card. The second game was against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. It was a nail biter going into triple overtime tied at three, when Graeme Armstrong scored the winning goal. Other goals were scored by Cheyenne Degeer and Colby Coumbs. The third game they faced the Huntsville Otters. It was a well-fought battle and with only 40 seconds to go in the third period, the Huntsville Otters defeated the Highland Storm 6-5. Goals scored by Graeme Armstrong, Cheyenne Degeer, and Addison Carr.

The fourth game was verses Muskoka Rocks. The Highland Storm lost 3-0, placing the Storm into the B finals verses the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Storm scored the first goal in the first period. The Shamrocks answered in the second and the Storm sealed the deal with a goal in the third – making the final score 2-1 and making the Storm the winners of the B final. Goals were scored by Graeme Armstrong and Isaac Lee.

Playoff schedule starts Jan. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in Gravenhurst vs. the Muskoka Rock.

Midget game cancelled

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team had their only game of the week, Jan. 15 in Huntsville, cancelled due to the freezing rain.

They kick off their first round of the playoffs Jan. 22 in Parry Sound against the Otters, and return home to Minden for game two Jan. 29 at 9:30 p.m.

PeeWee AEs play hard, come up short

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walker's Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highland's Family Health Team Highland Storm Peewee AEs travelled to Bracebridge last weekend for the annual Muskoka-Parry Sound hockey tournament.

Game one was against their rival, the Huntsville Otters. The Otter's scored the game's first goal just three minutes in and adding a second only a minute later. The Storm then found themselves killing off the game's first penalty but Storm goalie Bella Smolen with a beautiful toe save kept the Otters lead at two. The Otters would make it 3-0 with only 30 seconds left in the opening period.

Nathan Miscio replaced Smolen to start the second period when illness forced Smolen from the game.

The Otters tested Miscio early but were unable to add to their three goal cushion as the Otters would make 4-0 quickly in the third, setting the Storm up for a huge uphill battle with time becoming a factor.

Defenceman Tim Turner scored the Storm's first goal of the game and the tournament on an end-to-end rush on the power play. The Otters would score again in the last minute of play to take a solid 5-1 win over the Storm in the opening game of the tourney.

The Storm faced the Muskoka Rock in game two. The Rock scored midway through the first and then again almost identically near the end of the first. These were followed by their third goal moments later to go into the second period holding a commanding 3-0 lead over the Storm. The Rock pounced quickly on a Storm turnover to make in 4-0 early in the second. The Rock continued to score, taking a 7-0 lead to start the third period. The Storm played very hard, despite being down by such a large margin, keeping the score at 7-0 at the final buzzer against an "A" division team.

The third game Jan. 17 was against the South Muskoka Bears. Tyler Martin, with some dazzling stickhandling, would open the scoring for the Storm.

Defenceman Ben Robinson scored the Storm's second goal early in the second on a wrap-around and then Tyler Martin got his second of the game, faking the Bears goalie, putting the Storm up comfortably 3-0. Brendan Coumbs would score on a power play, with a hard, low wrist shot. The Bears finally managed to get one past Miscio on a wraparound near the end of the second period to make it 4-1.

The Storm changed goalies in the final period, giving Smolen her first game action since illness forced her from the opening game. The Bears got their second goal a few minutes later to make it 4-2 Storm. The goal rejuvenated the Bears and some good pressure by the Muskoka squad rewarded them with their third goal minutes later to cut the Storms early commanding lead to only one.

The Storm caught a break with five minutes to go, when the Rock were penalized for too many players on the ice. Unfortunately, they left themselves open to a quick breakout by the Rock who would score shorthanded to tie the game. The Storm almost had the go-ahead goal with 90 seconds left but the Bears goaltender made a splendid save sending the game in overtime where the Bears would score their 5th unanswered goal to cap off a dramatic comeback win against the Storm

PeeWee As MPS tournament champs

Submitted by Andrea Prentice

Last weekend, the Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm PeeWee A team played in the annual Muskoka-Parry Sound (MPS) Tournament in Gravenhurst Ontario. The first game was against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Storm opened the tournament with two players out, but were able to eke out the win. The game was a back and forth affair, as the two teams had their fair share of chances at either end. Talented forward Tyson Clements had the only Storm goal, and goalie Darian Maddock shut the door, recording his

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tenth shutout of the year.

With little time between, the Storm quickly got back to business playing the powerhouse Huntsville Otters. The Otters took this contest by a score of 3-2. Alex Little and Jake Sisson had the goals and Clements again, showed his worth with assists on both of them.

