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SUNDAY FUN DAY: A skier flies down the slopes at Sir Sam's Ski and Bike on Jan. 31 while participating in Sir Sam's Ski Challenge. The event is an easy style of racing geared to the whole family and runs until Feb. 28.

County bringing faster Internet to...county

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Better high-speed Internet is coming to the county, but not to residences or businesses. Libraries, EMS buildings, arenas and public works garages are some of the 24 municipal locations slated to receive lightning fast, 100 Megabits per second (Mbps) symmetrical fibre service through Bell Canada.

The county will pay \$357,000 for the project. Bell is also making what the county

calls a "significant capital contribution to expand their fibre infrastructure," but those costs are undisclosed.

County councillors approved the deal through a municipal broadband project led by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) at a Jan. 27 council meeting.

The 10-year contract, negotiated through EORN, offers the county a 50 per cent discount on fibre and a 46 to 60 per cent discount on digital subscriber line (DSL) from what it currently pays.

"To purchase collaboratively, often we hear the government doesn't do enough of that," said county CAO Mike Rutter. "There are dramatic improvements in pricing because [the counties involved with EORN] have gone together."

Though in some cases, the expense of the new service increases by hundreds of dollars, Rutter said the costs will balance out as more efficient and cost-effective services such as voiceover IP would help eradicate phone bills. At A.J. LaRue Arena, where the monthly cost

will jump from \$60 to \$475, Rutter said the service will be more functional for parents working on the sidelines and will offer the ability to stream games from the building.

The upgrade will help municipal staff have less erratic digital services, according to Carol Moffatt, county warden and Algonquin Highlands reeve.

"The high speed service to Algonquin Highlands township offices is so bad,

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A map showing new and existing fibre optic routes in Haliburton County.

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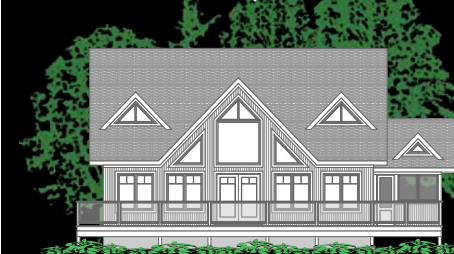
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Project to cost the county \$357,000

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that staff time is inefficiently used," Moffatt told *The Highlander*. "We can't open files, or presentations, the wind blows and the power goes out and the high-speed is gone."

Additionally, Rogers Communications Canada intends to shut down the wireless network serving eight sites throughout the county and municipalities by May 31, requiring the need for a new service provider.

Moffatt said she understood the frustrations of residents wanting better Internet access. It's not uncommon, especially in the summer months, to find a dozen people sitting in cars on North Shore Road outside the Stanhope library, which is home to a free Wi-Fi location.

More Wi-Fi hot spots spread throughout the county will enable residents without high-speed to not have to drive as far when they need to connect, and would ideally lead to more public workspaces, Rutter said.

"It is a solution for some, and they will have much more reliable service when they're there," he said.

"I don't think there's one magic solution that is going to solve all our problems, but in the longer term, it's very conceivable that there will be additional capacity throughout the county of Haliburton because of this project."

Moffatt said the county might face criticism for putting such fast Internet into underused buildings like public garages, but like Rutter, hoped the sites chosen would allow for future expansion for residents and businesses.

"We've taken advantage of the municipality connectivity project to try to build the fibre network as far out in the community as we can," said Moffatt.

Members of council had heard of local business owners couriering packages to California rather than deal with slow - or impossible - upload times.

"For \$357,000, we can assure people that what we're getting back is exponentially more than what we're putting in," said Moffatt.

The lack of population density in the county has made it unattractive to Internet service providers (ISP) to build the infrastructure needed for widespread Internet access.

"If Bell says we don't think we can make a business case out of it, but a local ISP can, that opportunity exists because these fibres are now run," said Rutter.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) ruled in July last year that large ISPs, like Bell, would have to provide access to their networks to smaller ISPs.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce (HHCC) commended the county and EORN's efforts to expand municipal connectivity, but said business and residential Internet should come next.

"Somewhere down the road, it's inevitable that business will benefit as well, but how far away is 'down the road'?", said Rosemarie Jung, HHCC executive director. "We've heard loud and clear from the business community that Internet access is the number one barrier to business retention, expansion and attraction."

A county broadband reserve holds \$231,257 for a capital fibre build. To secure the EORN deal's group pricing, a total of 52 fibre sites need to be approved throughout more than 100 municipalities in the region.

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Highlander news

New technology shown off in Haliburton

Advertised test results exaggerated says Guelph professor

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Two inventions were shown off last week at the Pinestone Resort, each advertised as a potential job creator in the county.

A magnetic flux capacitor propulsion engine and a specialized steam sterilizer were presented to guests at the resort on Jan. 27.

Vince Aurora, marketing director for Narss Environmental Energy Power Canada Inc. said he was excited to show off the capacitor technology for the first time to the public.

Aurora's son Ravi, president of the Aurora Hotel Group, became the new owner of the Pinestone Resort last August.

Narss Environmental is a new marketing company owned and operated by Aurora.

"After moving to Haliburton and meeting some of the people that live here, I thought I should bring these inventions here to Haliburton," Aurora told guests at the resort.

The device has to be plugged in to start, but once it does, it can generate electricity without any fuel or external power source, Aurora said.

At the demonstration, the capacitor ran for a few minutes before being turned off. Depending on the size of the magnets in the machine, Aurora said it can run on its own for around 20 years.

Aurora's colleague, Roger Zigmond, said rare magnets inside the capacitor attract and repel each other. The resulting electron flow can be stored in a generator.

He also said the machine is scalable, and can generate anywhere from 150 to 500 kilowatts per hour (kWh) of electricity.

That's an enormous amount of energy, said Brian Nash, founder of Haliburton Solar and Wind.

"They weren't entirely clear about the application process, but that's because they're still moving through this discovery phase," Nash said.

The other product, the university-tested sterilizer called the "Geo-Aurora base sterilizer", can achieve 100 per cent sterilization in seconds, Aurora said, and could have a major impact on the health industry.

However, the capabilities of the sterilizer are exaggerated, a professor from the University of Guelph told *The Highlander*.

Professor Keith Warriner of the school's food science department said he and his associates tested the sterilizer for six months in 2010 and 2011.

The tests were funded by the National Science and Engineering Research Council and cost \$25,000.

While Warriner admits the machine was able to successfully eliminate some bacteria from surfaces such as stainless steel, cutting boards and rubber, it did not achieve the advertised 100 per cent surface sterilization.

"Yes it did reduce the bacteria population up to 90 per cent, but it's not a magic bullet," Warriner said.

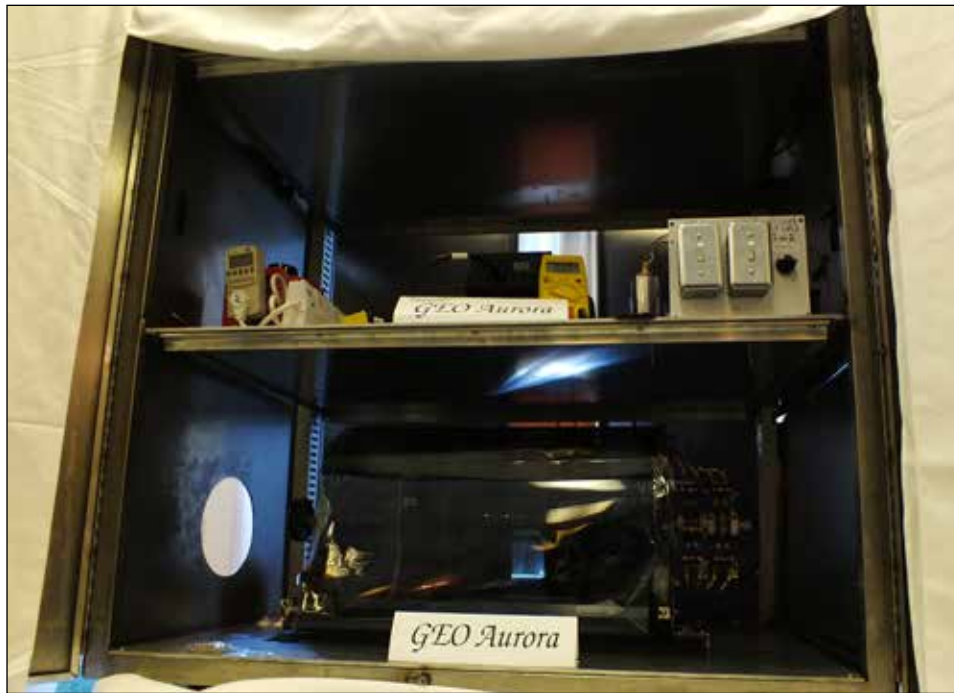


Photo by Alex Coop

The flux capacitor propulsion engine on display at the Pinestone Resort on Jan. 27.

