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BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT WINNERS: The 10th Annual Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala took place Feb. 27 at the Pinestone Resort. Winners pictured are (back) Ron Socha (Big Hawk Lake Marina), Terri Johnson (HHHS Long-Term Care), Miles Maughan (Dysart Fire), Jim Love (Digital Reno), Joanne Barnes, Janine Papadopoulos (Into the Blue Bakery), Cody Cox (Todd's Independent), Kathy Socha (Big Hawk Lake Marina). Front: Sandra Stevens (Pinestone Resort), Heather Kennedy (*The Highlander*), Stevi Young (Highland Glass & Window), Andria Cowan (ACM Designs), Ian Anderson (Chaulk Woodworking) and Jason Cochrane (Dollo's Foodland). For a full list, see page 17.

HHSS teacher in critical condition after crash

Injured students released from hospital

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

A teacher is still in critical condition after her car was involved in an accident last Thursday.

Health officials from St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto confirmed that Jennifer Paton is still in the ICU after sustaining serious injuries during a collision between her vehicle and a dump truck.

Jennifer is a teacher from Haliburton

Highlands Secondary School.

Her husband, Blake, who was by his wife's side on Wednesday, said she is recovering slowly and will likely be released in about two weeks. He added she will be relocated to a rehabilitation centre sometime in the near future, but couldn't specify yet when that will happen.

"She's making good progress and has a good awareness of her surroundings," Blake said. "She remembers her friends."

Paton was driving two students to the OFSAA Nordic Ski Competition in Collingwood on Feb. 25. The students suffered minor injuries.

All three were taken to General and Marine

Hospital (GMH) in Collingwood. Paton was later airlifted to St. Michael's hospital.

"There were multiple fractures in many parts of her body, she also has some internal injuries," Blake said, adding there wasn't any permanent damage.

"She will have some struggles walking in the coming months, but it's something she can recover from."

Health officials from GMH said the two students have been released.

Blake said he is coping with the situation, and is dedicated to focusing on his wife's recovery.

The support Jennifer has received from friends and family is also greatly appreciated,

he said.

"She's benefitted from that a great deal."

The accident took place at the intersection of Highway 91 and Concession 10 near Collingwood.

Catherine Shedden, communications manager for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, said they could not release the names of the students until their families' permission was given.

She added counsellors were at the school on Friday to help break the news to students and teachers and offer support.

"We're hoping for a quick recovery for everyone involved..." Shedden said.

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Highlander news

Fraudsters pose as CRA agents during tax season

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With tax season upon us, fraudsters pretending to be Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) representatives are preying on local residents.

Haliburton Highlands OPP has received several complaints from people who have been targeted. Fortunately, none have given out their personal information or lost money.

"The complaints we have received are from concerned residents calling in [to the detachment] to report that they have received

phone calls from someone claiming to be from the Canada Revenue Agency," said OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee.

According to the OPP, fraudsters will contact the individual by phone or email and request they pay outstanding taxes by money order or credit card. They also may request personal information, which they'll use to complete a refund application.

"It's getting very aggressive out there," said Chad Irvine, manager of H&R Block locations in Haliburton and Bancroft.

Irvine often receives calls from people

throughout the year who say they have been contacted by someone claiming to be from CRA. Many of the potential victims are elderly.

"People need to think logically about what's going on," he said. "Yes, [CRA] can get more aggressive to try and get money out of you when you owe, but it's not going to get to the stage of people phoning and demanding your credit card."

In many cases, individuals or businesses are told they will be arrested if the "back taxes" are not paid immediately, said Dauphinee.

"It is important for these incidents to be reported so we are made aware of what scams are circulating in and around the county... [This way] we can continue to create awareness and educate residents on how to protect themselves from these types of frauds and scams," she said.

The OPP encourages local residents to always verify the call or email by contacting the CRA. For more information, visit cra-arc.gc.ca. To report a scam such as this, contact the local OPP detachment at 705-286-1431 and call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Highlander news

Minden pitched for fibre Internet

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

An independent Sharbot Lake company wants to bring high-speed Internet to Minden, Haliburton and Bancroft. The project is expected to cost more than \$20 million.

"[We've] been doing that for decades and understand the rural service model very, very well," Grant Roughley, vice-president of North Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC), told Minden council last week.

Last September, NFTC was purchased by a group of investors including Ivest Corporation, London Publishing (owner of *The Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times* and *Bancroft This Week* via White Pine Media) and a numbered company. London Publishing owns half the company.

The vision is to expand its services – Internet, telephone and television – to rural communities in Ontario.

"Minden being a great example where we see an opportunity for this type of business model to grow," said Roughley, adding rural communities are often overlooked by larger telecommunications companies.

"What we saw was an opportunity to create a business case that justified capital expenditures in areas like this," he said.

The company is currently exploring opportunities in 10 communities. Roughley said the objective would be to build a fibre-to-home network as part of a growth strategy.

"We are interested in further investing in communities where we own community newspapers, as it would be beneficial to grow in communities where we already have a local office that could service the local clients of NFTC," he told *The Highlander*.

The fibre network would be installed by the company's in-house construction teams, explained Roughley, who confirmed the approximate cost to deliver the service to the communities would be more than \$20 million.

The company is conducting a financial feasibility study, which will address the capital cost, potential market size and absorption rate.

"We're about 75 per cent through that process now. I can say so far that the results are fairly positive."

If the business case is proven, the company will proceed to a design and approval stage. This is expected to begin in the spring and construction of the network would start in



Photo by Mark Arike

Grant Roughley, vice-president of North Frontenac Telephone Company.

the summer, said Roughley.

"When it comes to technology, we need to take the gains where we can get them," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

"Every time the government, or a small or large company offers an opportunity for us to extend this reach, we will do our best on behalf of our ratepayers to do that."

Councillor Pam Sayne asked Roughley if the service would only reach residents in the downtown core or include outlying areas.

"There are limitations," he said.

"I can't answer that specifically until we get through the next part of the design phase."

Sayne also asked about the speed of the service. Roughley said he couldn't answer the question until "the network architecture is finalized and the engineering is done."

The councillor also wanted to know about the potential for local jobs. Roughley admitted this is also a difficult question to answer at this stage.

"When somebody does a large infrastructure build, it's very easy to quantify jobs that come along with that. With

Every time the government, or a small or large company offers an opportunity for us to extend this reach, we will do our best on behalf of our ratepayers to do that.

Brent Devolin

Reeve, Minden Hills

this type of project, there's an intangible gain that happens from being a community that has that strong Internet service."

Councillor Jeanne Anthon wondered about cost.

"It's difficult for us to comment on cost without the final engineering and network architecture. But our objective is to be within the market conditions of the community," Roughley said.

The company hasn't asked for financial assistance from the municipalities.

Roughley has more than 30 years of experience in the design, engineering and construction industries, including commercial and multi-residential projects, he told *The Highlander*.

"The vast majority of those projects involved civil infrastructure including hydro and telecommunication components."

According to the company's website, it provides service to 2,375 customers in Sharbot Lake and surrounding areas. Current residential Internet packages offer speeds of 2.5-10 megabits per second.

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Editorial opinion

More than a game

I couldn't help but smile when fans began to stomp their feet to distract St. Paul's free throw shooters on Friday afternoon.

It was a moment made possible by a group of very motivated young athletes whose actions have slowly sparked a newfound interest in basketball in Haliburton.

And it was a highlight of the season for the HHSS senior basketball team, right up there with their triple-overtime victory against Weldon.

These moments should be cherished, because it reflects a lot on dedication and hard work.