Day two rang in with a 5 a.m. wake-up call, and the South Muskoka Bears as the Storm's next opponents. The Bears showed their strength in net, as this game was a goaltending duo with the Storm getting most of the chances. It ended in another 1-0 win for the Storm and earned them a spot in the finals and a second shot at the Otters.

With the Otters up 2-1 and less than a minute remaining before they claimed the MPS Cup; the Storm pulled their goalie and had the Otters deep in their zone. An offensive zone faceoff win saved possession, and the Storm pelted the net with shots. Multiple faceoff wins allowed the Storm to sustain pressure in the Otters' zone. With five seconds left, it was Tyson Clements who won the puck and sent a laser beam at the net which beat the goalie to tie the game, and sent it into overtime.

Four-on-four overtime ensued resulting in quality scoring chances at either end but no goals as each goalie was up to the task. As the excitement grew in the arena, one-on-one overtime started. The Storm sent out team captain Alex Little to center ice, were he quickly gained possession and took the puck down the right wing for a scoring chance to no avail. The opponent took the puck and skated quickly out of his zone, as it was evident that the two players were running out of steam. Little rushed up ice giving it his all, and chased down the speedy opponent before he could let go a shot. Little then swiftly transitioned up ice and with an incredibly admirable skating effort, he rushed towards the Otters' net, with the skater closing the gap. With a beautiful fake to blocker and a quick dangle back-hand, and at 2:22 number two, lifted the puck up and over the goalie for the victory in the most dramatic fashion imaginable. Congratulations boys, you are MPS champs!



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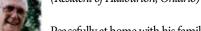
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Trapp (nee Schott) for more than 60 years. Loving father of Gary (Cindy) of Haliburton and Robert (Suzanne) of Niagara Falls. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lindsay and Tyler. Dear brother of June Elliott and Ken Trapp. Predeceased by his parents Jack and Irene Trapp (nee Morris) and his brother Jack. Also lovingly remembered by his sisters-in-law, brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, and his extended family and friends. Bill retired with 38 years of service from Bell Canada in 1987 and he and Betty moved from St. Catharines to become full time residents on Maple Lake in Haliburton. He was a lifelong member of the St. Catharines Game & Fish Association. Always active, even in retirement, Bill delivered the Haliburton Echo weekly for many years. He liked to hunt, fish, golf, curl, bowl and daily enjoyed all the natural beauty of the Highlands and most of all, his family.

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We would like to thank all who have shown us their love and support since the passing of our mother, grandmother and wife, Donna Burroughs. We were overwhelmed by the number of friends and family that came to pay their respects to her last Saturday, at the memorial. A true tribute to the kind of person she was and the impact she had on this community and beyond.

Thank you for the donations made that day, to the Harcourt Community Centre Building Fund in her memory. It will be a legacy that will last a very long time.

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The scope of work is contained within the tender specifications and drawings provided.

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Seniors share skills with younger generation

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

Kids and adults in Haliburton County are hankering to learn about traditional ways.

As a result, workshops offered through the Haliburton Highlands Museum have been filling up so fast museum staff has had to schedule additional programs to satisfy interested residents.

The workshops run for a few hours and include classes on calligraphy, lace making and butter making. Through a \$25,000 New Horizons for Seniors grant, the museum has been partnering senior volunteers who can share their knowledge of traditional skills with a younger generation since April 2015.

"Their generosity has been amazing, we've been so touched by the way that people have volunteered their time and supplies," said Butler. "I think people are also excited by the fact that seniors are sharing knowledge and skills that they have. They're learning from someone who is an expert in that field."

At a Jan. 16 baking class, a dozen students learned how to make cookies from scratch with Judy Carpenter, who has been baking for about 50 years.

"I've always enjoyed children," said Carpenter. "I've always enjoyed baking with grandchildren and my own children and I was happy to come do it for other people's children."

Carpenter thought younger generations might be lacking what she called life skills because of the absence of home economics classes in modern-day school.

"I loved that I got new experience from cooking," said nine-year-old John Billings

at the baking workshop. "I had a good experience baking. I got more experience than I knew. I learned that the flour has to be beaten."

"I really liked when we baked all together, and I also liked at the end when we all ate them," said nine-year-old program participant Rachel Fischer. "That's the best part, eating the cookies. I learned to make better cookies."

Some of the kids in the baking program said they joined it because they were bored.

One program — the cursive writing program — was so popular, it was filled in 24 hours despite only being advertised on social media. A second cursive writing program has been opened to help meet the demand for the skill, which is no longer required as part of Ontario's school curriculum.

"It's a skill that we've discovered people are concerned [is] lost," said Butler. "There's a lot of interest in kids learning cursive writing again."

