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Kate Knightley, 9, soars in the big air competition during the Ski/Board-a-thon on March 16 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. See page 28 for story.

Forest cancels festival after court fight Owner calls Dysart's actions against his business 'evil'

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Friday's heated debate between the Municipality of Dysart et al and Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum didn't resolve the unstable relationship between the municipality and the Forest, but it did result in the cancellation of one of Haliburton's most prominent summer events.

The Forest Festival, which draws about

2,000 people, won't take place this year, said event manager Lesley English.

"There is no reasonable time frame in which the Logging Museum would be approved for use for the Festival this season," she wrote in an email Tuesday, adding its advisory board is going to explore ways to keep the festival alive in 2017 and beyond.

In her email, English didn't pinpoint how this would affect Haliburton Forest and the township economically, but in a separate

phone interview, she said it would be significant.

"It attracts so many seasonal residents, and there's a huge spinoff that also benefits local businesses," she said.

This comes after an Ontario court ordered Haliburton Forest to demolish several buildings and building extensions, which included one of the festival's concert venues, the Logging Museum.

The museum has been used for concerts for

the past nine years along with the Bone Lake Amphitheatre.

The court also ordered Haliburton Forest to cancel current plans for any music festivals, concerts or any type of public assembly at the Logging Museum.

In the spring of 2015, Dan Sayers, Dysart's chief building official, applied to the Superior Court for an order directing Haliburton Forest to comply with the Building Code Act. He

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Highlander news

Cross-country ski trails (and skiers) suffer hard winter

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Revenue for local cross-country ski trails was hit hard, thanks to this year's unseasonal winter weather.

Algonquin Highlands (AH), which manages the Frost Centre trails near Dorset, recorded a revenue drop of 45 per cent from Nov. 1 to Mar. 9, compared to last season.

Ski pass revenues totalled only \$4,136 versus \$7,650 last season, according to parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card. Rentals dropped from \$2,684 to \$1,502.

The primarily back-country trails require a minimum base of 25 to 30 cm for

good skiing, but that level of snow didn't accumulate until mid-February, said Card. Minus 40-degree weather on Family Day weekend, which is usually the biggest day for attendance, and several periods of rain also reduced trail use. Despite groomers' best efforts, the entire system had to be closed three times.

Thom Lambert of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association (HHNTA) said the story is a little better in its trail systems, which include Glebe Park and YMCA Wanakita.

Lambert noted the not-for-profit HHNTA also missed both the Christmas and March

break high-revenue periods, and visitor day pass revenues suffered overall. However, membership fees covered equipment maintenance costs this season and a substantial volunteer base regularly provides no-cost trail grooming, so the HHNTA still achieved a small surplus.

Annual proceeds are used to purchase and maintain grooming equipment.

For information on the Haliburton trail system, visit skihaliburton.com, and for information on the Frost Centre ski and snowshoe trails visit algonquinhighlands.ca.

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Weather didn't cooperate this season for skiers.



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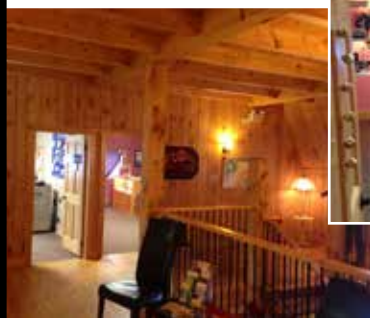
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Highlander news



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Photo by Alex Coop

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of Haliburton Forest, talks to councillors during a special meeting.

Tensions high during meeting

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requested the order due to health and safety concerns relating to hundreds of people in a concert venue that was missing proper building permits.

"That decision was made to obtain a fair and impartial decision free of any local influences," Sayers told *The Highlander* on Tuesday.

Haliburton Forest's failure and refusal to obtain building permits for all of the structures in question was a "flagrant and unjustified violation of the Ontario Building Code Act," Ontario Superior Court Justice Guy P. Di Tomaso concluded in his February ruling.

Tensions quickly flared Friday when Schleifenbaum appeared at Dysart council to discuss the court order.

He described himself as a man who "thinks outside the box," and suggested Dysart over the years labelled him as a man who operates outside the law.

"I readily admit that I do push limits ... for those who think inside the box, my actions may seem illegal, but I can assure you, they are not," he told councillors.

"The only term that comes to mind describing Dysart's action or inaction in all these cases, is evil."

He also raised concerns about why the meeting was open to the public, to which Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey responded by saying the court order is a public document that should be discussed in public.

Schleifenbaum blasted Sayers for supposedly failing to notify him that building permits were required for the EcoLog Mill, Stocking Lake structures and Chip Processing Plant, as well as the addition to the sawmill and the Echo Log Mill, all of which were included in the court order.