But as head coach David Waito said after the game, it's the intangible qualities his players developed over the course of the season that matter most. Thanks to his players' commitment to the team and countless hours of practice, they now carry a new level of focus and confidence that will undoubtedly translate into success later in life.

True professionalism also shone through each of the senior team's eight players last week, even when faced with defeat. It may sound trivial, but it's heartwarming to see that attitude in young athletes, especially when you see pros too often throw fits whenever things don't go their way.

The impact Red Hawks basketball has had on the community is astounding, further demonstrating how victories on the court are so much smaller than those that take place off it. The team's winning ways have resonated with basketball enthusiasts across the county - and beyond.

More and more people are showing up to play at the rec league in Haliburton; young, old, men and women. A lot of the chatter in school hallways has been about basketball, as more students tuned into the Red Hawks' basketball season. Members of the senior team

have demonstrated that you don't need to be a perfect basketball player to win, you just need to show up and play with passion. It appears to have sparked a fire underneath the junior players, who finished their season with a couple of close games against very tough opponents.

The girl's curling team, which recently returned home as COSSA champions, has undoubtedly inspired young female curlers in the area by showing them that excellence answers to no specific gender. Their banner in the Haliburton Highlands Curling Club is a constant reminder.

High school sports are not the only avenues through which one can achieve greatness, but it's certainly one of the most satisfying.

What I always find so fascinating in sports is how little athletic talent actually contributes to the overall formula for success.

Larry Bird, anyone?

I played with so many players who lacked the raw skills to be naturally successful in high school, but because of their work ethic, they blossomed into well-rounded teammates who inspired the great ones to match their level of dedication.

COSSA championships and gold medals feel good for a short while, but the path to those finish lines matters a lot more, because when you start to use that template for success in everyday life, you feel better than good. You feel great.

And more often than not, how you carry yourself on and off the field of play resonates with at least one passerby, so make sure they walk away feeling inspired. It's not a stretch to say that feeling good, leads to doing good.



By Alex Coop

The yellow and red

What are you putting on your dog?

French's Mustard? Heinz Ketchup? Bick's Relish?

All of the above and more. That's how I like to dress my dog, burger and other treats from the grill. A squirt of this, a slather of that and swirl of the other one and, as the chompers come down on the suitably dressed edible, the condiments all squeeze out of the edges and onto my shirt. Mmm-mmmm good.

So it came as a shock in the summer of 2014, when A.J. Heinz, the makers of THE ketchup in the world, announced the closing of their plant in Leamington, Ont.; they were moving production to the U.S., or even farther south. Not only did the announcement pull the rug out from under the 750 employees at the Heinz processing plant, but farmers toiling in Canada's Sunbelt were left wondering if there was any reason to continue growing tomatoes.

Fortunately, a Canadian company called Highbury Canco Corporation stepped up and purchased the plant, securing the jobs of 230 employees, initially, and, with contracts from Heinz, as well as their own brands and others, helped to provide some security for their plant workers and farmers in that part of Ontario.

It is worth noting that in 2013, H.J. Heinz was purchased by Berkshire Hathaway, headed by the well-known businessman, Warren Buffet, who has investments in Geico Insurance, Dairy Queen and Coca Cola among many others, and 3G Capital, a Brazilian investment company, which also owns Burger King and Tim Hortons among other brands. In 2015, Heinz merged with Kraft to create the fifth largest food company in the world.

The Highbury Canco purchase turned a desperate situation in Leamington into a good news story, of sorts. The company has attracted a number of contracts, and it continues to expand its workforce.

But a dark cloud appeared on the horizon as Heinz, which was king of ketchup, decided to take a run at the mustard market as well. While I understand the free enterprise system that allows anyone to enter the competition, it seemed a little like a bully when the ketchup giant took a run at the mustard king, French's. Coming on the heels of its departure from the province, it seemed to be even more

egregious.

Well, the mustard people at French's didn't turn yellow and run away. They counter-attacked with their own brand of ketchup. It was an audacious move and a bit of tit-for-tat retribution for muscling in on their territory. But that wasn't the end of it.

An Orillia resident, Brian Fernandez, did some research, and discovered that French's ketchup was being made with tomatoes from Leamington, the same tomatoes that Heinz had abandoned in its move south. Brian tried the new ketchup, and discovered it was to his liking and went extremely well with the mustard from the same company. With a little more digging, he discovered as well that French's ketchup was free of preservatives, artificial flavours and also, high fructose corn syrup. Brian liked the fact that French's ketchup helped keep fellow Canadians working in the Leamington plant and the farmers in the fields.

Like anyone would, he posted his observations on Facebook, and as of last week, his commentary read: "French's Tomato Ketchup is made with 100-per-cent Canadian grown tomatoes. Canadian tomatoes provide a rich and sweet flavour profile to French's Tomato Ketchup. With no preservatives, no artificial colours or flavours, no allergens, no trans-fats and gluten free, it's a natural addition. It also features 100-per-cent real sugar — with no high-fructose corn syrup. For every bottle sold, \$0.10 is donated to Food Banks Canada."

Fernandez' comment has been reposted 100,000 times and featured a photo of the bottle of ketchup. He has received appreciative emails from Leamington farmers and congratulatory notes from Canadians from across the country who endorsed his patriotic stand.

I have tried the ketchup, and it measures up. Ask for French's Tomato Ketchup in local stores and make yours one of the best dressed dogs in the country.

Bravo, Brian!



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Editorial opinion

weeWisdom It's a family business

Lately, I've been wondering if it's just me or do other kids feel the same way about being the child of small business owners?

Don't get me wrong, it's fun to have your parents home making great things and teaching you about what they do, but I'm talking about the other things: the travelling, the late hours, unexpected guests, noise, and, of course, the unpaid labour.

I wanted to know if there was a difference between what type of business their parents have and how it affects their lives.

So, I asked a range of people the same questions about what it was like to have entrepreneurs as parents: What is (or was) the business and are they required to help out? Do they travel and meet new people? Is the business in your home, and how much do (or did) your parents work? What was your favourite and least favourite part? Do you get to use the products or services your parents make or offer? Do your parents inspire you? What do you want to be when you grow up? These were questions that I could relate to.

The majority of the time, I love that my parents have their own arts-based business. The travelling to new cities and meeting new friends is one of my favourite things. So is the bragging rights from making a huge sale and getting to be creative while helping with new ideas.

But then there are those days when I want to sleep in and a tile saw is running in the basement under my room or the Easter Sunday brunch with my cousins when customers show up unannounced and *need* to buy some hand-blown glass.

One pro that everyone mentioned constantly was that their parents are always around. Jesse Stinson, a partner in his father's company now, loved that his Dad was always there when he got off the bus,

and he loved working in the wood shop side by side with him. However, the hours our parents keep – late nights and weekends – can be quite draining on the family. Having your parents as your boss can sometimes lead to awkward situations. One moment they're making you cookies and the next moment they're asking how the customer got overcharged.

Travelling also has its pros and cons. I have gone to some great places: New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Montreal, San Francisco, Vancouver and Banff, to name a few. But being stuck in a convention centre for five days is not as thrilling as it seems. I call these trips "Showcations."

Using our parents' products is another rewarding thing. My friend Skye loves being the first to try her parents' latest creations, but the problem solving required to make those games can sometimes be time consuming. Then there are the seconds – the not-so-perfect pieces. These are the ones that we get to use, which makes for a very interesting mismatched cupboard of glasses!

Being the child of an entrepreneur is a serious learning experience. From sales tax to shipping, customer service to wholesale accounts, employee morale to vacation time, every day is training for the future. Whether it was a farm or a pharmacy, wood shop or fashion studio, everyone had similar answers. As hard as it was sometimes, we all like being kids of entrepreneurs. Thank you Jesse, Marianne, Keigian, Cayla, Nessa, Lilia, Skye and Santiago for letting me interview you. You make me feel like we are all in this together.