He said keyboards, cell phones and dry food ingredients could benefit from the device because it produces dry steam and doesn't apply any moisture.

The machine was delivered to Warriner for testing by Gerald Picard, a businessman who at the time worked for B-Wise Tek Enterprises. He now works for Narss Environmental Energy Power Canada Inc.

Warriner said the technology behind the dry-steam sterilizer is derived from a degreaser unit used for old cannon guns.

"Gerald took that idea and built this machine, and that's what we tested," he said.

Warriner said the university's test results may have been overused.

"The way he uses our name does get concerning a little bit, and putting the University of Guelph logo on something gives it credibility."

Picard's old website coldsteam.ca advertises the university's test results repeatedly. The information handed out at the presentation is taken directly from the website.

Warriner said he couldn't say much about the capacitor device because it was out of his field of expertise.

"The idea of a perpetual motion machine has been talked about before but a lot of the time it's a myth ... it does sound interesting though," he said.

The technology sounds far-fetched, but the potential upside is hard to ignore, said Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey.

"Quite frankly, nobody believes this guy, and I understand that, but on the other hand, what if we're wrong, then the repercussions are we might miss an opportunity we might never get again.

"My role as a reeve is to say we're open for business here ... this isn't going to happen tomorrow or next month, or six months from now, but it might happen within a year or two.

The municipality has not committed financially to either prototype.

The capacitor must get the green light from Electronic Safety Authority (ESA) before it can be used, sold, displayed or advertised for sale in Ontario, Nash said. They must also find a way to store the power the capacitor generates.

Aurora said Narss Technology will speak with various battery manufacturers. One of those companies is Tesla Powerwall.

In a year, Aurora said he'd like to see the device used at the Pinestone Resort. After about five years, a manufacturing plant for the device could be built somewhere in the county, he added.

Details about how much the technology costs and how many jobs the project could create were not yet available, he said.

Aurora said Narss Technology has started to advertise the devices in countries like India, Ghana and Uganda through videos. Last Wednesday was the first time they've been physically presented to the public.

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Editorial opinion

Be careful out there

Let's face it. We all wondered about the arrival of winter this year.

And even though it showed up to the party fashionably late, it still isn't sure if it's coming or going.

The warm temperatures continue to affect consumer spending, animal patterns and winter tourism for the county – more specifically, snowmobile season.

When the white stuff started to fall in late December, many breathed a sigh of relief and just as many started up their snowmobiles. The OPP and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) felt the revving of the engines and swiftly launched Provincial Snowmobile Safety Week (from Jan. 16 to Jan. 24) stressing snowmobilers should focus on their own personal safety and the well-being of others.

But so many were so anxious to feel fresh snow under their machines, that poor ice conditions or consequences of drinking and riding took a back seat to finally getting going. Two accidents in less than a month caused two deaths.

Thomas Rivers was the most recent and his death has shaken Wilberforce.

Usually, when we in Haliburton hear about a snowmobile incident, we automatically assume it was a tourist or someone inexperienced with the trail system who likely had too much to drink.

When it happens to someone who has lived in the area for years, the comments morph into how they should have known better. How could they not have known the ice was too thin or narrows and rivers are extremely dangerous?

Whether riders are newcomers to the hobby or have been carving fresh paths for years, risk-taking behaviour can tempt even the most confident rider.

It's defined as the competence effect: when someone's subjective confidence overrides the accuracy of those judgments.

Simply put, people know about the consequences but are convinced it can't happen to them.

But if recent events have taught me anything, it's that it can happen to anyone.

There are a number of precautions snowmobilers can take to get home safely this winter. But if those are not enough to convince you, the sobering statistics should.

Fifty-eight per cent of snowmobile-related fatalities involved alcohol or drugs, while 57 per cent involved speeding or riding too fast, and 58 per cent occurred at dusk or after dark. Middle-aged males made up 87 per cent of last season's snowmobile-related fatalities and 58 per cent were riders or passengers between the ages of 35 and 54.

Like driving a car, there are rules to be followed. If you have a valid driver's licence, you can operate a snowmobile. For those 12-years-old or older, a valid motorized snow-vehicle operator's licence (MSVOL) allows for trail use on those "established and maintained by a recreational organization for the use of snowmobiles." Riders must be at least 16 or older and have a driver's licence or a MSVOL (not both) to drive a snowmobile along or across a public road where snowmobiles are allowed. It's that simple.

The harsh reality is if you speed, drink alcohol and ride a snowmobile after dark — on any sled — you are risking your life.

While the two recent snowmobile accidents that led to deaths fit the age demographic, we don't know if alcohol or drugs were a factor. Both appear to be accidents and both are terribly tragic, but both people died while operating a snowmobile.

Why take a chance? Slow down, take in the scenery our beautiful county has to offer, be responsible for your own safety and your fellow riders.

Thomas Rivers will be missed by many. So for his sake and that of your loved ones, be careful out there. Think before making a decision that could cost you your life.



By Jennifer Hughey

The personal touch

A great travel experience is personal.

While the scenery and the activities may be remembered, it is the personal contacts that are the most memorable.

That is why we spend so much effort encouraging those involved in visitor interactions to go the extra mile for our guests. Each contact, from waitress to store clerk to vehicle mechanic shapes a visitor's impression of our community. A positive experience turns a visitor into an ambassador who will encourage others to follow in his or her footsteps.

I was surprised to hear the county tourism advisory committee was considering closing the information centre on Highway 35 in Minden and trusting online information sources to guide visitors to the Highlands.

The Internet can be a valuable resource for travellers. Lots of information, photos, videos and maps are available online. Add to that the many review sites that now populate the Internet and you have a multitude of sources to assist in decision-making.

What you can't do online is go to the bathroom.

No, to do that, you need to find the appropriate facilities, which, if you are on the road, can be a bit of a hit and miss chore. But my experience has been you can almost always find suitable facilities at the tourist information centres.

According to details presented at the tourism advisory committee, 30 per cent of those who stop in at the centre in Minden had the bathroom foremost in mind. The implication being, for a third of those coming through those doors, it could be replaced by a couple of well-scrubbed privies.

I beg to differ.

When people pull off the highway, get out of the car and enter the info centre, for whatever reason, they represent tourism gold, even if their minds are focused on a more pressing need. There they stand, waiting for a child or spouse to finish the reason behind their stop...an excellent opportunity to engage them on the delights of the Highlands and more importantly, make them feel welcome. Even if that is the extent of the interaction, the opportunity wouldn't exist at all if it wasn't for the presence of the centre, the staff and the bathroom.

My experience stopping at information centres has been that even with all the

brochures, booklets, pamphlets and other printed material on offer, it is the answers to my questions that gives me the richest feeling for the community. The people behind the counter know the hidden corners

of the area, a restaurant to recommend, a place to stay that is unique, and yes, they can steer you clear of places that likely won't deliver a positive experience. The quality of the information is more in depth and nuanced than what you'll likely find online and it is delivered in person, with a smile... something else you can't get online.

The centre is, at a minimum, a symbol of the county's belief in itself as a destination and the industry is worthy of its support. Tourism related businesses in the Highlands are for the most part, mom and pop operations. They are owned by local residents, who manage and staff the facilities with local people. They enrich the local economy, they provide a valuable service and deserve the community's support. They also need the encouragement and endorsement represented by the information centre's presence.

An effort to equate the visitation with a dollar value is of course a straw dog. Online contacts come in at a fraction of a cent because every time someone clicks on a new window, it is counted. What isn't tallied is the quality of the encounter, the engagement of the viewer or whether the click actually translates into a visit. Compare the cost with friendly, personal interactions and of course the cost analysis will favour the website.

There is no one there behind a web screen, no one to make the visitor feel welcome. No matter how many times you click your way through a website, your experience will never measure up to talking to someone. The report says the cost to operate the centre is \$61,000. I would say that is good value for what the centre offers, washroom and all.

So whether people stop for a map, directions, a friendly smile or a sweatshirt, it is a valuable component of the tourism promotion effort. And, if their only reason for stopping is to use the washroom, even that provides a golden opportunity to engage and greet the visitors to the Highlands.



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Editorial opinion

The numbers don't add up

Dear editor,

The phrase “is it an Edsel or a Ferrari” is one that has been bouncing around in my brain for the last few months. What I am applying the phrase to is the fibre optic network that now services Haliburton County. My conclusion at the moment is that its designed to support an LTE cell phone network and not fibre to the home. I arrived at this conclusion after reading many reports, talking to some people with knowledge of telecommunications and casting my mind back to what happened to the telecom carriers when smartphones came on the scene.

Smartphones severely stressed carriers’ networks. Major system upgrades were required to cope. Smartphone cell towers require fibre optic cabling and the projected capacity needs over the next five years are enormous.