He said Sayers visited Haliburton Forest several times for unrelated reasons, and never questioned why various structures on the property didn't have building permits.

"While all this is going on, [Sayers] is directly involved with the construction of at least five buildings, which put him in touch with Haliburton staff on at least a weekly, if not daily, basis," Schleifenbaum said.

Fearrey said a simple phone call would have prevented the problems from arising in the first place, and that it shouldn't be a surprise that a building permit is required for a building.

In an interview after the meeting, Fearrey

said this is not the first time Schleifenbaum and the municipality have butted heads over building permits.

"Over the years there have been a number of big exceptions to help Peter [with] his projects, and nearly all the issues have surrounded building permits. ... That goes back to 20 years..." Fearrey said, adding there are "many files" that show Schleifenbaum's inability to obtain building permits.

Fearrey did not elaborate further.

"There's no animosity as far as I'm concerned between council and the Forest, it's simply a matter of health and safety and liability issues that Dan Sayers and the township has to focus on to make sure that things are safe," he said.

"You can't ignore that."

Schleifenbaum referred to a July 2014 council meeting, and said the issue of the liability was never brought up when he requested that the municipality waive the requirement for a site plan agreement for the construction of the Logging Museum addition, which added 2,000 sq. ft. of space to the building.

However, an article from *The Highlander* says former Ward 2 Councillor Dennis Casey "express[ed] concern over liability for both the municipality and Schleifenbaum," to which Schleifenbaum was quoted saying, "We're working on that right now."

Schleifenbaum left for Ireland on Saturday and could not be reached for further comment. During the meeting on Friday, he said he was going to appeal the court's decision.

Discussions, however, continued between the municipality and Haliburton Forest that focused on how business can move forward without a demolition process that would have massive financial implications for both parties.

Fearrey said he spoke with Malcolm Cockwell, general manager of Haliburton Forest, and together they decided to get qualified engineers and architects to "satisfy the requirements of the building code."

"Malcolm presented a more cooperative attitude," Fearrey said.

Malcolm was optimistic about the future.

"Based on our discussions, at this point there does appear to be a way forward, as long we can work together with Dysart et al's support towards approvals for these buildings," he wrote in an email.

The buildings and extensions noted in the court order have yet been demolished.

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Editorial opinion

Just scratching the surface

News travels fast.

In a world where Twitter and Facebook spoil nearly every blockbuster movie before you see it - a twisted world that is - small newspapers like us are forced to embrace those social media tools and use them to provide readers with news on a near 24/7 basis.

Working in an industry that seems to change every week thanks to Godzilla-like steps forward in access to information and social media is fascinating. Each day, we witness our various news posts creating ripples in the community, each story a different-sized stone that makes waves across a pond.

I graduated from journalism school three years ago and already find myself reminiscing about the good ol' days when cell phone photos were still frowned upon and rarely used in newspapers. I admit I've had to turn to that little ball and chain in my pocket on occasion, but I shake my head in dismay every time.

It's not what they taught me to do in school.

This brings us all the way to the middle of the column. Thank you for sticking around.

In school, I wrote a lot of stories that required digging. Some of my favourite memories from school involve me wandering the streets of Kensington Market, casually asking people what they thought about a Starbucks entering their community. My story was due the next day.

For those unfamiliar with Kensington Market, let's just say a Starbucks is about as out of place there as Donald Trump is in the Oval Office.

I had some amazing conversations and even managed to turn unrelated chit chat about cosplay into another meaningful story for the future.

My job here in Haliburton has yielded those same results, but I feel more and more like I'm only scratching the surface of certain stories I cover.

A gentle alarm is always sounding off in

the back of my head, ensuring I don't forget about my weekly deadlines. I understand not everyone would like that, but it's proven to be mighty useful.

Sometimes, however, it turns into that annoying red alert system from Star Trek: The Next Generation. Suddenly I'm required to report to my battle station (I mean computer) and transcribe multiple interviews, edit video, post to Facebook, all just in time for an episode of The Bachelor (I mean, basketball game).

The pace is addictive, but I admit I would love to consume myself in certain topics, and really dig deep into some of the stories people have to tell.

I want to be able to just wander the streets regularly, strike up interesting conversations with residents and find stories that way. This does happen sometimes, but not as frequently as I'd like.

I remember Canadian author Linden MacIntyre telling guests at the Haliburton County Public Library's Annual Book Gala last November that stories hidden beneath the primary ones are often overlooked by reporters who have to understand various topics in a short amount of time, but rarely delve deeper into the subject.

"It's like taking the icing off the cake and throwing the rest of the cake away," he said.

I try my hardest to approach each story like it's the only thing happening in the world, but when that gentle alarm in my brain constantly tells me to hurry up and get to that other thing, it can be challenging.