Butler attributed some of the success of the intergenerational mentorship program to it being free, as well as to the short length of the workshops, requiring little time commitment from participants.

"I'm certain this program is going to have a long future even after the grant is done, because it fills a real need in the community," said Butler. "It's just been magical to see how it's unfolded."

Spots are still available for some upcoming classes, including an heirloom seed workshop and knitting club for kids, as well as a knitting, crocheting and beekeeping workshop for adults.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Butler at 705-457-2760.



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Top: from left: Emily Austin-Ward and Rachel Fischer learn the best techniques to make cookies from scratch with program volunteer and baker Judy Carpenter. Above: Haliburton museum director Kate Butler discusses traditional tools used for baking with class participants from left: Rachel Fischer, Kayla Switzer, Brayden Billings and John Pillings

Highlander events





Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Local resident Sean Pennylegion talks about his four-month cycling trip to New Zealand. Right: Gerry Oxford recounts his trip to Scotland.

Slow travel: a way to take it all in

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

From walking along a 154 Km trail in Scotland to cycling in New Zealand, a few adventure enthusiasts shared some of their stories at the Lochlin Community Centre Jan.

Titled "Slow Travel, Local Flavours," the event was hosted by Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) and Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG). Ironically, the community centre is located directly across the road from The Rail Trail, which stretches from Haliburton to Kinmount.

The first speaker of the evening was seasonal resident Gerry Oxford, a longtime "slow traveller"—one who takes time to absorb each destination rather than trying to fill an itinerary.

With a photo slideshow, Oxford reflected on what he saw and experienced while on a journey through The West Highland Way two years ago. The Scottish trail starts north of Glasgow and ends in Fort William.

"The interesting thing about slow travel is that you see a landmark off in the distance

and you see it for a very long time," he said, explaining how Beinn Dorain, one of the mountains, could be seen miles away.

Oxford, who went on the trip with a friend, completed the second half of the trail. Some of the landmarks they came across included The Devil's Staircase, a steep off-road mountain bike route, and Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the British Isles.

"The Devil's Staircase is responsible for a lot of deaths," he said. "In the winter, people would get lost trying to cross [it]."

Oxford recommended the trip to those in the audience, but encouraged they take good hiking boots.

Avid cyclist and local resident Sean Pennylegion recalled his four-month-long cycling expedition to New Zealand with his wife Gwen in 2008. The pair rode their bikes along The Otago Central Rail Trail, a 152-km-long trail which opened in 2000.

"It was a really neat experience," said Pennylegion.

They made their way through several communities, pitched a tent and slept in local residents' backyards and even boarded a train which accommodated bicycles.

The trail attracts thousands of visitors each year and has resulted in a positive economic spinoff for the area, he said. According to the trail's website, \$6.9 million went directly into the economy in 2011. A business evaluation has credited the trail with supporting 1,000 full and part-time jobs and creating an additional 200 part-time jobs.

Each year, 10,000 - 14,000 people ride the entire length of the trail while another 80,000 explore parts of it.

The cost to maintain the trail is \$300,000 annually.

Other speakers included Eric Lehman and Jewelle Schiedel-Webb.

Pamela Marsales said she was inspired to organize the event after going on a bike ride in the fall with Oxford, the aforementioned guest speaker.

"I was excited to hear that he had 'biked the GAP', the combined Great Allegheny Passage and C&O Canal Pathway, because this is an internationally famous route I'd heard a lot about," said Marsales, who is also the coordinator for TAG. "When he talked about walking the rugged and remote West Highland Way, I understood how much a

traveller relies on a warm welcome of food and drink at villages along the way—and the idea started to come together."

With their ticket, guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a light buffet supper. Local celebrity Jack Brezina emceed the festivities.

Marsales thanked those who supported the event, including the speakers, audience, volunteers, local businesses and media.

"This was a celebration of community spirit all-around," she said.

As for future events, Marsales promises more "creative collaborations between TAG and FoRT this year." The next upcoming event, "Re-Member FoRT," will take place early next month. It will reflect on past activities and create an opportunity to rebuild the membership of FoRT, she said.

FoRT is "a community organization promoting history, nature and access to public greenspace in Haliburton County." The TAG project is aimed at linking existing parks, paths and rail trails from downtown Toronto to Algonquin Park.

Both are part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Skip Owen Duhaime keeps a steady eye on the rock during the Skyline Bonspiel on Jan.

'Tremendous' curling at 57th annual bonspiel

By Sue Tiffin

Staff write

Sixteen teams from across the province vied for four trophies at the Haliburton Curling Club Jan. 15 to 17.