If we look at what we might want at home we see large changes on the horizon. Some TV shows are going to be streamed online in a 4K format.

Two of our TV sports networks are planning some 4K broadcasts in 2016. Online video gamers are now competing for prize money in professionally run tournaments. Neither satellite or DSL service can handle this amount of data. NHK, which is the host broadcaster for the Tokyo Olympics, is planning an 8K broadcast service for the Olympics. In the music world there is a push for albums to be issued in compression free format. These albums are almost one gigabyte in size.

If you look at the public pronouncements from the major telecom carriers you will see that they are preparing their systems to handle these changes. The fibre to the home

projects underway are all in major urban areas and will take years to complete.

In rural Ontario the telecom carriers focus is on LTE cell phone services. This is because cell phones are great revenue generators. Another major benefit to the telecom carriers is that most of the funding for the build out of systems in rural Canada comes from the Government. Also if you build fibre to the home you compromise your satellite services.

In my view, Haliburton County should adopt a fibre to the home policy. It is a quality of life issue and will have substantial benefits for home-based businesses. Without high speed Internet such businesses may not be eligible to bid on Government contracts.

The change I am proposing will require serious funding. At first blush the costs will seem prohibitive. However, are the costs much different than what it costs to bring electricity to rural Ontario?

Funding for such a project may require \$300,000 per year at the county level. The lower tier municipalities is \$25,000 each. Project length might be 10 years. Any funding from the federal or provincial governments should be seen as a bonus. At the present time we have \$11 million invested in our part of the fibre optic network and 8,980 homes that only have access to high-speed digital services via satellite. At the present time the satellite is at capacity and less than 1,000 homes in Haliburton County are using it.

Olds, Alberta was faced with many of the technology issues that Haliburton faces. They chose to build their own ISP system. The total cost was around \$27 million and they received grants from upper tiers of Government to assist in the build out.

County council also needs to review the

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The sun reflects off an ice-covered milkweed.

Photo by Douglas Hughey

restrictions in the Municipal Broadband Connectivity contract to see whether or not they impair their ability to undertake a project such as I am proposing.

A good read on the fibre to the home issue can be found at ftthcouncil.org/p/cm/ld/fid=25.

It is a publication of the Fiber to the Home

Council.

As for me, I still don't know whether we have an Edsel or a Ferrari. But I am looking forward to testing a one gigabyte broadband service later this year.

Peter McLuskey
Eagle Lake

Fancy a redneck cuppa?

I took a tentative sip from the Budweiser can.

“Hey, it actually tastes quite good!”

Another sip. “I can’t believe it!

It tasted just as you’d imagine; hot dog flavoured tea.

And with that simple act I took another seminal step in my gradual transcendence towards full-blooded Haliburton redneck.

How I get myself into these situations is somehow beyond comprehension but, save for the odd exaggeration in the interests of telling a good story, everything I write about in this column is true. And so it was that I stood in a small dark tent, pressed close to three burly characters, drinking the hot dog water as the frigid wind whipped around devilishly outside.

Occasionally, someone would venture out. Just for a moment or two though, in order to maintain the facade that we were actually ice fishing. Our lines were set and we had high hopes of a catch but, for everyone apart from the owner of the tent, who was taking up rather more room in said tent than required with fishing poles and all manner of electronic fish finding equipment, no one was really desperate enough for a fish that

they’d actually attend to their lines, such was the bitter weather outside.

Instead, we stood and made jokes about the ridiculousness of the situation. We stood because there wasn’t enough room for anyone to sit apart from the cook, who had designated himself as such in part due to his lack of interest in fishing, and mostly because he is so tall that it wasn’t possible for him to fully stand in our little nylon shelter.

After everyone had eaten their fill of hot dogs and stopped snickering about me drinking ‘wiener water,’ there was relative silence for a while, save for the odd fart. We peered into the holes that my buddy fished through. You can see down surprisingly far into the water when huddled in a dark tent and watching the rhythmic jig jig of his bait, waiting for an imagined monster walleye to swoop in and snatch it, was like watching a NASCAR race. You watch, wait and hope for something to happen but almost inevitably the endless monotony simultaneously keeps you hooked and drives you crazy. Only once in a blue moon is the boredom broken, and then, with a smash, end over end crash and fireball, you leap up

elated (read relieved) before settling back into the rhythmic drudgery once again.

This afternoon there was no cataclysmic event, no pyrotechnic carnage, not even sight of an uninterested bass passing by. But we watched anyway.

Another beer was drank and lines were checked again. Still no action.

Luckily my burly buddies had predicted not catching fish and brought along fish crisp and fillets from a previous, more productive fishing expedition. Our cook - I hesitate to join him in using the moniker ‘chef’ both due to the cleanliness of his finger nails and definitely because of his Budweiser/fish-crisp batter – set the frying pan on the stove and we had a fish fry.

By the fourth batch the batter was adhering to the fillets, a vast improvement upon the previous attempts, which, on presentation had looked like disfigured lumps of partially melted ice cream. For our part, we did not shirk responsibility, reluctantly eating batches one, two and three in the interest of not wasting good fish.

Everything tastes OK if you slather on some ketchup. Even if said ketchup turns pink as it mixes with the beige beer batter

paste!

By now our little tent was really quite warm. In fact, there was a serious amount of deep fry flavoured condensation building up on the roof; the occasional rancid drip falling into my hair. I was full of food, hot, stripped to my shirtsleeves and thirsty. Not wanting another beer, I looked around for something else to drink.

“Where’s the water?” I asked.

“What water?” came the reply from the cook.

“There must be water, we cooked the wieners in water.”

The chef smirked and pointed to the hole that my buddy was jigging his fishing line in.

“Why d’ya think the hot-dog tea tasted so good!” he laughed. “That was Notelly Lake’s finest!”

“Bleurgh!” My stomach turned and I swallowed hard but then, stopping to consider my predicament, I realized I’d drank a Budweiser prior to the hot dog tea and after drinking American beer almost everything is an improvement in my books!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What is your opinion on our county's Internet quality?



Dave Schellenberg

Donald

Poor. I live in Donald and there isn't high-speed. Fibre optic [cables] go right up Gelert Road by The Rail Trail and you can't hook up to it.



Elizabeth Brown

Kinmount

I don't know. I don't have Internet so I couldn't tell you.



Gerry Solmes

Wilberforce

I don't really use it that much. I have high-speed and use it a bit for email.



Keith Hodgson

Haliburton

I'm pretty illiterate when it comes to that. I hear numerous complaints from people on Harburn Road. It [high-speed] passes by their place but they can't connect to it.



Terry Wakely

Norland

I'm with Bell and I'm pretty unimpressed. My kids say my Wi-Fi works great, but I'm kind of old school. I've just got an old Apple on a phone line.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

Wilberforce man dies in snowmobile accident

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

A 53-year-old Wilberforce man died last Friday after his snowmobile went through the ice on Dark Lake.

Thomas Rivers worked at Wilberforce Service Centre and was an uncle and brother.

He was part of a group of four people on two machines that went through the ice in the middle of the lake, just minutes from the village before midnight.

A local resident saw flashlights, heard screams for help, and phoned 911.

The other riders made it out of the frigid water.

Wilberforce residents Frank and Janette Packard were on their way home when they saw the flashing lights of the EMS vehicle.

"It was awful, you could see helmets in the water at the edge of the ice," Janette said.

Highlands East fire Chief Bill Wingrove said fire and rescue searched the area with thermal imaging cameras into the early morning Saturday without success.

Provincial Constable A. Skipworth told *The Highlander* the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) was called in to assist the next morning. Initially Skipworth said they were not required, but later clarified the USRU provided specialized assistance.

"They just didn't need to submerge

themselves," Skipworth said, confirming the body wasn't completely submerged and that Rivers's helmet was visible to the recovery unit once they got out far enough onto the ice. He was pulled from the water just before 10 a.m. on Saturday.

OPP called next of kin after his body was found. His nephew, who arrived on scene to identify the body, was with him at the time of the accident.

The OPP and the coroner's office are continuing their investigation.

Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Pictured right: PC Skipworth photographs the scene on Jan 30.



Who decides what makes the cut?

Dear editor,

I have just read the article, "Tiny house doesn't make the cut" from the Jan. 28 edition of *The Highlander* and find myself scratching my head.

According to the article Ms. Dentinger was notified by the Township of Algonquin Highlands her building did not meet the township's zoning bylaws because it was deemed to be an accessory rather than a principal-use structure. The article also mentioned it would have been "given the green light if a septic system was also in

place." How a septic system would have changed the status of the building, as the building would still be less than 108 square feet, is also confusing.