By Anabelle Craig

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Tammy Nash

A bald eagle perched in the Highlands.

There's a good boy

This could get confusing, so, right off the top, let's set a couple of things straight. I have two friends called Jeff. One is a work colleague and avid fisherman, the other is my hound dog. I feel the need to mention both because Jeff and Jeff will be referred to at multiple times during this missive. Hopefully, you'll be able to figure out which one I'm talking about any given moment but, then again, if you can't I'm sure it will just add to the melee that has been my week at work.

You see, in my other job as a carpenter, I've been helping to renovate a century-old farm and dog boarding kennel, and as such, my colleagues (including Jeff) and I have been working in close proximity to, how shall I put it, a veritable herd of dogs. Now, the dogs – both the small pack that live there permanently and the assortment of visiting mutts – think this is great, or at least it sounds like they do. Each time we arrive they erupt in a joyous chorus of quite deafening barking. Big dogs, little dogs, old and young, all set to serenade us with a symphony of yaps, squeals, woofs and barks. It's like the roar of the fans, albeit canine ones, as we skate onto the ice in an NHL game; every dog vying to get our attention, to catch an eye. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that they are trying to talk to us.

Bouncing up and down by the fence, a border collie shouts, 'hey, hey, hey, hey, hey...' A big black fluffy fellow, of no discernable breed, booms, 'helloo, helloo.' While others join in with repetitious 'hi, hi, hi' or 'me, me, me...' Every dog is at it, and, after a couple of days, it begins to sound like they know our names, too. 'Jeff, Jeff, Jeff...' 'Will, Will, Will...' or 'Pat, Pat, Pat,' they seem to shout until you venture over to the fence and say hello, and then, as soon as you leave, the chorus begins again. It's hilarious, I think. Or maybe it's driving us a little insane.

Now, this would be fine (the barking, not the insanity) but Jeff doesn't particularly like dogs. He sees them as, and these are my words not his, unnecessary noise makers who do nothing more than disturb the peace and tranquility of, well, everywhere, for no reason whatsoever. Jeff likes the quiet life, and if a neighbour's dog barks long into the night, let's just say that it irks him somewhat.

Me, on the other hand, I'm the owner of a dog called Jeff. I was, at first, a reluctant dog owner but after taking in an unwanted hound, I have grown to love Jeff (he came with that name just in case you were wondering) and now I wouldn't be without him. That said, I've been very lucky because Jeff hardly

ever makes a peep, let alone bays like some hounds often do. He's more of a tail wagging, wet nose nudging, scratching at the door kind of a dog. You know what he wants without him having to literally 'tell' you, if you get my drift. And, in trying to defend my dog, and dogs in general, I was explaining this to Jeff. Jeff the man, not Jeff the dog. Needless to say, he didn't believe me and my dog; he obviously set out to totally disprove me.

You see, Jeff spends a day at the kennel each week, and that day happened to be the very next one. "Ha," said Jeff, on the following morning, "we'll see about your dog not barking!"

My lovely wife arrived a couple of hours later, delivering Jeff to the kennel. She brought him to see us, and he strained at his leash, tail wagging, nose investigating everything, but no barking.

I smiled, at Jeff and Jeff.

However, no sooner had my lovely wife pulled out of the driveway there erupted a voice that only a hound owner could love. Jeff was singing. His pitch lower than most of his compatriots, his slower more mournful tone easy to pick out from the rapid fire barks and yaps, my dog was baying his heart out and he did it all day.

I was dumbfounded. Jeff was suitably smug. The other Jeff just seemed to be enjoying himself too, racing around with the pack, fighting, chewing and baying. Baying at anyone who arrived at the house. Baying at other dogs. Baying at the sound of an ATV. Just baying for the hell of it.

Jeff bayed as we hammered and sawed, and all of his kennel-mates – and they did seem to be mates – howled and barked along with him. Needless to say, I lost my bet.

Later that night, when I got home from work, Jeff met me at the door. He nudged my hand repeatedly and wagged not just his tail but his entire rump, obviously very pleased to see me, but bark, bay, yap or yip he did not. I mentioned this to Jeff as we drove to work at the farm the next day. He laughed, not believing a word I said. He then turned to me and said something derogatory about dogs, but we'd turned into the farm gate by then and the clamour of canine voices that greeted us drowned it out.

I grinned. He plugged his ears.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *Why do you think it's important to recognize local businesses in the community?*



Garth Krieger

Haliburton Lake

Basically just help them strive to be better than what they are and give them some incentive



Hailly Perrin

Haliburton

I think it's important because if you live here, you show your appreciation to businesses around here. It's nice just to say thank you to the owners.



Jim Frost

Haliburton

When you open a business in Haliburton, it's challenging at the best of times. Business owners who make an effort to serve customers should be recognized.



Jim Lawr

Essonville

Sometimes you get small businesses that do an awful lot and don't get recognized. Sometimes it's nice just to say thanks. It's a good incentive for businesses to improve service.



Wilma Thomson

Haliburton

First of all, I shop locally and I want to support them. This is just another way to support them.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

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LHIN to promote healthy living

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) recently released its fourth Integrated Health Service Plan (IHSP), which focuses on helping local residents "live healthier at home." The strategic planning document will "continue to guide, direct and inspire health system change for the next three years," according to the report.

Hospital staff were involved in the development of the document, which identifies four strategic goals. In Haliburton County, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) was part of that process.

"Like all health services providers, HHHS was actively engaged in the development of this IHSP through face-to-face discussions, online survey completion, sharing of lived experiences and learnings from previous IHSPs," said interim president and CEO Carolyn Plummer.

Plummer couldn't comment on whether the plan would deliver more money for home care in the county, or if additional staff would be hired at local hospitals and long-term care facilities.

"As a developing Health Hub serving Haliburton County's full-time and seasonal residents and visitors, HHHS is committed to working with our partners and with the Central East LHIN to ensure that we can provide a wide range of high-quality and sustainable services, and to advance integrated systems of care that will support people to live healthier lives in their homes," she said.

The goals are:

- to continue support frail seniors (75 and older) at home

by reducing the days in hospital by 20,000 days and reducing alternate level of care days by 20 per cent over three years;

- to improve vascular health by reducing hospital stays by 6,000, and hospital readmissions for these conditions by 11 per cent;
 - to support an optimum level of health to reduce unscheduled emergency department visits for mental health reasons or addictions by 13 per cent, and;
 - to support palliative patients who chose to die at home.
- Some of HHHS' initiatives to support these residents include the Community Support Services division, and programs such as the Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network and Telehomecare.

As the organization that oversees both local hospitals and long-term care facilities, HHHS will focus on its partnerships to enhance services, said Plummer.

"We will continue to strive towards growing our rural health hub by working together with the Central East LHIN, identifying new integration opportunities, and enhancing the coordinated delivery of care in our region," she said. "We will continue to invite stakeholders to share ideas and expertise to help drive program decisions and shape service delivery to best meet the current and future needs in Haliburton County."

The Central East LHIN is Ontario's second largest LHIN by population (more than 1.8 million people) and is projected to remain so for the next decade. It provides funding to HHHS through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

For more information visit centraleastlhlin.on.ca.





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Highlander news

Cultural centre still big focus

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Council doesn't want to kill off the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

That was the message during the third round of budget deliberations last week.

In January, council asked Mark Coleman, director of community services, to remove \$50,000 from the cultural centre's \$339,000 draft budget in an attempt to ensure the township's property tax increase comes in under 10 per cent.