The 57th annual Skyline Men's Invitational Bonspiel welcomed teams from as far away as London. Bonspiel chairman Wayne Hussey said the event, which was established shortly after Skyline Park in Haliburton, had attracted more than 30 teams at one point in its history.

"It's still very successful," he said. "People who come up really love it."

He said the club would continue promoting the event to ensure it remained popular.

"The curling has been tremendous," said Hussey. "We've seen really good games and it has been a great weekend to watch."

Four trophies awarded at the event were sponsored by Haliburton Timber Mart, Curry Chevrolet, Walker's Home Hardware and Dawson Insurance. Teams that won those trophies were led by skips Steve Colliver of Gooderham, Rick Lauzon of London, Rod Evans of Oshawa and Bob Johnston of Haliburton. Prizes at the event totaled more than \$1,500.

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TAOIST TAI CHI - Haliburton United Church - 10:00am -12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829

FRI 22 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

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT Branch 129 Haliburton Legion - 6:30pm -11:00pm. \$15 per person at the door. All ages welcome.

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Mountain St - 1:30pm -6:30pm - 1 888 2DONATE PICKLE BALL - Dorset Rec Centre - 6:45pm - 8:45pm MON TAI CHI - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:30am - 12:00pm

PICKLE BALL - Lloyd Watson Centre - 3:30pm - 6:00pm

TAOIST TAI CHI - Galway Community Centre Kinmount - 10:00am -12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829

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WALKING WEDNESDAYS - 9:30am - 11:00am - Rails End Gallery -Everyone Welcome Library – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm

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

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30

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

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 The Country Hot Flashes, Saturday, Jan. 30 from 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy homemade chili for only \$6 prepared 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

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 Initiation Day, open to the public with a light lunch to follow, February 6, 1:00

Highlands Trio, February 6, 4-7 p.m. No cover charge, donation for band. Food will be available.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Community Care 55+ Lunch, 12:00 p.m., Friday (Please call Gwen Otto to reserve, 705-448-2106) Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday Jam session, 7:30 p.m., Friday Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Éarly 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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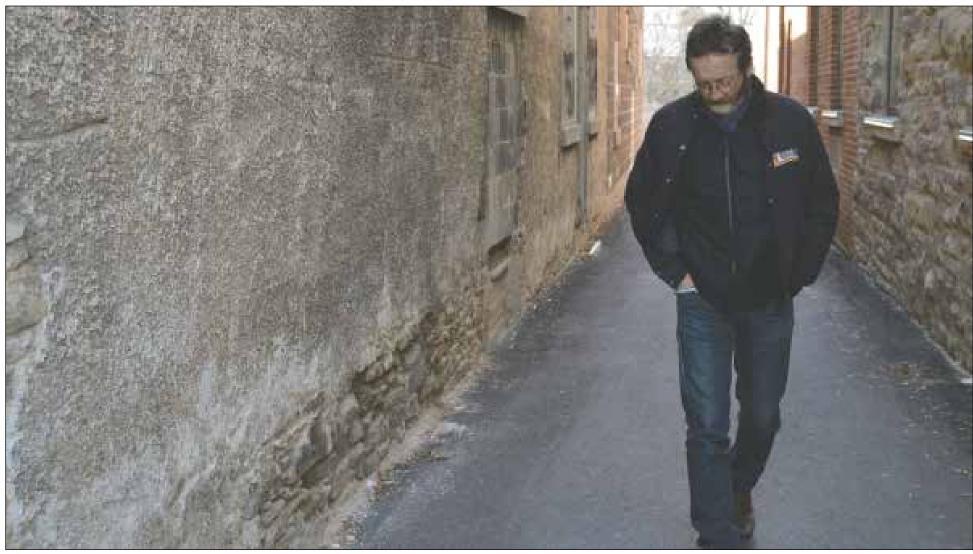


Photo by Beth Girdler

David Francey is back on the road after taking a break in 2015 to recoup.

Three-time Juno winner returns to the Highlands

By Jennifer Hughey

David Francey knows a thing or two about living in the Highlands.

The Scottish-born Canadian songwriter has been called Canada's most revered folk poet and singers by The Toronto Star, has three Juno Awards under his belt and has had his songs covered by artists like The Rankin Family, James Keelaghan and Tracy Grammer.

Francey, 61, was recruited by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) as part of their concert series and will be making his second

appearance Jan. 30 in front of an audience he said makes him feel right at home.

"I am very happy to be coming back," he said. "No matter when you go to Haliburton, it is very beautiful, even if it's during the dead of winter."