My question, however, is this. How does the Township decide which bylaws to enforce? A septic disposal operation was started up in the fall of 2015, near the intersection of Highway 118 and 25th Line. To my knowledge, the area in question is zoned agricultural and the disposal of human waste is not considered to be agricultural. It is also a field operation which, in 2003, the Township had planned, according to

their website, "to look at various options for the future disposal of septage in Algonquin Highlands ... in response to the Ministry of Environment plan to no longer permit the field application of septage". The Township has allowed this practice to start up, even though the residents have complained, worrying about odour, contamination of wells, and not to mention the possible effect on the wetland area nearby. How is this use of land less important than building a bunkie on six acres of land?

In the article David Rogers is quoted as saying "there's not a lot of wiggle room when

it comes to zoning" and Carol Moffatt said "the provincial and municipal rules around zoning and construction are clear." If that is truly the case, the Township was correct in having Ms. Dentinger's structure removed, but the same rules should be applied to the septage disposal site.

Why is there this discrepancy in the enforcing of bylaws?

Sincerely,

Kristina McClory
Algonquin Highlands





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Highlander news

Reeve's company pitches tracking products

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

A company founded by Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton is approaching local municipalities to buy into its technology.

Stephen Tunks, one of five members of S&S Telematics Corporation, provided council on Jan. 25 information about the company's services to sell them GPS tracking units to make the municipality more efficient and prepare them for legal battles.

Before the presentation, Burton declared a pecuniary interest and left the room. Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge chaired the meeting in his absence.

Tunks explained the Ottawa-based company specializes in GPS tracking equipment and management services. He said the three main purposes of this equipment is to locate assets, track what they're doing and produce "meaningful and useful reports."

For example, data would reveal where the municipality's vehicles are at all times. If an employee is not where they're supposed

to be or is suspected of being involved in suspicious activity, the company's investigators would look into the incident.

"We're tracking what the asset itself is doing," he said.

There is about a 10-second delay in the transmission of data, Burton told *The Highlander*.

Tunks said the technology is an effective defense for lawsuits that could arise against the municipality.

"The defense is, there's the facts, Jack. That's what really happened."

The tracking units cost \$200-1,500 and software is \$15-35 per month, said Tunks. Investigative services vary.

"They range and it depends what application you want or need," said Burton, who didn't want to discuss specific prices.

For example, a regular pickup truck may only require one sensor whereas a snowplow would require more than one to monitor the activity of the plow and the salt spreader.

Tunks offered to meet with staff to prepare a report to illustrate the pros and

cons for the municipality and determine final costs.

Councillor Joan Barton wanted to ensure council would be following proper process if they approved a meeting with staff.

"I'm not sure how you integrate working with our staff and preparing a report for us into our procurement process," said Barton.

CAO Shannon Hunter suggested the municipality include this in a request for proposal (RFP) for companies interested in providing the service.

Council received Tunks's presentation and directed staff to prepare a draft RFP.

According to Hunter, the municipality would be looking at equipping approximately 21 vehicles with this technology. To her knowledge, there haven't been any lawsuits filed because of the whereabouts of a vehicle or employee. However, the municipality has had to "produce documentation ... to prove standards" were met for potential litigation.

"Highlands East is interested in the analytical data and performance

of the software that will assist with enhancing performance, vehicle usage/maintenance and reducing risk of potential liabilities which include roads minimum maintenance standards," she said.

Burton told *The Highlander* he became involved with the company about a year ago and stressed it is separate from his work as reeve.

"I actually initiated and started the company," he said.

"I have some people in places that are helping me with the business."

This is a new venture for Burton, who owned a water well drilling business and a spring water company before getting into politics.

He said his company has a service to offer that is going to be very important. They will be approaching other municipalities and companies that possess fleets of vehicles.

Tunks met with Dysart councillors the same day to tell them about the technology. No decisions were made, but council directed staff to find out more information.

HE roads superintendent requests more staff

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Highlands East's roads department will be struggling to keep up if it doesn't hire a general equipment operator, says roads superintendent Earl Covert.

During preliminary budget deliberations last week, Covert told council he will be short an average of three people every week for five months this summer because of vacation days and overtime.

"We've been cut pretty thin for a long time," said Covert.

One employee took a leave of absence between April and August of last year for medical reasons. This year, another will go on sick leave during the same months.

"We have the minimum maintenance that has to be done, which is going to take about 50 per cent of one man's time," Covert said, "I haven't got time."

The department is responsible for maintenance and construction of municipal roads, four landfills and maintenance of the trail system.

It currently employs one lead hand, one mechanic, two grade operators and five general equipment operators.

The average starting salary for a general equipment operator is \$22.72 per hour, based on a 40-hour work week. Extra wage and benefits would have an impact on the budget, CAO Shannon Hunter told *The Highlander*.

"If council doesn't consider full-time,

they will be looking at the costs for a part-time position so the savings would be the difference between the two," said Hunter.

"I have a hard time with this right now, with these times as well," said reeve Dave Burton. "I'm not really in support of hiring another full-time person."

Burton said he would consider a part-time position.

Covert wasn't in favour and said he would rather hire for a casual or temporary position.

Councillor Joan Barton asked for clarification about the difference between temporary and part-time. Covert said a part-time position is recognized by the union. Temporary isn't. As long as

someone is on holiday or sick leave, a temporary or casual worker would be an option.

Hunter wasn't sure if that would be the best decision.

"I think if we're going to have someone come in on a scheduled time, it would be part-time," she said.

"I don't want to get into that," responded Covert. "We've been through this three times now."

Burton requested Hunter look into the options and make a recommendation to council.

No conclusion has been reached yet, said Hunter. She will present her findings at the next budget meeting on March 14.

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Dysart blocks off snow-covered stairs

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Dysart has barricaded a snow-covered set of stairs leading to the intersection of York Street and Highland Street because pedestrians are using the treacherous route.

Brian Nicholson, director of public works, blocked off the area after reviewing photos sent to *The Highlander* from a reader.

A sign warns pedestrians the stairs are not maintained in the winter.

"It's very difficult to maintain those wood steps in a safe fashion," said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey. "If you get an inch of snow on the wood it's very slippery."

The alternative is to walk around the orange



Photo by Mark Arike

Mesh fencing will keep pedestrians away from these snow-covered stairs in Haliburton.

caboose and follow the maintained sidewalk on York Street, which also leads to the

intersection.

The stairs are municipal property.

Minden cultural centre hit with \$50,000 cut

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The Minden Hill Cultural Centre will see massive cuts to funding in an attempt to keep the township's property tax increase under 10 per cent.

Council asked Mark Coleman, director of community services, to cut \$50,000 from the centre's almost \$340,000 draft budget at last week's public budget discussion.

Reeve Brent Devolin cited "challenging times" in asking all departments to help bring the tax increase down from its 15.11 per cent starting point. That number includes a 6.23 per cent, or almost \$392,000, increase in policing costs due to the second year of the new provincial billing formula.

Council wants to keep the tax increase to single digits.

"It's going to mean some changes, some [departments] will appear to pay more than others, but it's absolutely necessary," said Devolin. "It doesn't do us any great pleasure to make some of these changes, but that's what we're here for. It's what we need to do."

Council eliminated a curator position last

year, but Devolin says spending didn't fall. And, he said, a further \$50,000 may have to be cut next year.

"I know that what I'm asking is not easy," he said. "It will create some hardship, but we have some other bills to pay. I think this has gone on long enough."

The cultural centre has the same budget as the community centre, he noted, even though 100 times more people use the community centre. The cultural centre includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place. The centre hosts events like the Festival of the Trees, the artisan market, and art and nature exhibitions.

Increasing traffic at the cultural centre was behind the move to change the method of payment at the centre from a set price to donations.

"I think to be realistic, we can't look at people coming to the cultural centre and putting in a donation to find \$50,000 this year, and another \$50,000 next year," said councillor Jeanne Anthon. "We're talking deep cuts here."

The cultural centre was initially built with the expectation the unique attraction would

bring people to the area, according to deputy reeve Cheryl Murdoch. The cost to run the centre was \$147,000 in 2005.

"That is a very unique corner of probably all of Ontario, it's got a lot of things going for it," she said.

Murdoch said something had to change to bring people to the centre, including kids from the elementary school, which is located directly across the street from the complex. She said the centre required a lot of money to keep running, but she didn't want to see it shut down.

"I'm not talking about shutting it," said Devolin. "I just think what I could do in the rest of the municipality for \$339,000. I thought about that for half a second and then put it away."

The community services department delivered a zero per cent increase in the budget, as did most departments except for the treasury, roads and fire departments.

Coleman said he would go back to the drawing board to look at possible reductions. Budget discussions continue at the Feb. 18 council meeting.

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Meetings & Events

February 11, 2016

9:00 am, COTW, Minden Council Chambers

February 16, 2016

9:00 am, Special Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Please Note: Council will continue its 2016 Budget Deliberations during the February 16, 2016 Special Council Meeting

February 25, 2016

9:00 am, Public Meeting, Council Chambers
Please Note: To continue with the 2016 Draft Budget at the February 25th, 2016 Public Meeting.