At the time, Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin noted that an additional \$50,000 may need to be cut next year.

Last Thursday, chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard gave council a second draft budget, which includes a transfer of \$120,000 to a reserve for future renovations, and upgrades to the arena and community centre.

This would include a new ice plant, and replacement of the arena floor and piping, roof and insulation, as well as the installation of an elevator. The project is expected to start in April of 2018 and be completed by December 2018, Coleman told *The Highlander*. However, the schedule could change depending on infrastructure funding.

Councillor Pam Sayne suggested the possibility of reducing that transfer to \$100,000 and moving \$20,000 to the cultural centre. She proposed working closely with the centre's advisory committee to put the money to good use.

Blanchard said that by doing so, the centre could end up relying on the same cash infusion next year. It's also removing funds from a project that needs them. If \$120,000 is set aside for the arena project – as was done last year – only \$240,000 is being saved for upgrades. The money will be converted to a debenture payment once the upgrades are completed.

"That's a long ways from \$3.5-4 million, if that's what the ultimate dollar value is going to be on the arena," she said.

The township would take out a loan for the project.

"In the past, the reason we're in the mess we are in the roads department is because it's the largest budget; anytime anyone else was in need they raided the roads budget," said Devolin. "So we're already reconciling errors made in the past."

Sayne, who recommended a one-time

contribution to the centre, said she was concerned about the township creating more infrastructure and demands than it can handle.

Blanchard pointed out there are one-time funding grants available for programs that the committee could pursue. Funds may also be accessible through a surplus in the budget.

"I would love to see the committee and others come forward with recommendations that have money attached," said Devolin.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon, who sits on the advisory committee, thanked Sayne for her input.

"I will keep in mind your concept of a one-time ability to generate ongoing benefits," she said.

"I think the committee will work very hard without having to tap into that."

Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch reminded her colleagues of the value of the centre, which includes a museum and an art gallery as well as Nature's Place.

"That is a very unique corner," said Murdoch. "I don't think there is anything in Ontario where you can find as much in one corner."

Later in the meeting, Jack Brezina, vice-chair of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, addressed the proposed budget cuts. He highlighted past fundraising activities and the value of the centre in the community.

"For some it may be easy to slough off the arts as a frill," said Brezina. "But for many others, the MHCC (Minden Hills Cultural Centre) represents the many facets of our community and are points of pride."

Although Brezina didn't present any solutions, he said some "careful planning needs to be done to protect the operation of the centre."

"The foundation is back and wants to support the facility in all its aspects, but we need to know the municipality will continue to provide reasonable support for the centre as well, if we are to become fully engaged again."

No final decisions have been made yet. A special meeting will be held on March 10 to approve the budget.

The current draft budget includes a 9.8 per cent increase over last year's tax levy. More than 60 per cent of the increase – 6.2 per cent – is due to this year's increase in OPP billing. The remaining 3.6 per cent represents growth and inflation.



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Highlander health

Dorset Health Hub accepting new patients

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The Dorset Health Hub is open for business and accepting new patients from Haliburton County and the District of Muskoka.

The official launch ceremony for the Hub's new structure at 1096 Main Street is scheduled for June 11. However, the Hub was able to begin offering services in November after an intense fundraising campaign primarily by the Dorset Community Partnership (DCP), an informal citizens' action group.

According to Collin Reaney, DCP facilitator, \$590,000 has been raised in cash to cover capital costs, 80 per cent of that in private funds. In-kind contributions total approximately \$250,000.

This year's goal is \$94,000 for technology, equipment, finishing, furniture and some programming, said Reaney via email.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands has already contributed \$20,000 to capital costs, and has included another \$20,000 contribution in its 2016 budget.

The Dorset Health Hub is one of four sites in the Muskoka Community Health Hub, a pilot project of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to provide nurse practitioner (NP) services. Clinical operations are managed by the Algonquin Family Health Team with funding from the ministry.

Nurse practitioner, Candice Bray, and

administrative assistant/registered practical nurse, Katie Olson, provide Hub services.

Bray can order most medications, as well as tests. She also can refer patients to specialists and diagnose and treat illnesses and diseases, said Olson in an email interview. Services emphasize health promotion and disease prevention.

"This means the NP will spend the time with you that you need, providing education and ensuring all your health care needs are thoroughly understood and met," said Olson. "We do want to prevent people using the ER [emergency room] for ... non-emergent injuries and illnesses."

Services include care of minor illnesses and injuries, regular physicals, immunizations, cancer screening, and chronic disease care.

The Hub serves two groups. The first includes Hub-registered patients – people who don't have a family doctor or nurse practitioner, as well as those who want to switch to the Hub. The second group comprises people who have a health care provider, but are unable to see this provider, and seasonal visitors.

Lab collection services are available to both groups by appointment, but this may change depending upon demand and staffing, said Olson.

Shoppers Drug Mart in Huntsville delivers prescriptions to the Hub once a week for pick-up (and has donated \$2,500 toward mental health programming).



Photo by Lisa Harrison

The official launch for the Hub is scheduled for June 1.

Olson stresses patients must book appointments, as the Hub is not a walk-in clinic. It's also not equipped to handle emergencies.

"The Hub is not a replacement to the hospital," said Olson. "Rather we hope to prevent hospitalization by improving the health of our patients and community."

The Dorset Health Hub is open Monday to

Friday. Times vary. For more information call 705-766-0866.

Donations may be dropped off at the Hub, or sent to the Dorset Community Partnership Fund, c/o Barb Townes, P.O. Box 41, Dorset, Ontario POA 1EO, or made online at dorsetcanada.com/fund.htm. Charitable receipts are available for donations over \$20.

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March 31 9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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For more information please contact Elisha at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Notice of Special Council Meeting

Take notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on March 10, 2016 following the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is in reference to the 2016 Budget and to adopt the 2016 Annual Budget for Minden Cemetery Board, Minden Water Rates By-law, Minden Sewer Rates By-law, Lutterworth Water Rates By-law and 2016 Estimates By-law.

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

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March 31 - April 30

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May 4 - May 28

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Spring Load Restrictions

Half Load restrictions on municipal roads will be in effect as of Friday March 4th. Please watch for Notice signs being posted.

Highlander business

Minden Business Association makes a comeback

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

The newest incarnation of the Minden Business Association is looking to make some noise during National Maple Magic Month as it brainstorms ways to make the township of Minden Hills a more attractive winter destination.

"It's tricky organizing winter events here," said Sinclair Russell, a former event planner who used to work with popular events in Toronto, including the Brazilian Carnival Ball and Scarlet Ball for West Park Health.

The owner of a Main Street building that houses Highlands Studio, Inkworks and Up River Trading, Russell was one of 15 people at the Dominion Hotel who braved icy conditions for the association's first meeting last Wednesday.

Conversations about the business climate in Minden during the winter were frequent, and will make up a large part of the association's identity.

The association, a group that functions similarly to a Business Improvement Area (BIA), was the most appropriate avenue for business enthusiasts in Minden, Sinclair said.

"There are a number of people who live around here who own a small business," he said, adding it was important to have a unified voice for small businesses outside of the municipality process.

It will make some of the short-term decisions easier to follow through with, he said, and used Maple Magic in Minden as an example.

Lamp posts on Main Street are going to be decorated with sap buckets next week, while the town's restaurants are adding maple syrup-related meals and desserts to their menus.

"We want Minden to be a year-round



File Photo

The last BIA existed in Minden Hills nearly a decade ago.

destination for people," Sinclair said.

Co-chair of the association, Molly McNerney, owner of Molly's Bistro Bakery, said business at her establishment drops by about half during the winter.