Francey first played in Haliburton in 2006 and was scheduled to play last year. Unfortunately, he lost his voice playing in Australia during the popular Fairbridge Festival and had to cancel his appearance.

"I had been on tour, going to hard really and not taking any breaks," said Francey, adding he made the decision to take most of last year to recover and now feels 1,000 per cent better.

HCFS President Barrie Martin said he works will contact him to express interest in playing with the artistic director, Walter Tose, along with the concert committee, to decide which artists are recruited for their concert series and Francey was an easy choice.

"The most common way we get performers is by sending delegates down to the Folk Music Ontario conference every fall," Martin said. He said the conference provides an opportunity to take in workshops, meet other festival providers and listen to performers. After comparing notes and narrowing it down, they choose six performers to bring to the Highlands to perform, Martin said.

In addition to recruiting, many performers

as part of the series or as part of their House Concert series, Martin said.

Francey said he and band mates, Mark Westberg and Chris Coole, are currently working on a new album entitled Empty Train, which hasn't been released to the public yet. Francey confirmed they plan to play a few songs from it so says the audience will be getting an exclusive sneak peak.

Francey is set to perform at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Tickets are \$25.75 and can be purchased online from haliburtonfolk.



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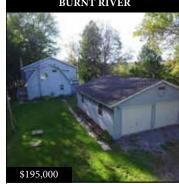
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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



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



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

CLOSE TO SIR SAM'S

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

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



Own your own business - be your own boss. Storage business with well maintained units centrally located on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton. The adjoining lot is also included.

AIRPORT HANGAR



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

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE



Spacious 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, a detached 26' X 12' garage with an in-law suite above it and deeded access to a sandy beach with south west exposure

EXTREMELY UNIQUE 878 ACRES ON THOMPSON LAKE





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

MINDEN HOME



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

HIGHWAY 118

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

LITTLE ART LAKE



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

KENNISIS LAKI



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

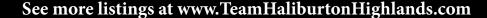


Renovated, winterized, 3 bedroom cottage on a spectacular point lot with a sand beach, deep water off the dock and south western exposure. Adjoining land with dry boathouse is also for sale.

LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG



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



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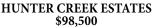
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- Private, spacious air conditioned 2 bdrm home One level living with wheelchair accessibility
- Tons of closets for storageVery large deck out back, single car garage.

BRADY LAKE "A" FRAME



- · 2 storey chalet, open concept living space
- Main floor bedroom and laundry
- · Circular drive with ample parking
- Multiple storage sheds on property100' frontage, lake surrounded by Crown land

NORTH SHORE ROAD



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

THE BEACH HOUSE \$129,900



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



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Ext 22

HOME & APARTMENT DOWNTOWN MINDEN



- Wes Lytle* 705-457-2414 ext 237
- Super family home
- · Dining & livingroom w/fireplace
- Home + apt. nearly 2,000 sq. ft.
- · Attached garage w/breezeway · Close to to main street & school
- - · Rent apt. or use for home office
 - 2 main floor bedrooms, 4 pc. bath
 - 1 upper bdrm, and 2 pc, bath
 - Private landscaped yard · Book your showing today!



We love winters in Haliburton, but we're beginning to think spring. Cottage Life 37,250 people attended the Spring Cottage Life show in 2015. That's the most since 2001!

We'll be there again this year, and we'd like to take your waterfront property along with us.

CALL NOW TO LIST!



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ROYAL LEPAGE LAKES of HALIBURTON

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HANDYMAN'S DREAM \$112,900

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



GREAT VALUE! \$174,900

- 3 bedrooms, 2 washrooms
- 1160 sq ft home on full basement 225 ft of waterfront
- Many updates & recent renovations
- Easy 2 hour drive of GTA



GREAT OPPORTUNITY \$179,900

- · Downtown Minden corner lot
- 3000 sq ft building, loading dock
- Overlooking Gull River
- On town water and sewer
- Great investment!



3 LAKE CHAIN! \$259,900

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

INLAW SUITE AND STUDIO \$259,900

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



2 PARCELS \$345,000

- 2 separately deeded adjacent parcels480 sq. ft. cabin and 272 sq. ft. cabin
- Backing and siding onto Crown Land
- Sunset views, deck, dock, shed The ultimate in privacy!

LOTS OF LOTS

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

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

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

\$99,900 - 163' frontage, 0.47 acres, Haliburton Lake, hydro and phone along road, year round access

\$139,900 - 165' frontage, 0.97 acres, Percy Lake, driveway in, hydro and phone along lot line

\$599,000 - 700' frontage, 6.8 acres, Canning Lake, hydro and phone along lot, year round access

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