February 25, 2016

9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers

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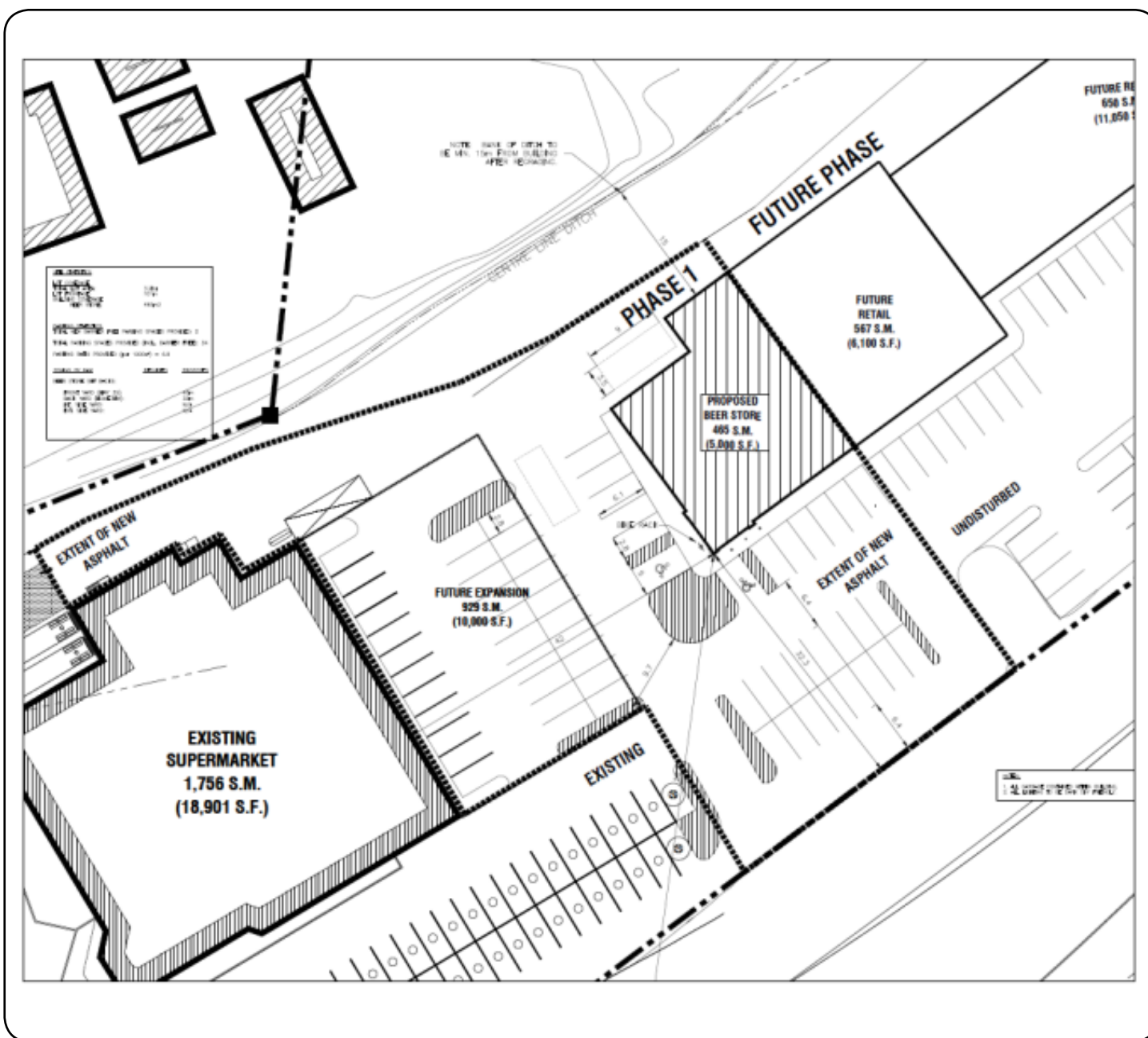
Notice of Special Council Meeting

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to continue with the 2016 Draft Budget deliberations.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext 205 or email: dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

Highlander business



Blueprints from Minden Hills council report

A site plan shows the current phase of construction happening on the lot next to Dollo's Foodland on Highway 35. The future phase included on this site plan is conceptual at this point.

New Beer Store on Highway 35 quickly taking shape

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

What was once an empty field along Highway 35 is quickly becoming the new home of The Beer Store, and the area has the potential for expansion.

The 5,000-square-foot building next to Dollo's Foodland is the future home of The Beer Store, and construction is moving quickly, aiming for a Victoria Day opening.

"Once you break ground, things fly," said Jamie Dollo, owner of Dollo's Foodland and the land adjacent to the supermarket.

The more modern open-concept version of The Beer Store replaces the downtown Water Street outlet.

"We don't want to do anything to take away from downtown," said Dollo. "These suitors came looking because they weren't

happy with their existing situation. We had a site feasible to help them out. Hopefully it's going to help them get something they want. We hope it's a positive thing."

Minden Hills councillors discussed further potential development at the site at last week's council meeting.

Reeve Brent Devolin said there was a plan for multiple businesses on the land, and Dollo confirmed a possible 10,000-square-foot expansion of the supermarket and an entrance from the highway.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon said the new shops might be appropriate for the downtown area, but Devolin noted the

possible retailers he had heard of were all larger stores.

"I understand [the] concern that we

would like to retain as much as we can in the downtown part," Devolin said in regards to Anthon's comment. "It also means we'll have to be somewhat creative as we re-envision some of these locales that get vacated."

He said there is some interest in the current Water Street Beer Store site.

According to Dollo there is nothing concrete about plans or prospective tenants on the Highway 35 property.

We don't want to do anything to take away from downtown.

Jamie Dollo

owner, Dollo's Foodland

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. *Blue: A Novel* by Danielle Steel
2. *The First Order* by Jeff Abbott
3. *The Secret Sister* by Brenda Novak

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Free-Motion Quilting Idea Book: 155 Mix & Match Designs* by Amanda Murphy
2. *A Carlin Home Companion: Growing up With George* by Kelly Carlin
3. *The Battle for Hell's Island: How a Small Band of Carrier Dive-Bombers Helped Save Guadalcanal* by Stephen L. Moore

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Wriggle and roar! Rhymes to join in With* by Julia Donaldson (picture book)
2. *100 Science Experiments* by Kate Knighton (JNF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *The Intern* (DVD)
2. *NYPD 4* by James Patterson (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

2016 Evergreen nominees are here! The Evergreen Award is part of the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading and celebrates Canadian writing. This year's nominees include fiction, non-fiction, short stories, and a graphic novel. Participate in the Evergreen Award by reading one or more titles and voting for your favourite in October.

Highlander health



File photo

Haliburton Highlands Health Services plans to break even for 2016.

HHHS working to balance the books

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) plans to break even for the upcoming year.

The corporation's new chief financial officer Kathy Newton told the board of directors on Jan. 28 the goal is to "remain status quo" amidst "inflationary pressures."

"We have some hard work ahead of us to control our expenses going into next year, but it is a very sound plan and it's not unreasonable to try to achieve this," said Newton.

In order to receive funding for 2016-17 from the Central East LHIN, HHHS must complete a Hospital Accountability Planning Submission (HAPS) and a Community Accountability Planning Submission (CAPS). These documents

are necessary to negotiate the final accountability agreements with the LHIN, said interim CEO Carolyn Plummer in an interview.

HAPS incorporates the budgets for acute care at both hospitals and long-term care facilities, explained Newton. CAPS includes 18 programs provided by Community Support Services.

"They're at break-even as well for 2016-17," she said.

There is a small surplus of \$1,400 in the HAPS submission.

"In other words, we submitted a balanced plan," said Plummer.

HHHS submitted their best calculations for what it's going to cost to deliver services in the coming year, Newton told *The Highlander*. She said the success of the plan depends on the senior management team and the board "pulling

together to achieve some targets."

"[The LHIN] will then flow the funds, which are usually the same as the previous year," she said.

The board approved the submission of both plans to the LHIN.

HHHS received \$18.5 million in funding the previous fiscal year (April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015). Other forms of revenue totalled \$4.6 million.

This year's funding will be included in the organization's audited financial statements when the fiscal year has ended. The information will be posted online at hhhs.ca.

"At HHHS we are committed to

achieving the goals set out in our strategic plan; we take pride in being a pillar of the community and in the respect that the community holds for us," said Plummer.

"We need to ensure that our community is receiving the best value for the resources entrusted to us, and we are proud to have a plan that will help us achieve our goals."

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

The Central East LHIN is one of 14 LHINS in the province.

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In other words, we submitted a balanced plan.