"During the summer you're so busy you don't even know what day it is, but during the winter you're just counting down the days until summer," she said.

The flexibility that comes with the association was a big reason why she joined the group.

"It doesn't have to be complicated, and that's what we want to do, keep it as straightforward as possible," she said. "Promote businesses and help businesses promote themselves."

Minden Reeve Brent Devolin attended the meeting and said he was glad to see a large turnout. The mix of long-time Minden residents and newcomers to the area will help bring exciting ideas to the table, Devolin said.

"I told them I was supportive of what they were doing, and anywhere the municipality can plug in to this we will," he said. "Anytime I don't have a conflict I will continue to go to those meetings."

Though room for improvement is always welcome, Shawn Chamberlain, owner of the Dominion Hotel and co-chair of the association, said the downtown core already looks a lot better.

"You don't need to walk far downtown to see things are better now, we got new business owners putting money into downtown Minden," he said, adding the new Beer Store being built on Highway 35 is a sign of economic growth.

The decision to build the Beer Store on the highway has divided many residents, some of whom argue its removal from the downtown core will decrease foot traffic.

Devolin said the store's relocation means the downtown area can reinvent itself and potentially include a new public space.

"Retailing in 2016 has changed, building codes have changed, so that certain type of retailing that took place in a small footprint like our downtown is no more ... I know change makes people nervous, but none of this means the downtown core has to die, it just has to change."

The association next meets on April 27.

NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2016 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

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Hwy. 12, from Regional Rd. 169 to Hwy. 7, north of Sunderland; Hwy. 7, from Hwy. 12 to Regional Rd. 7B at Carleton Place; Regional Rd. 7B to Hwy 15; and Regional Rd. 29 to Amprior.

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Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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1. *The Gangster* by Clive Cussler
2. *The Orange Lilies: A Genealogical Crime Mystery* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin
3. *Death of a Nurse* by M.C. Beaton

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic's Wild Ride to the Edge and Back* by Kevin Hazzard
2. *Faith: Essays from Believers, Agnostics, and Atheists* by Victoria Zackheim
3. *The Big Book of Wooden Locks: Complete Plans for Nine Working Wooden Locks* by Tim Detweiler

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth (YA)
2. *The Sandman and the War of Dreams* by William Joyce (JF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *The Good Dinosaur* (DVD)
2. *Master of Ceremonies: A Memoir* by Joel Grey (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Find your Zen at the library! Join us Thursdays starting March 3 at the Wilberforce branch for Library Yoga with NESTA Falladown at noon (participation by donation to the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library), and then wind down with some colouring activities for adults at 1 p.m. We'll put a pot of coffee on!



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Above: Artist Harvey Walker showcases one of the plein air paintings during the Window on Winter workshop at the Artlovers' STAYcation 2016.

Photo by Laurie Jones

Left: Cathy Mack was hard at work painting the undercarriage of the Rails End boxcar during the same workshop.

STAYcation an art lovers' retreat

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

A group of arts-minded individuals gathered for the "Artlovers' STAYcation" last weekend at Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

Each of the 10 workshops had between

10-12 people, some of whom came from as far as Toronto to take part.

One session, led by artist Harvey Walker, was entitled Window on Winter and introduced participants to plein air painting – or painting outdoors.

Walker told the participants it wasn't his goal to turn them into artists in an hour,

but to get them addicted to painting. As he revealed the paintings, each had a story of how it came to be.

STAYcation 2016 is in its third year, and is organized by Chris Lynd, chair of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, and Laurie Jones, director and curator at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre.

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Highlander sports



Photos by Alex Coop

Left: McKay Coneybeare dribbles through the defence against Nicholson Catholic College during the COSSA finals. Right: A loud crowd cheers on the home team.

Red Hawks win silver at COSSA finals

Despite missing gold, coach says there's much to be proud of

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Red Hawks head coach David Waito was drawing up a play during his final timeout of the season.

His players studied the Xs and Os, while tuning out the 18-point deficit that loomed over them late in the fourth quarter of the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) Championship finals last Friday.

It wasn't a situation the Red Hawks faced often this season, but they kept their composure.

"You call [a timeout] to try and teach and improve ... I wasn't giving up and they weren't giving up," Waito said after his team lost 58-40 to Nicholson Catholic College on Friday.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior boys' basketball team came out of that last timeout with determination and perfectly executed a play for McKay Coneybeare. He drained the open three-pointer, but it wasn't enough.

As Waito noted, the newfound enthusiasm for basketball in Haliburton was thanks to the excitement team members brought to their games, and the victories they won.

"Basketball in Haliburton is being talked about," he said. "These guys have been committed to basketball and to this team in a pretty special way."

Haliburton entered the COSSA finals on the heels of their Kawartha West conference title victory against IE Weldon School. It was a first for Waito and the senior boys program. Their 6-1 regular season record and triple-overtime victory against Weldon turned heads across the Kawartha West conference and set the stage perfectly for the COSSA tournament at HHSS.

For years, Haliburton sat at the bottom of the standings. Last year's early exit in

COSSA was the first sign of things to come for the basketball program, which has been developing a core group of players since 2013.

In their first game of the tournament, the Red Hawks' eight-player roster held St. Paul's High School to 14 first half points, but led by only four. HHSS continued to attack the net and eventually walked away with a 41-25 victory.

Guard Hunter Smith finished with 14 points. His teammate, forward Nick Thompson, finished with 10.

The waiting game that followed posed an unexpected challenge for the Red Hawks. Due to Brock High School's last-second bus cancellations, HHSS had to wait for an hour before their final opponent was revealed.

The senior team was expecting to play a finals game at 6 p.m. based on the original schedule, but instead, had to settle for the 4 p.m. showdown against a Nicholson team that dropped down to the Single-A division for the first time in 11 years. They were also fresh off the bus, and due to the cancellations, hadn't played a game before their match against Haliburton.

Waito said their team found out about Nicholson's division switch a week prior to COSSA.

"It probably had some impact on the first quarter," he said.

The Red Hawks trailed 19-4 after 12 minutes of play. They managed to stop the bleeding heading into halftime but were still down 30-16.

The home team's strong full-court defence created a much more competitive atmosphere in the third and fourth quarter. HHSS managed to hold Nicholson to 28 points, but only scored 24, which wasn't enough to close the gap.

It was Tim Coates' first-ever game against the Red Hawks, and the head coach for the Nicholson team said he wasn't sure what to expect, despite the preparations he made.

"I contacted one school to try and get a feel for them. A couple of [Haliburton's] players were quite good," he said. "[Coneybeare] just couldn't miss, and a shooter like that is always

scary."

Waito praised his team for being dedicated and said they have set the bar high for players next fall.

"They had to believe in something they've never seen done before in Haliburton," he said. "We're looking at this year as a legacy year for basketball."

Every player on the team will graduate this year.

Red Hawks alumni Cody Bain said when it comes to chemistry, this year's team picked up where they left off last year, when he was a member.

"They've developed a lot more as a team this year," he said. "We had a full team of 15 players last year, so it was a little harder to figure out everybody's role, but this team is a lot smaller so they had that figured out."