If you do see me buying cat food or having lunch at Kosy, feel free to strike up a conversation with me. Or if you feel you have a piece of information that's worth sharing with us, but think it's already common knowledge, share it with us anyway. It might not be common knowledge to us.



By Alex Coop

On fifty

So this is one of those columns. You know the ones where the writer reflects back after reaching some personal milestone. He will try his best to find that elusive universal appeal for his audience, which can be difficult considering the subject matter consists of said writer reaching a half century in age. Not everyone reaches that milestone. That is lesson number one.

This is not one of those columns. You know the ones where the writer pops out a lot of easy jokes about things that creak, hair that recedes or hearing that goes. It's not that I particularly like the aging process, just that I really don't have a lot of choice in the matter. As I read in a book once, nature - once you're essentially past your best breeding years - pretty much wants to kill you. You no longer serve any real value and are just taking up valuable room for someone younger. I'm not angry or sad about this. I just that I really don't have much of a say in it.

The second reason I won't complain about getting older is something I heard through my sister after she heard mentioned on Oprah. Simply put, the next time you complain about reaching another age milestone think about all those who never had the chance to reach that age. That'll shut you up pretty quickly, and it should.

No, this is one of those columns where the writer attempts to pass on various points of wisdom, knowledge or insight gathered throughout the years. They may not all be brilliant, but they will all (hopefully) cause you to pause and think.

First, I must say that I'm not even sure I am fifty. I don't remember my birth at all, and my mom was so busy that day I think her memory may be compromised, so all I have to go on are a couple people older than I and this little piece of paper that has a date printed on it. Frankly I'm not sure that would ever hold up in court. So, to summarize, I'm at least 40. I recall most everything after age 10. Beyond that, who knows?

And let's address this perceived loss of memory we are all supposed to deal with as we get older. I contend that you don't actually

lose memory, you just have way more things to forget. If you learned just 10 things a year, by rights you would have a greater volume of things to keep track of, and thus to forget (more) than someone half your age. A fridge only holds so much beer, and I'm thinking a brain can only hold so many thoughts. Our fridges are just fuller than those half our age.

I'm not happy with the way your body stops trying after enough years. I don't mean organ function, I mean the placement and displacement of hair specifically. The volume is pretty much the same, it's just that it re-appears in places you never had it before, like it has run out of options. I guess it just gets bored with being on your head for that long and then decides to visit your nose and ears for a while.

There are some strange circumstances when you tend to notice how old you are. For me it's when I'm filling out surveys. I remember at one time being able to check the 20 to 29 box, then the 30-35 box, then progressively onwards until reaching the spooky 45 and over box - which is essentially them informing you that you've reached the age of irrelevance for whatever it is they're selling, promoting or promising (see paragraph two for our first reference to that feeling).

Yes, they say that age is really just a number, but it's what that number means to you that determines your age and more so, how you feel about it. I really think the key to getting older - (at) any age - is the absolute refusal to grow up. It's key that you find a way to fake adulthood. Sure, comply when compliance is necessary, but break free from those "grown up" bonds as often as you (and the police) will allow. In my mind you can't grow old if you never grow up.

I now recall that this wasn't to be one of those columns with all the old jokes and stuff, but I guess I just forgot somewhere along the way. I am turning 50 after all.



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Editorial opinion

It's time for a change

Dear editor,

I agree with Jennifer Hughey in her editorial on March 10 – that the purchase of the Pinestone Inn and the Wigamog Inn by Aurora family will indeed be good for Haliburton. Refurbishing both inns to Aurora Hotel standards is long overdue, and turning that eyesore [of a] closed gas station into something usable and attractive is commendable. I am certain all of these ventures will provide employment for many people.

But, let's hold on for a moment please. For the Pinestone and Wigamog to work successfully, we have to have clients. You know, customers to enjoy the pleasant atmosphere the Auroras are investing in. The rooms, cabins, pools, bars, golf, weddings, functions, etc. Where are all these people going to come from? I can't tell you.

I read with interest Charlie Teljeur's article Feb. 25 about the inaction of our local politicians. I think he has something there when he says all the different organizations do not communicate with each other. What he did not say, is that they don't communicate with us either. He mentioned the need for a constitution. Banff, Alberta has a kind of constitution. Basically every business has a say on what goes on in that town, from banning too many duplicate businesses, to insisting on Christmas decorations on store fronts. They are only a tourist town, depending on Calgary for everything else. Their decisions are for survival. To the south of us, Fenelon Falls used to be a sleepy little town something like Haliburton. They decided their economy was not quite sufficient and stepped up to [deal with] the problem. They put out the word, Fenelon Falls was open for

business, and the business came. Now it is a thriving tourist town year round. And by the way, they are having an open house with the public to discuss everything from soup to nuts this month.