Carolyn Plummer
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Highlander sports

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Monday afternoon, Jan. 11

MEN: High average: Claude Cote – 222
High single: Claude Cote – 258
High single handicap: Claude Cote – 260
High triple: Claude Cote – 648
High triple handicap: Claude Cote – 652
WOMEN: High average: Chris Cote – 184
High single: Chris Cote – 234
High single handicap: Chris Cote – 269
High triple: Chris Cote – 603
High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 718

Monday evening, Jan. 11

MEN: High average: Rick West – 225
High single: Joey Cox – 310
High single handicap: Joey Cox – 326
High triple: Joey Cox – 682
High triple handicap: Norm Goldenberg – 760
WOMEN: High average: Cathy Snell – 244
High single: Cathy Snell – 293
High single handicap: Gail Goldenberg – 298
High triple: Cathy Snell – 639
High triple handicap: Loretto Cummings – 695

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 12

MEN: High average: Claude Cote – 223
High single: Ken Thompson – 253
High single handicap: Ken Thompson – 275
High triple: Ken Thompson – 629
High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 695
WOMEN: High average: Chris Cote – 176
High single: Gala Newell – 169
High single handicap: Gala Newell – 246

High triple: Chris Cote – 455
High triple handicap: Gala Newell – 625

Wednesday Special Olympics, Jan. 6

MEN: Ross Anderson – 133
Jeffery Coulson – 130
Jason Hollowell – 119
WOMEN: Skylar Pratt – 178
Kim Buie – 162
Sarah Hudson – 138

Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14

MEN: High average: Gerry Wagg – 192
High single: Stu Vanderburg – 253
High single handicap: Stu Vanderburg – 316
High triple: Stu Vanderburg – 574
High triple handicap: Stu Vanderburg – 763
WOMEN: High average: Barb Ballantyne – 183
High single: Gloria Wagg – 228
High single handicap: Gloria Wagg – 270
High triple: Barb Ballantyne – 561
High triple handicap: Carol Gilligan – 679

Friday afternoon, Jan. 15

MEN: High average: Claude Cote – 215
High single: Claude Cote – 246
High single handicap: Bob Seymour – 293
High triple: Ken Thompson – 616
High triple handicap: Bob Seymour – 710
WOMEN: High average: Chris Cote – 176
High single: Chris Cote – 223
High single handicap: Chris Cote – 265
High triple: Chris Cote – 599
High triple handicap: Chris Cote – 722



Photo by Alex Coop

Snowcross racer Izac Reid stands next to the 45-foot-long trailer he and his family use to travel to competitions.

The road from novice to pro

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

No snow? No problem.

It isn't fazing teenage snowcross racer Izac Reid, who is leading the sport class category in the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA).

"This year, we haven't been able to ride much outside of the races," Reid said.

The 16-year-old pointed to a field next to his house, where a practice track, normally covered in snow, is mostly mud.

When the track is as brown as it is, Izac is normally using it to ride his dirt bike. That usually happens during the summer. It helps him stay in the racing mindset.

However, there's still plenty of winter left, and whether or not conditions improve, Reid is ready for each CSRA Snowcross Series race.

Izac has raced in three events so far in the snowcross series. He has five more to go until the season wraps up March 27 in Kitchener.

These races can be very intense, he said, especially now that he races in categories with no age limit.

"You have 15 other riders right next to you, you're hitting jumps, there's a lot going on," he said.

In addition to the sport class category, Reid also participates in the pro-lite category where he currently sits in 10th place.

To improve his endurance, Izac has been working out three to five times a week.

"It helps me push through races ... your arms can get tired after a while," he said.

Izac has been racing since he was 10, and is in his fifth full year in the CSRA.

His mother Paula said ever since his first

race in Barrie, it became obvious snowcross was going to be a big part of her son's future.

"That's when the journey began," Paula said, adding that she and Izac's father Tim are proud of Izac's achievements.

"We're behind him 100 per cent," she said, though she admits she still gets nervous watching her son race.

"My heart is still in my throat every time," she said.

"But it gets better each year."

After five years, Izac and his parents have travelled across Ontario and Quebec to attend events, driving up to seven hours with their 45-foot-long trailer in tow. The trailer carries Izac's Polaris IQR 600 sled and various tools his father uses to make repairs.

"[My dad] is learning just as much as I am," Izac said.

Tim said he didn't know much about the inner workings of a snowmobile prior to Izac's racing career.

"In the past five years I've learned a lot about what you can and can't do with a snowmobile," Tim said.

Izac said many racers in the circuit have a paid mechanic handling repairs and fine tuning.

The increased number of major sponsors like Polaris, have given Izac and his parents a big boost.

"We want to thank them all, we really appreciate what they do for us," Paula said.

Izac is pretty sure snowcross will continue to be a part of his future after high school.

His ultimate dream is to race in circuits in the United States.

"That's where I want to be," he said.

Izac's next event is Feb. 12 in Valcourt, Que.



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Highland Storm



Photo submitted by Amanda Rowden

Another win for the Tykes: The Highland Storm Tyke team brought home another medal from the Parry Sound 3-on-3 Fun Day Tournament on Jan. 30. They ended the weekend with a 10-0 victory.



Highland Storm Playoff Schedule



Novice-Storm Lead the Series 2-1-1 vs. South Muskoka Bears

Game 1- Storm Win 2-1
Game 2- Storm Win 3-0
Game 3- Storm Lose 5-4
Game 4- Storm Tie 4-4



Game 5- February 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Gravenhurst
Game 6 (if needed)- February 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Haliburton

Bantam- Storm Lead Series 2-1-1 vs. Ennismore Eagles

Game 1- Storm Tie 3-3
Game 2- Storm Win 1-0
Game 3- Storm Lose 3-1
Game 4- Storm Win 3-0



Game 5- February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Ennismore
Game 6 (if needed)- February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Haliburton

Pee wee A- Round 1 Sweep of Parry Sound Shamrocks

Awaiting Round Two Opponents

Game 1- Storm Win 4-1
Game 2- Storm Win 6-3
Game 3- Storm Win 5-0



Pee wee AE- Storm Lose Series 0-3-0 vs. Huntsville Otters

Game 1- Storm Lose 4-2
Game 2- Storm Lose 10-1
Game 3- Storm Lose 6-3



Midget- Storm Lose Series 0-3-0 vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks

Game 1- Storm Lose 4-2
Game 2- Storm Lose 3-1
Game 3- Storm Lose 4-1



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Darian Maddock PeeWee A



As quickly as the playoffs began, the Highland Storm PeeWee A team has already advanced to the second round. The Parry Sound Shamrocks were no match for the high-flying Storm. In a clean three-game sweep, the Storm outscored the Shamrocks 15-4, with Maddock recording a shutout in the third and deciding game, his 12th of the season.

12th Shutout, Round 1 Victory

2

Shawn Walker Bantam A



The Highland Storm Bantam A kicked off their first round of the playoffs against the Ennismore Eagles. This past weekend saw the two teams back in action for games three and four, which were split between the two teams. Walker was a major factor in game four, recording two assists and helping his team secure the win and shutout. The Storm are back in action this weekend, where they have the Eagles on the ropes. A Storm win would end their playoff hopes.

Stats	G	A	GP
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3

Josh Scheffee Tyke A



The Highland Storm Tyke travelled to Parry Sound this past weekend to compete in the three-on-three Tournament. Our Storm were divided into two squads, where Scheffee and his teammates made a name for themselves. The two squads made quick work of their opponents, finding the toughest competition in the last game where the two Storm teams had to face off against each other.

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Initiation 2: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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Highland Storm



Exciting home game for Novice team

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Highland Storm Novice team needed a win this weekend to move on, however, they just couldn't pull it off. The first game was an overtime loss with the final score 5-4 for the South Muskoka Bears. Goals were scored by Kadin Card, Addison Carr, Graeme Armstrong and Colby Coumbs. The second game was a 4-4 tie. This was a nail biter. The Highland Storm trailed for most of this game. But they were not going to lose. The Storm tied the game up in the third to put the game into overtime. However, the next ten minutes stayed scoreless and the Storm had to take the tie. Goals scored by Nathan Morrison, Mak Prentice, Cheyenne Degeer and Isaac Lee.

The team plays Feb. 6 at 4:30 p.m. in Gravenhurst vs. the Bears and Feb. 7 at 3:00 p.m. in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena vs. the Bears, if required.

Midgets out of the playoffs

Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks on Friday night in Minden for game two of their best of five playoff series in which Parry Sound was leading 1-0. The game opened with a defensive effort on both sides and it wasn't until the second period, on a clean Shamrock breakaway, that they notched the first marker and followed it up with a power play tally to end the second period with the Storm down 2-0. The Storm came out in the third with a renewed offensive effort and Andrew Hall scored midway through to bring the home side within one goal but that was as close as they could come as the Shamrocks scored an empty netter in the last minute to ice the win 3-1.