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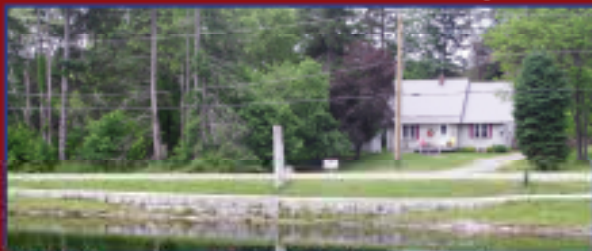
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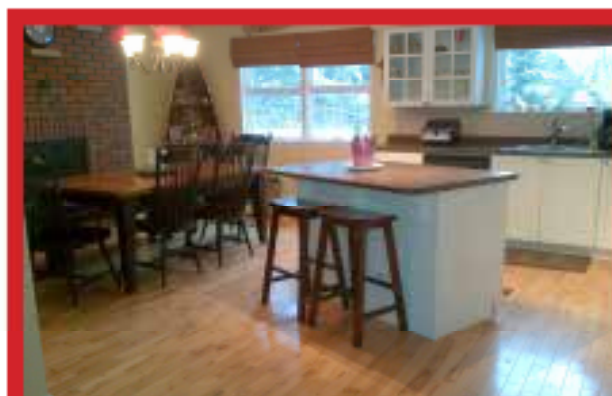


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TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

1

Tyler Martin - PeeWee AE



Stats **G** **A** **GP**
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The Highland Storm PeeWee AEs took part in the South Muskoka Bears tournament this past weekend. After a rough opening game that saw the Storm shut-out 4-0, Tyler was the key cog in getting the Storm rolling again, as he lit the lamp twice in game two against the Elmvale Coyotes. The Storm went on to win that game 6-3.

2

Bella Smolen - PeeWee AE



Stats **W** **GP**
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Bella was the starter for game two of the PeeWee AEs tournament weekend which took place at both the Gravenhurst Centennial Centre and Bracebridge's Memorial Arena. Bella's key saves were huge in shifting the momentum in the Storm's favour, as the offence came to life, doubling up on the Coyotes, 6-3

3

Kyan Hall - Atom



Stats **G** **A** **GP**
 2 2 2

The Atom Highland Storm played a double-header this past Saturday against the rival Parry Sound Shamrocks. These teams are always ready for a dogfight when facing each other, and these two games weren't any different. The Storm split the two game mini-series, with Kyan leading the way, recording four points.

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Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Feb. 15

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 223
High single: Ken Thompson – 278
High single handi: Ken Thompson – 300
High triple: Ken Thompson – 721
High triple handi: Ken Thompson – 787

WOMEN:

High avg: Chris Cote – 178
High single: June Fortune – 172
High single handi: June Fortune – 240
High triple: June Fortune – 436
High triple handi: June Fortune – 640

Monday evening, Feb. 15

MEN: High avg: Rick West – 225
High single: Mark Arike – 268
High single handi: Mark Arike – 291
High triple: Rick West – 649
High triple handi: Mark Arike – 716

WOMEN:

High avg: Cathy Snell – 235
High single: Nancy Charlton – 263
High single handi: Nancy Charlton – 301
High triple: Nancy Charlton – 698
High triple handi: Nancy Charlton – 812

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 16

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 227
High single: John Pugh – 235
High single handi: Bruce Lampman – 261
High triple: John Pugh – 652
High triple handi: John Pugh – 730

WOMEN:

High avg: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Chris Cote – 197
High single handi: Linda Weir – 254
High triple: Chris Cote – 524
High triple handi: Linda Weir – 668

Wednesday Special Olympics, Feb. 10

MEN: Russell Whetstone – 162
Brent Leffering – 153
Casey Healy – 143

WOMEN:

Robin Fletcher – 139
Kim Buie – 125
Carrie Crego – 111

Thursday afternoon, Feb. 18

MEN: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 185
High single: Gord Shirran – 217
High single handi: Gord Shirran – 279
High triple: Gord Shirran – 547
High triple handi: Gord Shirran – 733

WOMEN:

High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 179
High single: Gloria Wagg – 201
High single handi: Carol Gilligan – 267
High triple: Gloria Wagg – 570
High triple handi: Carol Gilligan – 720

Friday afternoon, Feb. 19

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 212
High single: Gary Hunt – 253
High single handi: Gary Hunt – 287
High triple: Claude Cote – 636
High triple handi: Gary Hunt – 697

WOMEN:

High avg: Chris Cote – 177
High single: Chris Cote – 290
High single handi: Chris Cote – 331
High triple: Chris Cote – 724
High triple handi: Chris Cote – 847

Tykes defeat Oro 8-3

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team hosted the Oro Thunder in Minden on Feb. 29. It was their first meeting of the season and turned out to be a great game for the Storm.

The Storm opened the scoring, but Oro responded tying the game at one all. It wasn't long before the home team put on a surge and capitalized on many scoring opportunities. All Storm players contributed to the game with excellent skating, strong passing and solid defensive play.

In the end, the Tykes were too much for Oro to handle, winning 8-3. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills, McLean Rowden and Josh Scheffee. Steady goal tending by Chase Winder helped seal the victory.

The Tyke team is back in action next weekend when they travel to Tweed on March 5.

Peewee AEs play in SMMA Memorial Tournament

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walkers Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Peewee AEs participated in the SMMA Memorial Hockey Tournament this past weekend in Gravenhurst and Bracebridge.

Game 1 was against the Ennismore Eagles in Gravenhurst. The Storm controlled much of the play, but it was Ennismore that scored first midway through the opening frame.

Ennismore would take a two-goal lead in the second period on some good hustle that split the Storm defence. The Eagles got another goal a few minutes later to take a confident three-goal lead into the final

period. They added another goal to take Game 1 at 4-0. Zach Davis was selected as the Storms MVP.

Game 2 saw our team take on the Elmvale Coyotes at Bracebridge Memorial Arena. The Coyotes scored the first two goals, but some splendid saves by Storm goalie Bella Smolen kept the Coyotes from adding some more. The Storm would come to life in the second period with six unanswered goals scored by Zach Davis, Tyler Martin (2), Brenden Coumbs, Sam Hoenow and Tim Turner. Elmvale would get one more in the third, but that's as close as they could get and the Storm won 6-3. Sam Hoenow was selected as the Storms' MVP.

For the third game, the Storm faced off against league rival and tournament host South Muskoka Bears. A win would mean an invitation to the championship game. The Storms' Tyler Martin scored two minutes into the game, however, the Bears replied with four straight goals to take a 4-1 lead into the final period. Turner's power play goal and Sam Hoenow's goal, with just under 10 seconds to go, made things interesting, however the Storm players found themselves on the short end of a 4-3 score, losing to the South Muskoka squad and being eliminated from the tournament. Nat Miscio was selected as the Storm's MVP.

Atoms finish out their season

Submitted by Ron Hall

The Emmerson Lumber Highland Storm Atoms headed to Humphrey in a series against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. In Game one, the Shamrocks managed to get on the board first, scoring twice. The Storm came back with Cooper Coles scoring, assisted by Gage Hutchinson and Kyan Hall. With seconds left in the period the Storm tied it up with a goal by Hutchinson assisted by Hall. The luck

Storm reports

was with the Shamrocks as they managed to get three more in the third, putting the final score at 5-2.

Game two was much the same with the Shamrocks leading. The Storm fought back with a goal by Hall from Coles, followed by another Storm goal, courtesy of Austin Boylan. Despite the Storm efforts, they lost this one 7-2.

Parry Sound came to Haliburton on Feb. 27. The Shamrocks managed to get on the board first but the Storm came back with a vengeance.

Kyan Hall scored from Gage Hutchinson and, less than a minute later, Hutchinson returned the favour, putting the Storm ahead 2-1. On a pass from Graeme Armstrong, Hall buried another, and the Storm was up 3-1. The scoring didn't stop there, with a battle in their end as Walker Nesbitt scored his first goal from Hall.

Less than a minute later, Austin Boylan shot another one in to put the Storm ahead by 5-1. The Shamrocks fought back, scoring two more goals, but the Storm got the win, 5-3.