Yes, we should have a constitution. Oh, but, you say, we do have a county plan, voted on by our trusted councillors. Yes, we do, the same councillors who voted to not allow Armtec to locate here, because of false information and scare tactics by a few local cottagers. This lost 15 jobs. For a constitution, we need to write it with input from the public and business owners. We need open discussion on what is needed and how to proceed. We need our own plan.

Councillors are fine at maintaining the budget, roads, building plans, and other things needed to run a county, but as to increasing business and employment, not so much. They should leave this to people like Ravi Aurora and other business owners with experience.

Our plan should, of course, still be geared to inviting the tourists to enjoy our beautiful landscape and accommodations. Looking at the last few years, most of this plan has been good for the summer months only. Not much goes on in the winter and that is being complicated by our increasingly mild winters and little snow.

So, the main problem in the winter is a declining population and low employment. Our school enrolment is declining because [there are] few jobs and low wages. Who is going to move here with children? What are we doing to attract business to locate or relocate to Haliburton? Is there anything planned to create full time jobs, not related to retail? Retail only survives if there are actually people to buy things. It looks like Ravi Aurora is going to try to help Haliburton

and council out by increasing winter events at his resorts and enticing clients to come north. This is fantastic. I truly wish him well. He will lead by example. I hope this example will encourage council to be more transparent, hold meetings for public input, and listen to what they are saying. If this was the States, I

would be voting for [Democratic presidential candidate, Bernie] Sander's revolution.

It's time for change.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Gerry MacLennan

These little critters are starting to come out of hibernation.

LETTERS CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

The spring project

The other day, my lovely wife asked me if I'd like a set of golf clubs. I was perplexed.

"But why," I asked, regretting my question almost as soon as the words had left my lips.

You see, I know, that my lovely wife knows that I think that the game of golf is one of the greatest wastes of time known to man. At risk of offending a few golfing loafers out there, what in heaven's name is the point of spending the best part of a summer's day thrashing aimlessly at a small white ball in the vague hope that the next time you connect with it, it might, if you are extremely lucky, fly somewhere in the vicinity of a small hole in the middle of a neatly mown patch of lawn? And that is after you have dressed yourself up like some kind of circus clown and spent a good half an hour choosing which club to use from the selection that you've dragged around behind you in a giant lady's purse on wheels.

I mean, why go to all that trouble when you can go fishing?

But that's just my humble opinion, and one which I had assumed that my lovely wife was well aware of.

She turned, as she began to answer me

and looked across the garden to the cedar strip canoe that was half submerged in the flood water at the edge of the river. "Because, I thought a set of golf clubs might go rather well with all the other paraphernalia that we seem to have acquired but never quite got around to using or finishing or doing anything with at all!"

Hmm. On inspection, I could see her point. The canoe, given to me by a friend, was in bad shape when I got it, and, although I had lovingly painted it, the craft was still most definitely not shipshape, over a year after my initial grand plans to restore it. And, to add to her ire, I was in the process of unloading an old outboard motor from the back of my truck. An outboard motor that I had just informed her was my 'spring project'.

"What about the veggie garden that you were all gung ho about last fall?" she asked. "And when are you going to build the bunkie that you promised me?" she continued, pointing at the large pile of scrap wood that I'd collected from work.

I was at a loss.

You see, a man likes a spring project.

Or to rephrase that, a man likes the idea

of a spring project. A new thing to sink his teeth into as the buds begin to show, the days get longer and the sun warms the land. It makes us feel, well, like men. Like this year will be the one. Like, forget about all the unfulfilled promises of last year, clear the slate and let's start anew, with a fresh spring project.

I should apologize now to the golfers and those of you who always complete every project that you set your mind to. You are true men amongst weaklings. But, for the rest of us, the spring project is a time of hope, of renewal, of potential! And, albeit my lovely wife is almost always certainly right, she must realize that I have to go through this cycle of inspiration, hope, belief, lethargy and failure in order that my life remains in its balanced state.

I lifted the outboard motor from the tailgate of the truck and carried it into the garage.

She followed behind. I could almost feel look of disdain on her face.

She said nothing until I was at the kitchen door, the motor propped up awkwardly against my leg while I struggled under its weight to reach the door handle.

"Where are you taking that?"

Now was the time when my spring project could fly or 'go south' fast.

"Erm, I'm taking it to the, err, shed," I said, turning quickly around and carrying the motor back through the garage and outside again.