Saturday night the rivalry shifted locations to the enchanted confines of the Bobby Orr Community Centre in Parry Sound where the Storm needed a win to extend the series. Both sides again came out with a defense first scheme but the Shamrocks were able to break through on the power play to put one past alternate goalie Ethan Howe in his first start of the series. With renewed intensity, Haliburton's Mac Rider evened up the affair less than a minute later but the home team was able to sneak two more past Howe to finish the period with a 3-1 lead.

Coach Wood changed up goalies, to the veteran Parker Smolen, to begin the second and perhaps give the team an offensive spark. With the Shamrocks in their magical defensive shield the Highlanders had a rough time creating sustained pressure and the second ended identical to the first period with a 3-1 score. The tight checking continued throughout the third with Parry Sound tallying with just over three minutes left to spell the game and the series. In true sporting fashion both teams shook hands and the Storm wished them well on their continued journey in the Midget playoffs.

I would like to thank head coach Gord Wood for his tireless effort and patience this year as he hangs up his coaching blades after 16 years! I would also like to send my appreciation to assistant coach Paul Gonyea, trainer Tom Prentice and manager Karena Crofts for the many hours (and many emails in Karena's case) to make this team happen, give our teenagers a respectful and organized place to play hockey and to keep the parents informed.

PeeWee As advance to next round

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

The Joanne Shapley's Source for Sports Highland Storm PeeWee A team clinched round one of the playoffs Jan. 31, winning game three by a score of 5-0 against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Alex Little had four assists and Darian Maddock was solid in net, recording his 12th shutout of the season.

The Storm displayed a high energy that surprised the Shamrocks from the beginning which served well to set a tone that the Storm was willing to regulate. Fast transitions with crisp first passes and smart dumps-in's had the Shamrocks constantly pivoting and not able to gain much possession and consequently any momentum. The Storm struck first with a goal from centre Joe Boice at 2:22 in the first, which was the only goal of the period. Few players have matched the tenacity and hunger forward Dylan Keefer plays with this season, and this game was no exception. Keefer had another multi-point game scoring one and assisting on another. The second ended with the Storm up 2-0, and the visitors fading fast.

The third period started with a bang when forward Nick Phippen showed beautiful touch tipping an Alex Little blast from the point bar-down, just the way they drew it up in practice. When on his game and focused, Nick Phippen displays dynamic skills, and hockey IQ, that pays dividends in all three zones. Ten minutes later, Boice

added another which seemed to zap the life out of the visitors and their ruckus supporters. Aaron Bellefleur scored the fifth goal, which sealed the deal on this convincing win, and closed out round one of the playoffs in a clean sweep. Congratulations boys.

Bantam lead series with five points

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team met with the Ennismore Eagles the evening of Jan. 30 and gave up game three of the series by losing 3-1. It was a fast, action-packed game, with both teams constantly on a power play or penalty kill. The Storm was down two goals by the end of the first period. As the Storm struggled to take control during a power play, the Eagles snapped the opportunity with another goal. After a little pep talk, the Storm rushed the Eagles net, with shot after shot. Billy Walker picked up a pass and chipped in the Storm's only goal of the game, assisted by Tanner Crang and Nik Dollo. Although that goal gave the Storm some momentum, the time ticked away ending the game 3-1.

The team shutout the Ennismore Eagles 3-0 on home ice in Minden, Sunday afternoon. That was game four of the playoffs and the Storm took the lead with five points. The intense playoff action began when the puck dropped to start the game. Just eight seconds later, the Storm scored. A perfect setup from the face-off, the puck was sent deep into the Eagles zone Owen Gilbert was there to collect it and capitalizing with a goal, fed by Shawn Walker. This seemed to stump the Eagles and they never recovered. The Storm continued to dominate the play, keeping the puck in the Eagles end. That tenacious effort resulted in another goal by and Owen Gilbert with help from Nik Dollo and Shawn Walker.

The second period offered lots of back and forth action but no goals. Late in the third period, Gilbert secured his hat-trick when he maneuvered along the boards, got in deep passed the Eagle's defense and ripped a shot over the goalie. A great win, a well-earned shutout for Carson Sisson and an awesome game by all the Storm players.

PeeWee AEs win one, lose one

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walker's Heating & Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team

Storm reports

PeeWee AE team travelled to Huntsville on Jan. 30 to take on the Otters. It was the first game in the best-of-five preliminary round playoffs.

The Storm killed off an early penalty and then took a 1-0 lead on a Tyler Martin goal. The Otters would score twice before the end of the second period, in a game that was relatively quiet and similar to a couple of heavyweight boxers feeling each other out in the opening rounds. The Storm tied the game early in the third period on a Brendan Coumbs goal, but the Otters responded shortly after to regain the lead 3-2. The Otters then got an insurance marker with just under a minute to go to take the opener 4-2.

The teams met again on Sunday back in Haliburton for game two and the Otters would set the tone 30 seconds in off the opening faceoff to take a quick 1-0 lead. Brendan Coumbs would tie the score with a high wrist shot just inside the post a few shifts later. That would be as close as our locals got; the Otters would go on to dominate the remainder of the game easily winning 10-1 and putting the Storm in a must win situation on Tuesday in Huntsville for game three. Unfortunately, the Storm were eliminated.

Tykes win Fun Day tournament

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team traveled to Parry Sound on Jan. 30 to compete in the Parry Sound 3-on-3 Fun Day tournament. It was a great day of fast hockey. The Highland Storm Tyke team divided their squad into two teams. Both Storm teams played extremely well and remained undefeated until they had to square off against each other on two different occasions. Rookie goaltenders Hudson Horsley and Deagan Davison each earned themselves a victory, while each Storm team ended the day with a 5-1 record. Every Storm player netted themselves a bundle of goals and assists.

The Tykes were back on the ice in full team form on Jan. 31 facing off against Parry Sound. As soon as the puck dropped the Storm set the tempo of the game with many rushes, passing plays and offensive scoring chances. It was another shutout for Chase Winder, the Storm goalie. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Vanek Logan, Jace Mills, McLean Rowden and Josh Scheffee. The Storm team ended the weekend with a 10-0 victory and left Parry Sound with many great moments to celebrate. Way to go Storm!

Haliburton Wolves



January 28

7:30 p.m. in Haliburton
vs. Coldwater Falcons
6-2 Win

January 29

8:00 p.m. in Gravenhurst
vs. South Muskoka
Shield
17-3 Loss

January 30

6:30 p.m. in Haliburton
vs. Bobcaygeon Storm
18-8 Win

February 4

7:30 p.m. in Haliburton
vs. Bracebridge Blues

February 5

7:30 p.m. in South River
vs. Almaguin Spartans

Highlander events



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

An evening of folk

Three-time Juno winner David Francey, right, ventured to the Highlands Jan. 30 to entertain guests with tracks new and old. It was Francey's first show after taking a year off and guests filled the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion to capacity.



Photo by Mark Arike

McKecks celebrates 30 years

McKecks Tap & Grill hosted a classy bash for the restaurant's 30th anniversary. Thirty patrons attended "Flirty 30" at the popular Haliburton eatery on Jan. 28. The evening included a four-course meal and live jazz music provided by Stan Russell, Stuart Elliot and Spencer Devolin. Located on Highland Street, McKecks was established by former NHL hockey player Walt McKechnie in 1986. Pictured above: Stuart Elliot, right, plays the saxophone.

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EVENTS

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MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH Musical evening. Saturday, February 13, 2016 7:30 pm. Refreshments provided. Interested in performing? Call Kathleen 705-754-3558.

EVENTS

HALIBURTON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY meeting February 4, 1:00pm. Ruth Parkes room Haliburton Hospital Lower floor. We will be discussing 'next steps' for 2016. Fundraising activities, membership drive. For more info contact Tracey Lear tdelear@sympatico.ca

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH invites you to a **PANCAKE SUPPER** at the Legion in Haliburton on Tuesday, February 9, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. There will be no charge and gluten free pancakes

EVENTS

will be available. Proceeds from any donations will go to local community outreach or The Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship. All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGHLANDS FESTIVAL SINGERS - rehearsals have begun - Call Beth 705-457-4916 - New members are always welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HALIBURTON DRAGON BOAT CLUB information open house. Feb. 7 1:30 pm, Fish Hatchery 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers, are recruiting new members, men and women, from 14 to 80 plus. No experience necessary, paddles are provided. For more information, including cost, call Joannie Ransberry at 705-754-1194

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS Tuesday February 16 at 12:00pm. Haliburton Highlands Museum. Potluck lunch and enjoy a session of photos, short nature 'tails' and other presentations by members. Free admission, please bring a potluck food item. Call Gus 705-286-6570 for more details.