Game two saw the Shamrocks scoring four goals right away. Nesbitt battled back, scoring again, assisted by Logan Tripp and Hall. The Storm kept trying. Hutchinson scored two more goals, one unassisted and one by Boylan, assisted by Cody Keller and Brody Prentice. However, the Shamrocks went on to win the game 10-3.

Our Emmerson Lumber Highland Storm Atoms had their struggles this season. We may have not won in points, however, our players tried hard even when the points on the board were not in our favour. What I saw was a group of players who faced a challenge and continued to have the tenacity to venture on, playing out each game to the end – with class. A season isn't just about winning – it's about learning new skills and making friendships. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, coaching staff and families.

Bancroft Jets

second tick on the board, giving the Jets a 2-0 lead.

Fans cheered loud and proud for the teams, as both goaltenders put out incredible saves during the second period. In the last 12 minutes of the game, coaches, parents, family, friends and fans really saw the Jets' determination and sportsmanship.

Tidey, Armstrong, Elyse Ives, Smith and McMann quickly racked up five goals. Assists went to Emily Alexander, Brownlee, Olivia Villamere, Armstrong, Tidey, and Smith. Congrats to the team for their 7-0 second shutout win of the day.

This upcoming weekend, the Leveque Brothers/Rock Breaker Peewee Girls Jets take on a full schedule of playdown and playoff hockey with games in Bancroft and Ennismore. They'll be back in Haliburton on March 6 at 4 p.m., where they'll face the Peterborough Ice Kats.

Never underestimate the determined

Submitted by Cindy Nesbitt

The Bancroft Leveque Brothers/Rock Breaker PeeWee Girls Jets played two local games this past Sunday with both arenas chock-full full of fans.

The Jets faced off in Minden against rival team, the Lindsay Lynx, in their first game at 2 p.m. First period action was back and forth on the ice until Beth Brownlee took a shot on net, putting the Jets on the scoreboard. Assists for the goal went to Peyton Armstrong and Hannah McMann.

With the Lynx pressing hard into the second period, the Jets players showed calm puck control. Using the boards, Charity Trotter passed the puck to Emma Tidey, who then skated through the Lindsay players, took a shot, and

banked in the second goal. With a 2-0 Jets advantage, third-period action was fast and aggressive from both teams.

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breaker girls focused on the main thing, and kept strong. Emma Neuman and Brownlee both contributed to Tidey's second goal of the game. Given the 3-0 lead, the Lynx couldn't get past Jets goaltender Courtney Semach, giving her another incredible shutout when the buzzer rang.

With the win under their hats, the Jets then headed to Haliburton for the second game of the day at 5 p.m. The Otonabee Wolverines had game faces on, and, with fresh legs, were ready to force the Jets into another demanding game.

It wasn't long into the first period when the Jets proved they were ready to play. Defense player, Ava Smith opened up the scoring with the assist going to Tidey. Minutes later, these two girls put the

Highlander events



Photo by Scott Walling, Courtesy of Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce
Joanne Barnes, manager of the Minden Community Food Centre, accepts the Highlander of the Year award from John McDonald of Lakeview Motel.

Chamber celebrates best in local business

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

There were disco balls, mirrors and glitter galore at the annual Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business & Community Achievement Awards this past Saturday.

It was the tenth anniversary of the gala, and award nominee Trevor Chaulk, from Chaulk Woodworking in Minden, crafted a large wooden number ten as a special sculpture backdrop. The gala committee organized entertainment before and after the event, and a silent auction was held with local prizes up for grabs. And in a special presentation, emcee Mike Jaycock was given an honorary membership to the Chamber for 10 years of hosting the gala.

One of the biggest surprises of the night was the result of the Customer First – Employee Award.

"After much deliberation of the judges, it was decided that what was most important for the first year of this award was to recognize customer service excellence. As a result, every nominee in this category is receiving the Customer First – Employee Award," said award sponsor Brandi Hewson, CEO of WAI Products Inc., as she read the decision.

This year's Awards celebration received 93 nominations representing 64 different businesses, organizations and individuals in the community.

And the winners are:

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Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Jim Love, Digital Reno

Innovation & Creativity Award: Into the Blue Bakery

New Business Award: ACM Designs

Not-For-Profit of the Year Award: Fuel For Warmth

Skilled Trades & Industry Award: Timestone Marble & Granite

Tourism & Hospitality Award: Heather Lodge

The Warden's Award: The volunteer firefighters of Haliburton County

Highlander of the Year: Joanne Barnes



Photo by Mark Arike

From left, John Teljeur, president of the Central Food Network; Ken Mott, food bank manager; Joan Barton, Ward 4 Councillor; Jim Alden, property supervisor; Jack Brezina, chair of the OTF grant review team; and Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Food bank opens permanent home in Wilberforce

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Highlands East Food Hub opened its permanent location in January, but the people involved in the project just got around to celebrating last week.

"We appreciate the funding from the Trillium Foundation immensely, which has provided our community with this very badly needed facility," said Councillor Joan Barton, who attended the open house on Feb. 26 on behalf of Reeve Dave Burton.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) funds helped create the newly incorporated Central Food Network (CFN), an organization that oversees food bank operations in Wilberforce and Cardiff.

In 2014, the CFN, with the support of the municipality, obtained a \$141,000 grant from the OTF to build the Hub – a 1,500-square-foot addition onto the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. It includes a walk-in fridge and freezer, and a dry storage area for non-

perishables. In the coming months, the CFN will establish community kitchen programs, community garden projects and educational workshops, according to a report.

The project was undertaken by local contractor Highland Creek Builders.

"What a community spirit for you to all come together," said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

"Unfortunately, delivering food banks and delivering food is a big need. And there's a lot of people that benefit from that – more than we'd like to admit."

In the past, the town's food bank has been relocated several times, said John Teljeur, president of the CFN.

"At one point, people had to go to a storage unit to get food," he said.

Teljeur gave special thanks to Ken Mott, food bank manager, for his support over the years.

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Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road Wilberforce, ON. K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

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8. Baseball's ____ Rose

9. Get lost! (2 wds.)

10. Illicit

11. Dirt

12. October's stone

13. Scottish loch

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24. Turned white

25. Light bender

26. Main artery

27. Slowpoke

28. Omen

29. Comes close

30. Small bay

31. College women

34. Discolored spot

35. Norse tale

36. Birthday number

40. Appraised

43. Indy 500 vehicle (2 wds.)

47. Baby's toy

49. Puts up

51. Plane spotter

52. Stadium

53. Takes a break

54. Barking sounds

55. Trickle

56. Delhi dress

57. Be bold

58. Bride's headpiece

59. Notion

60. " ____ we forget"

- ACROSS
1. Chef's units (abbr.)