With the outboard leaning against the wall of the shed, I looked around and took stock of the situation. A pile of plywood, for Little Z's as yet unfinished tree house. Two partially built mountain bikes; neither currently rideable. A stack of slimy green foam blocks from under an old dock. (I'm going to cut them up and make my goose decoys buoyant before this fall, honest.) The ride-on lawn mower that doesn't start but surely only needs a little bit of mechanical know how. Know how that I don't possess. And now the outboard... Oh, and the canoe.

May be she's right, again.

Perhaps golf isn't such a bad idea. What better way to take my mind off of the pile of unfinished spring projects in the shed, and, avoid having the time to even contemplate taking on any more!

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *How did you spend the first day of spring?*



Beverly Curry

Twelve Mile Lake

My husband and I put our fish hut back into its summer storage spot until next season.



Curtis Barker

Carnarvon

I work at Don Barker Heating, and that's all we did that day, work.



Frank Packard

Wilberforce

I was at home praying for good weather. I'm a local roofer so I was really hoping for the snow to disappear for good.



Amber DeFoe

Minden

I did some spring cleaning that day.



Hank O'Reilly

Haliburton

I recorded a song, and it's called *Haliburton's a Beautiful Piece of Mind*. It's a big collaborative effort involving a lot of people and all the royalties will go towards seniors and veterans.

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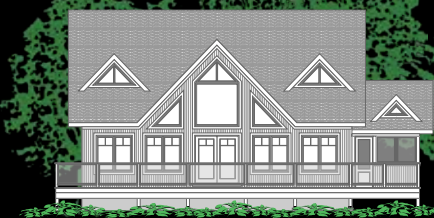
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County in brief

Airport looks to county for food services

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands (AH) may yet find a solution for expanded food services at the Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport.

Airport manager Cam Loucks advised council on March 17 that the food services operator at the Lindsay airport has expressed interest in a satellite business at Stanhope.

Stanhope's current propane griddle is sufficient for volunteer use for fly-ins and other events. However, there are no restaurants in the immediate area and the new Haliburton fire management headquarters for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is scheduled to open this year.

To accommodate MNRF and community needs, AH would have to staff the cook shack and renovate it to meet health unit regulations for the revised services.

AH issued requests for proposals for an independent food truck operator for two consecutive years with no success.

Loucks said he is responding to some of the questions asked by the Lindsay operator about operating within AH. While Airport Road is scheduled for construction work this year, Loucks confirmed it will not conflict with food vendor operations.

Local OPP crack down on the 'Big 4'

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands OPP laid a total of 142 charges on local roads during March Break. This is an increase of 25 charges from the same time last year.

Officers nabbed drivers for offences known as the "Big 4" during the March Break Safe Driving Campaign that took place from March 14-20. These driving behaviours include speeding, distracted driving, not wearing a seat belt and impaired driving.

Speeding was the most common offence with 94 charges laid. Other charges included three for distracted driving, one for careless driving, 10 seat belt charges, four suspended drivers, three impaired driving and 27 other moving violations.

"Most of the motoring public we encounter on our roadways are operating their vehicles in a safe manner consistent with the rules of the road," said OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to thank the public for reporting driving behaviours that put other motorists and their families at risk.

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Highlander opinion

The left is right

Dear editor;

In the past few years, and leading into this past election campaign, there has been media attention focussed on gluttonous corporations who are the demise of our social fabric, and who are making all their money on the backs of the common middle class. It would be amazing if the “left” did not take up a strong stance against a “corporation” like the one that is to be described here within.

What would you say about a “corporation” that had invested in and bought companies all over the world, with focus on water, gas, power generation, transportation, shipping, technology and real estate? A “corporation” that holds companies in the Middle East, Europe, South America, USA, Australia, Hong Kong and Canada. How would you feel if this “corporation” made its money by taking monies from your tax base to invest it into the market to grow? What if it had manipulated the Government of Ontario, and swayed the political environment to gain financial strength? Would you stand tall and act? Would you march on Queen’s Park? I doubt it; because people on the “right” don’t usually protest in the same manner as the “left”. But wait, why would the “right” protest, strike and

militantly coerce our government? Because, in this case the “left” is the “right”.

This “corporation” is the Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan (OTPP). Now, this is not a slam at the individual teachers, whom we all know personally as they are our neighbours, our family members, and friends. We all know a teacher or two, as they make up 10 per cent of the public employees in Ontario and two per cent of the workforce.

The concern is that most teachers are politically influenced to vote in a particular manner by their union -- the same union that negotiates their contracts, mandates their strikes and uses militant tactics to hold the taxpayers for ransom to raise their membership, their wages and their pension contributions.