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OBITUARIES



Verna Sisson (nee Scheffee)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Wood Nursing Home in Haliburton on Tuesday morning, January 26, 2016 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Max Sisson. Loving mother of Judy (Bob Thomson) of Peterborough, Jill (Haven Cook) of Haliburton and Blake (Delaine) of West Guilford. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Kelly (Paul), Jason, Amber (Doug), Ashley (Myles), Autumn, Reagan (Ashley), Caley and by her great grandchildren Kirsten, Jake, Jason Jr., Brock, Jesse, McKenna and Max. Predeceased by her brothers Leslie, Grant and Mark. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Verna worked at Pollards Clothing Store and for Brohm's Variety in Haliburton for years. She enjoyed curling, bowling, singing, fishing with Max at their trailer and spending time with the family.

Private Family Arrangements

A private family gathering will take place. Interment will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Highland Wood would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.



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Bruce Conboy

(Resident of Carnarvon, Ontario)

Peacefully at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge on Friday afternoon, January 29, 2016 in his 85th year. Beloved husband of Brenda Conboy (nee Peirce) for close to 56 years. Loving father of Cheryl (Larry Parsons) and Frank, all of Minden. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Elizabeth (Don) and Allan. Predeceased by his brothers Doc, Jim, Norm and by his sister Dorothy. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews and by his brother-in-law / friend Cam (Pam) and by his many friends. Bruce was an Industrial Electrician with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) for almost 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, fishing and inventing contraptions to make life easier.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday evening, February 5, 2016 from 6 until 8 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon, February 6, 2016 at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Cremation to follow. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden or the Arcadia Masonic Lodge, Minden would be appreciated by the family. Masonic brethren are asked to assemble at the funeral home for a Masonic Service on Friday evening, February 5, 2016 at 7 o'clock.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. SRA-14-02:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9754, registered July 21, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-08:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9773, registered September 11, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-10:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9773, registered September 11, 2015.
- File No. SRA-14-11:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9807, registered January 6, 2016.
- File No. SRA-15-05:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9779, registered September 18, 2015.
- File No. SRA-15-10:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9776, registered September 17, 2015.
- File No. SRA-15-11:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9809, registered January 14, 2016.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, February 11, 2016** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2015**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 4th day of February, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
Planner

Highlander events



Photos submitted by Brenda Manser and Pat Thorne

Stretching the dollar

Sixty-three guests joined volunteers and staff at the Minden Community Food Centre on Jan. 29 for their first public dinner. Residents were encouraged to come out for a free dinner and see what meals are distributed through the food bank to clients. All of the food was donated and Marilynne Lesperance, chairperson for the community kitchen and food centre, said it was a huge success. "By the end of the evening, due to the generosity of our guests, several hundred dollars was raised, which will be used to buy supplies for the food bank," Lesperance said. Reeve Brent Devolin and councillors Lisa Schell and Ron Nesbitt came out to support the initiative and had kind words to say about the quality of food. Those interested in volunteering at the food centre can call Lesperance at 705-286-2990. Pictured above left: Marilynne Lesperance chats with guests. Top right: Guests fill up on a free meal in the Minden Community Food Centre. Above right: Volunteers in the kitchen.



Photo submitted by Erin Kernohan-Berning

A winning partnership

Erin Kernohan-Berning (left), branch services librarian for Haliburton County Public Library, presents Roxanne Casey, station manager for 100.9 Canoe FM with an Ontario Library Association (OLA) Media and Communications Award. More than 1,500 library professionals celebrated their achievements on Jan. 29 in Toronto at the OLA Conference. Kernohan-Berning said she nominated CANOE because of what they have done for the library. She hopes other libraries will see the collaboration and seek similar partnerships.

CATCH THE CURE - Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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- THURS 4** **HALIBURTON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETING** - 1:00pm - Ruth Parkes room Haliburton Hospital Lower floor contact Tracey Lear tdlear@sympatico.ca
- YOGA TRY IT FOR FREE!** 6:30pm - 8:00pm - Kinmount Community Centre. Please bring your own yoga mat if you have one. Contact Lori 705-454-8451
- SNOWSHOEING** - 10:00am - 11:00am - Guided walk - Haliburton Museum - snowshoes available - everyone welcome
- FRI 5** Visit www.thehighlander.ca for more news and events.
- SAT 6** **LIBRARY** - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- PLACES FOR PEOPLE** - Bowl A Thon - 3:00 - 5:00 - Fast Lane Bowling - Call 705-286-0014
- FLYING CLUB** - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- SUN 7** **HALIBURTON DRAGON BOAT OPEN HOUSE** - 1:30 pm - Fish Hatchery at 8712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton.
- MON 8** **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
- NO PICKLE BALL** tonight at Dorset Rec Centre
- TUES 9** **LIBRARY** - Dorset Rec Centre - 10:00am - 12:00pm
- ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH PANCAKE SUPPER** - Haliburton Legion - 5:00pm - 7:00pm. No charge.
- TAOIST TAI CHI** - Zion United Church Carnarvon - 10:00am - 12:00pm Call 705-457-5829
- SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE** - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club - beside A.J. LaRue Arena - all welcome info@mysquash.ca
- PICKLE BALL** - Dorset Rec Centre - 9:00am - 12:00pm
- WED 10** **BINGO** - Harcourt Community Centre - 7:30pm - 9:30pm (every Wednesday)
- WALKING WEDNESDAYS** - 9:30am - 11:00am - Rails End Gallery - Everyone Welcome
- LIBRARY** - Dorset Rec Centre - 2:00pm - 6:00pm
- TAOIST TAI CHI** - Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce - 2:00pm - 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

- HALIBURTON BRANCH**
General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, 1st Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester House, 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 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month
Live entertainment Feb. 20, 4-7 p.m., Haliburton County's own Scotty Gartshore
- at the Haliburton Legion Club Room.
Lasagne prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Add a loonie and get in on the 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover 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, 12-5 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time.
Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6
- p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order.
February 6, 1:00 p.m., Initiation Day, all members welcome. Light lunch to follow.
Highlands Trio, February 6, 4-7 p.m. No cover charge, donation for band. Food will be available.
- WILBERFORCE BRANCH**
Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday
Jam session, 7:30 p.m., Friday
Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp
Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Old Fashioned Tea hosted by The Youth League, Saturday, Feb. 13, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Valentine's Dance, Saturday, Feb. 13, 9 p.m. - close with DJ - Dale Allison.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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What's on



- Coming Up
- Albert Saxby

February 6
- Trina West

March 5
- Jeff Moulton

April 2
- Sheri Hawkins

May 7
- Gord Kidd

June 4

Albert Saxby's trademark top hat is well-known by fans.

File photo

Saxby starts the songwriter series

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Instead of sitting down to write lyrics, local musician Albert Saxby gets walking.

The singer songwriter said he writes down the words to his songs as they come to him, while he's out for a stroll.

"It just works out good for me if I can trip around my driveway and come up with lyrics," Saxby said. "That's just my style of writing. Every songwriter has a different style of writing."

The public will have the chance to hear the stories behind Saxby's much-loved music at the first night of the 2016 Songwriter

Dinner Series this weekend. The event promises stories and melodies from five local songwriters: Saxby, Trina West, Jeff Moulton, Gord Kidd and Sheri Hawkins. They will play and chat about the inspiration behind their music.

"It's just me and my guitar," said Saxby. "They're getting them just the way I wrote them."

He has been a musician for more than 30 years, and said he enjoyed the interaction between the band and the audience when he was a drummer for the Absolute Whores. He appreciates the fun of hecklers, and will shout back, but he also likes the opportunity to play for people who want to hear more during the

Songwriter Dinner Series. He said it will be interactive as well.

"The audience is there to listen to you," he said. "Haliburton audiences want to listen. There's always a good amount of people who go out to these things."

Other than once learning how to play *Hurt*, by Johnny Cash, Saxby said he has never played a cover song during a show and has a prolific repertoire to choose from.

"I've really found this to be nice," he said. "I can play a whole evening and have people ask for more and it's my own original. That's a kind of success."

Saxby had praise for each of the musicians taking part in the series, as well as for Shawn

Chamberlin, Grill on the Gull owner. Saxby said he doesn't necessarily get a big draw for his music all the time, but he's always invited to play in Minden. Chamberlin pays musicians even when he doesn't charge a cover fee.

"He's been really supportive of musicians in general, and local musicians," said Saxby.

The Songwriter Dinner Series has two seatings, one at 5:30 p.m. and one at 7 p.m., will take place at the Grill on the Gull on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. There's no cover charge, but reservations are recommended. For more information, call 705-286-3886.

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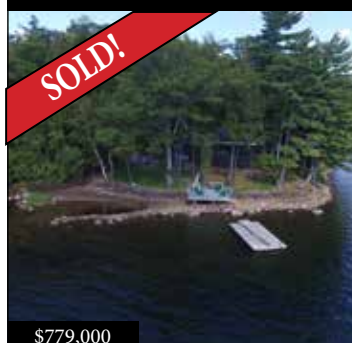
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