5. Kin of PDQ

9. Buffalo

14. Owl call

15. Tardy

16. Wed secretly

17. Sunburn remedy

18. Scheme

19. Pseudonym

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22. Narrates

23. Hangar occupant

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25. Old-fashioned

28. Devilish

32. L. ____ Hubbard

33. Attack

37. Carson's successor

38. Pension plan (abbr.)

39. Move unsteadily

41. Pub beverage

42. Mix

44. Program

45. Primary color

46. Disease from mosquitoes

48. Trials

50. Tuna container

51. Less common

54. Desirable quality

57. Reckless one

61. Respond (to)

62. Fruit drinks

63. Admit defeat

64. Wild

65. Speak wildly

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68. Periods in history

69. Bed support

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MARCH 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 3	SNOWSHOEING – Haliburton Highlands Museum – 10:00am – 11:00am – Everyone welcome SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE – 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
FRIDAY MARCH 4	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Our Lady of Fatima Minden – 2:00pm – 4:00pm – Everyone welcome
SATURDAY MARCH 5	EARLY ST. PATRICK'S FUN DAY – Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre - 11:00am - 4:00pm - \$5 (Tickets) Lunch is included FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda 705-738-9824 KAWARTHA LAKES UNITED WAY – Curling Funspiel – Lindsay Curling Club Call Audrey Quibell 705-887-2842
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MONDAY MARCH 7	TAOIST TAI CHI – Galway Community Centre Kinmount – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 PICKLE BALL – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
TUESDAY MARCH 8	TAOIST TAI CHI – Zion United Church Camarvon – 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
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9	TAOIST TAI CHI – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829 BINGO – Lloyd Watson Centre – 7:30pm – 9:30pm
THURSDAY MARCH 10	SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE – 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
FRIDAY MARCH 11	Visit www.thehighlander.ca for more news and events.
SATURDAY MARCH 12	13th Annual UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG WORKSHOP – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 1:00pm - \$5 per person – Space is limited call 705-788-9888
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HALIBURTON BRANCH General Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$20 draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester House, MC Easter Bonus Meat Draw, Friday, March 18th and special Good Friday Meat Draw to be held March 24 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, featuring Haliburton's own Gord Kidd & friends at the Legion Club Room on Saturday, March 5 from 4-7 p.m. Enjoy baked spaghetti prepared by Ladies Auxiliary for only \$6. Plus for just a loonie, don't miss out on the 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. \$5 cover for non-members. St. Patrick's Day luncheon in the Main Hall, Thursday, March 17th 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Irish stew, coleslaw and dessert prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$8 adults and kids 12 and under, \$4.	(except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12 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.
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		WILBERFORCE BRANCH Youth League, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday Jam Session, 7:30 p.m., Friday Community 55+ plus lunch, 12 p.m., Friday, call Gwen Otto to reserve at 705-448-2106. 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.

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What's on



File photos

Left: A competitor from the 2015 derby. Right: Hank DeBruin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours doing what he loves.

Dogsled Derby ready for 14th year of racing

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Before Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dogsled Tours moved to the Highlands in 1999, they would venture to Minden to watch the annual Dogsled Derby.

But that year it ended. McCready said when it was clear the organizers were not going to run it any longer, they thought they should try to start one in Haliburton.

"We got phenomenal support for the idea from everyone we talked to," McCready said, "and the rest is history, as they say."

The 14th Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby will take place this weekend at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre. It has been world-cup sanctioned by the International Federation of Sleddog Sports.

"We never know how many [mushers] are coming, as they register when they arrive Friday night and Saturday morning," McCready said. It's a fact than once worried her, but no longer, since the field is almost always 80-100 teams.

"This year I have had contact from mushers coming as far away as New Jersey and Indiana."

Mushers will race through a series of well-groomed trails in two styles of race; skijoring and dogsledding. Races run all day, with teams leaving the start chute at two-minute intervals.

Amanda Virtanen, Haliburton County's tourism director, said close to 100 teams from across North America will converge at the resort, and she estimates around 500 people will be on hand as spectators.

"I think it will be a great draw," Virtanen said. "Hopefully, folks will stay for the night and eat and shop in town as well."

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin is already scoping out his viewing spot, and says it's a great thing for the county. McCready said they receive calls every fall asking about the

event dates so visitors can book accommodations.

"The mushers [are] coming into town with their families, many stay for two nights so that is accommodations, food [and] gas," she said. "Photographers also flock to the derby, anywhere from 20-50 onsite, and many of them stay as well."

Another benefit McCready highlighted was the media coverage, recalling how the event hosted Rick Mercer and Miss Canada in the past and how the races were featured in both local and national news.

When McCready and DeBruin first started the races, they held them downtown to draw people into the village. They soon realized, however, the rail trail was designed for snowmobiles, and the only other option was to go across Head Lake.

"The lake became a problem. One year, it got mild and the lake watered right up and we couldn't use it," McCready said. "Pinestone offered a new location and while [the races] weren't in town any longer, as we originally envisioned, (Pinestone's) been a wonderful venue."

While the races are organized by Winterdance, a sledding outfit run by the couple, this year, the Lion's Club is hosting the barbeque at the starting line on both days for mushers unable to sit down for lunch. Pinestone's general manager John Teljeur has offered skating and tobogganing at the resort, as well as live entertainment with no cover charge on both days.

"Plans are already underway for next year's race to celebrate our 15th year," McCready said. "One sneak peak ... we are really excited to be partnering with Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary on an event to have fun and help raise funds and awareness of the great work [they] do."

"A crowd favourite and most popular race every year is the adorable kid and mutt class," said McCready.

Fees to enter the races range from \$25-\$55 depending on the

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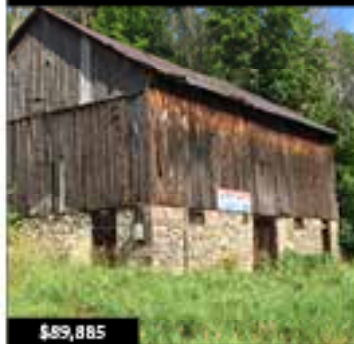
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ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES



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BURN'T RIVER



\$195,000

3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, flat level lot in a quiet location with an oversized 30' X 20' drive through garage.

CLOSE TO SIR SAM'S



\$209,000

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

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY



\$319,800

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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, 300 amp service, high speed internet and much more.

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE



\$379,000

Spectacular 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home, a detached 20' X 12' garage with an in-law suite above it and deeded access to a sandy beach with south west exposure on Lake Kashagawigamog is just steps away.

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MINDEN HOME



\$215,000

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

HIGHWAY 118



\$234,900

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

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\$429,000

788 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!

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\$495,000

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KENNISIS LAKE



\$779,000

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

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- Fixer-upper
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- In an area of fine homes and cottages.

**3 BEDROOM CARNARVON
HOME \$149,999**



- Superb family home
- Centrally located & close to all amenities
- Level lot with double detached garage
- 3 bedrooms, open concept
- Beautiful gardens on a corner lot.

**BENOIR LAKE BUILDING
LOT \$35,000**



- Level corner building lot
- Well treed with towering mature pines
- Easy Municipally maintained road access
- Access to 3 lake chain, 36 miles of boating
- Perfect lot to build your getaway or dream home.

**THE BEACH HOUSE
\$129,900**



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



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- Super family home
- Dining & livingroom w/fireplace
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GREAT VALUE! \$174,900

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



**GREAT OPPORTUNITY
\$179,900**

- Downtown Minden corner lot
- 3,000 sq. ft. building, loading dock
- Overlooking Gull River
- On town water and sewer
- Great investment!



**IN-LAW SUITE &
STUDIO \$259,900**

- 3 + 1 bedroom, 3 bath, 3900 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



**ENERGY EFFICIENT
FAMILY HOME \$319,000**

- Custom built 2007 "Royal Home"
- 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- 2900 sq. ft. of finished living space
- Oak kitchen, sunroom and attached garage
- Municipal year-round access



2 PARCELS \$345,000

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



**STARTER COTTAGE
\$399,900**

- 2 bedroom open concept cottage
- 106 feet of weed-free shoreline
- Pine décor, ceramic floors
- Natural landscaping, big lake view
- Turn-key setup.



**RIDEAU MARK III
HOME \$469,000**

- 2+2 bedroom home/cottage
- 160' frontage with sunrise views
- Wrap-around decking, dock
- Sunroom, skylights, lower level walkout
- Detached garage with built-in Bunkie.



**UNBELIEVEABLE VIEWS
\$539,900**

- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,400 sq. ft. living space
- Natural landscaping, lakeside deck/dock
- Skylights, bar area, screened porch, sauna
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