Now claiming the OTPP is a financial success is an understatement. It is in the top 15 pension funds in the world, amassing a net worth of well over \$150 billion dollars. A corporation can only continue to grow and expand if it has a stable influx of cash flow, so where does all this money come from? That’s right, our taxes. Now teachers, please don’t get defensive here, the fact is you earn a union negotiated salary that has a union negotiated pension contribution. This means that every

tax paid dollar you earn, and in turn contribute to your pension fund, is matched by more tax dollars to satisfy the militant union demands.

According to an article in the Financial Post, “the Drummond Report found that the median salary of public school teachers in Ontario three years ago was \$95,000. Add to that 30 per cent, or \$28,500, in benefits ...” The union “left” keeps touting that the corporations and the rich are the biggest problems preventing the economy from moving forward and that the unions fight the good fight on behalf of their members.

At \$95,000 per year, teachers’ salaries are in the top 10 per cent of income earners in the country. If their pay was broken down hourly then they would be the highest paid profession in the country (the one per cent) defined by the “left” as the “super wealthy”.

Why all the effort to write this? It is not to cast aspersions on teachers or their profession, but to show how the actions of the teachers’ unions, in conjunction with the OTPP’s financial and political capacity, extort our tax dollars. The education budget in 2001 was \$13.3 billion dollars and today it is \$25.3 billion – that is a massive increase in 15 years. There is a direct correlation with both the union’s wage increases and the growth of the

OTPP. The teachers’ union has one agenda politically, and that is to extort the government of their choice until it no longer serves its purpose.

Bill Davis (Conservative) gave the teachers the right to strike, and since then they have manipulated and fought with all parties, but none of the parties have capitulated to their demands as much as the Liberals have.

As the “left” would say, how much is enough? With the distribution of this opinion piece, there is hope that people (teachers included) will start to scrutinize the motives of the unions and question the politics surrounding the union’s actions. There is hope that a reporter or government official, who is capable of taking up the challenge of investigating the OTPP, the union and the Liberals for back room dealings, will do so.

Finally, there is a hope that this helps to stop the “left’s” cries, because as you can see there is no organization more “right” than the Ontario Teachers’ Pension Plan and the unions that fund it.

Sincerely,
Chris Brown
Keene, Ontario

Let's work together

Dear editor;

Both the editorial *The elusive double win* and letter to the editor by Laura Redman *Unbalanced coverage* in the March 17 edition of *The Highlander* speak of the need for the Municipality of Dysart and the Haliburton Forest to work together to find a way forward.

The editorial wonders why the Haliburton Forest did not obtain the needed permits and proceeded without them. Mrs. Redman seems to be saying that the blame for this situation falls on Dysart for not finding a way to work with Mr. Schleifenbaum to help his business to grow, citing all the good things that his business brings to the area.

But does the fact that his business is good for the area mean that Dysart should turn a blind eye when the Haliburton Forest ignores requirements that all taxpayers in the municipality are required to abide by? I would hope not. If memory serves, this is not the first time that such things have been ignored by the Forest.

Working together must mean that both sides cooperate. The folks at the Haliburton Forest should not ignore building codes and permits, or expect them to be overlooked when they are ignored. Dysart should do what it can to facilitate development, but do so within their guidelines, and not have different rules for different residents. And if the rules are not followed, it should take appropriate action. Mrs. Redman talks about Dysart not wasting precious taxpayer dollars by taking action against those who ignore the rules. Perhaps those who do so wilfully should pick up the municipality's court costs if they are found guilty.

Elaine Bell
Haliburton

Rules are rules for a reason

Dear editor;

I just read the editorial suggesting Haliburton Forest and the municipality work out a negotiated settlement and I take issue with that position.

Simply put, why should the rich owner of the business that is the Haliburton Forest be afforded a different set of rules than any other person when he, more than most, can afford to pay permit fees? Your assessment that it was arrogance on Peter Schleifenbaum’s part is spot on. The rich behave with the attitude that they can get away with it, or they think everyone is so stupid nobody will say anything or stand up to them.

I am very happy that the municipality has stood its ground because I followed the rules when I built my garage with a loft last summer. I adhered to the rules of the municipality and was quite unhappy to have to undergo a septic assessment on a system that was installed in 2010 for three bedrooms, while a two-bedroom permit-approved cottage

that was built in 2009.

It cost me \$450 for a septic reassessment despite presenting the municipality with the approvals/permits showing my septic was within limits. I had an additional building permit charge in the range of \$250, and an electrical permit in the range of \$240. If I can pay those fees then surely the wealthy owner of Haliburton Forest, which continues to expand, can cough up the money and play by the rules.

The cost of the permits is one thing, but these permits are subsequently submitted to MPAC for tax reassessment and municipal taxes are adjusted according to the assessed value. Haliburton Forest has therefore deprived the municipality in two ways – avoiding property tax increases and the lesser amount permit fees. There are also insurance costs to be considered and the risks associated with injury that may occur in a building for which an occupancy permit was never granted.

My conclusion is that they should be punished according to the same rules that would apply to anyone. For example, tear down the building, submit proper permits, and go through the process – it’s not really that tedious, and it’s nice to see the rules applied equitably across the board. By now, Mr. Schleifenbaum is learning how easy the process really could have been. He’s likely spent far more money in legal costs.

As for, the forest being important to the community – they will continue to be important. It isn’t going anywhere. Tear the buildings down – sounds like jobs in the community to me. Rebuild – more jobs. And, do it by the rules that every other poor sap has to follow.

As a past visitor to the Forest, I’m expecting they will simply raise the rates for all their attractions and I’m not happy about that either.

Gerry MacLennan
Haliburton Lake



Photo by Alex Coop

Lucky winner number two

From left; Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director holds the Cash for Care Lottery's second early bird winning ticket belonging to Gerry Kowalksi of Minden. Standing next to her are HHHSF co-chair members Don Popple and Lisa Tompkins. The next draw will be on April 19.

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Dysart looks at alternative final resting places

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Ray Miscio would like to provide a more green and cost effective alternative for the disposition of people's loved ones ... and create a new source of revenue.

Miscio, director of parks and recreation, presented council with two recommendations during the first round of budget talks last week.

He recommended the purchase of a columbarium and the creation of a scattering garden.

A columbarium is an above-ground granite structure that holds cremated remains. It's made of small wall spaces 12" x 12" x 12", each of which can accommodate two urns.

The scattering garden is an area designated for people to scatter ashes of their loved ones without having to purchase a plot or wall space in a columbarium.

Remains are usually raked into the soil afterward.

"It's a good revenue maker," Miscio said. "It will also lighten your cemetery."

A columbarium with 32 wall spaces would cost the township \$20,000, while one with 48 spaces would cost \$25,000. Cost to purchasers would

be \$1,130 for a single wall space, which includes the initial fee and maintenance costs.

Councillors said it was a good idea and decided to take the concept into consideration. They will make a decision by the time the budget is finalized in April.

It's a good revenue maker [and] it will also lighten your cemetery.

Ray Miscio
parks and rec director

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Meetings & Events

March 31

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

April 14

9:00 am, COTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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For the Roads Department

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Highlander news

Collaboration important for food network

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Several organizations, businesses and individuals are developing a community food assessment to ensure that local food remains a top priority in Haliburton County.

Andrew von Zuben, steering committee member and owner of Bedrock & Brambles, brought Highlands East council up to speed on the initiative.

Three working groups were formed to assess opportunities; "The reason everyone got together is because of what's been happening in the past five to seven years," von Zuben told council on March 14. "There's been a lot of positive change happening to our food system."

Some of these positive changes include community gardens, agricultural events, farmers' markets and gardening workshops, he said.

With more of an emphasis on local food than ever before, it was the right time to bring people together to work on this project. Its goal is to "inform long-term planning and action towards

a sustainable food system that benefits everyone in the Haliburton region."

von Zuben pointed out that this project is important because of the number of people experiencing food insecurity.

"There [are] a lot of opportunities, as we develop a food system, to help support those people."

Local food has become a focus for tourism in the area, and there is economic spinoff. According to von Zuben, about 12 per cent of the jobs in the county are related to food and agriculture.

Through their research, which included interviews, the working groups found there is a great demand for local food. There is also a need to attract and support food production businesses, and incorporate a changing food system in official plans and zoning bylaws, among other findings.

The total cost of the project is about \$15,000. Each working group had \$5,000 to spend, with the majority of the funds coming from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The Haliburton County Development Corporation and the

The more we can communicate, the more we can get done together.

Andrew von Zuben
steering committee member



Photo by Mark Arike

Andrew von Zuben talks to members of Highlands East council about food assessment.

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit also pitched in.

Continued collaboration is an important part of the plan, said von Zuben. He encouraged the municipality to support future planning by appointing a municipal representative to Harvest Haliburton, a volunteer committee that supports the development of a sustainable local food system.

"The more we can communicate, the more we can get done together," he said.

"Great work," said Deputy-Reeve Suzanne Partridge. "I am so impressed."

The steering committee members meet monthly, usually on the third Thursday of the month.

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Dysart councillors discuss road repair strategy

Focus on preventative maintenance

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Save the worst roads for last.

This was the message reiterated by Dysart's public works manager Brian Nicholson, who capped off the municipality's first round of budget discussions two weeks ago.

"This is where we're getting into the argument of 'why are you fixing that road which looks fine and not mine which is a disaster,'" Nicholson said.

To help municipalities better prioritize infrastructure investment, the Ministry of Infrastructure released the Municipal Infrastructure Strategy in 2013.

Since then, municipalities seeking provincial capital funding for items relating to roads, bridges, water, wastewater systems and housing have been required to submit a detailed Asset Management Plan (AMP).

When it comes to roads, these plans must focus on "rehabilitation rather than reconstruction," and "preventative maintenance," according to the county's 2013 AMP.

As a result, roads that are in poor condition are often turned back to gravel, rather than refurbished.

Dysart's AMP was completed in December 2013 by a consultant D.M. Wills Associates Ltd. in conjunction with municipal staff, Nicholson told *The Highlander* in an email.

The document says 13 roads in Dysart, including Harcourt Road and parts of Mountain Street in Haliburton, are scheduled for "preventative maintenance" in 2016.

The list hasn't been ratified and won't be until the 2016 budget is passed, but during budget discussions on March 10, the strategy behind preventative road maintenance was questioned.

For Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, the strategy is still a difficult sell.

"It's tough for me to say it's okay for the road that's still in admirable shape to get the attention when down the road it's much worse and is simply left alone.

"If the road is knocking the front of your car out of alignment each time you drive on it I think you would have trouble selling me on this," he told Nicholson.

Nicholson pointed to the National Cooperative Highway Research Program, a United States-based study on road maintenance, and said converting paved roads to unpaved ones is nothing new.

"There are a number of places out there that are turning roadways back to gravel for the exact same reasons we are," he said. "We're right on the money."

If it turns out a road that's been turned back to gravel is causing more problems, then the process to repave it would begin, Nicholson said.

"You would have to turn it back to gravel anyway."

The AMP can be revisited by council, Nicholson said, but he stressed the importance of maintaining roads that are in fair condition to ensure their longevity.

"I still have a hard time wrapping my head around it,

but if we do worst first again, we'll find ourselves in this position again in a few years."

The majority of provincial and federal funding is allocated to infrastructure, Dysart treasurer Barbara Swannell told *The Highlander*, which is why AMPs are so important to the application process.

"You have to have your AMP support your application," she said.

Transportation, which includes roads maintenance, makes up 30 per cent of Dysart's total projected expenditures for 2016.

The roads on Dysart's 2016 schedule are:

Chairlift road – Bushwolf Lake
Road to Chalet Road

Harcourt Road

Midway Street – #648 Midway
to Harcourt Road

Soap Pond Road

Eastview Road

Sandford Court

George Street – Orchard Drive
to Eastern Avenue

George Street - Pine Lake Road
to Orchard Drive

Peninsula – County Road 21 to
#1293 Peninsula Drive

Koshlong – County Road 1 to
the Marina

Mountain Street – Ridge View
Road to Parish Line

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to #1173 Pine Lake Road

Nila Road – County Road 7 to
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Highlander business



Photo by Mark Arike

Monday night league bowlers play at Fast Lane Bowling on March 21.

Continuing to live in the Fast Lane

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Fast Lane Bowling in Minden is under new management, and Mary Douglas already has a vision.

Douglas purchased the business from previous owners Sheila and Gordon Pitcher on Feb. 29. The Pitchers had bought the business back in March 2013.

"I bowled many, many years ago on a league and had fun," Douglas said.

Douglas bought the bowling alley because she thought it would allow for year-round income in an area where

seasonal employment is the norm – but she also said it's just a really fun place to be.

"I just went in one day because I saw the sign, and I heard it was for sale," she said, adding she and Sheila just started talking and the rest, as they say, is history. The business had been for sale for nearly a year when Douglas decided to venture in.

Sheila said she decided to sell the business due to health concerns.

She also wanted to spend more time with family, she said. When asked about some of her fondest memories, Sheila said there are too many to mention.

Douglas said Fast Lane is keeping her

quite busy and is pleased with the purchase so far.

"March Break [was] amazing," she said, and added, "it's starting to get out there that we are open."

Douglas is planning to make some changes in preparation for the summer months, once the weekly league play has wrapped up in April. She has plans to offer a summer membership for \$125, allowing members to bowl anytime during June, July and August.

"And in May, I'll have Toonie Tuesday's, which is \$2 per person, and \$2 per hour for shoes," she said.

Douglas plans to make some cosmetic changes in the future, but for now, she has decided to keep the bowling alley as is, because why change a good thing?

"We do have set hours now, so there is no need to call ahead to see if we are open," she said.

Fast Lane Bowling is open Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Sunday noon until 5 p.m.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Above: Tim and Wendy Pringle will take ownership of Cordell Carpet on April 15. Right: The business's showroom.

Long-time employee buys Cordell Carpet

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Brad Sales founded Cordell Carpet in 1976 at the age of 25.

This April, the business will celebrate 40 years in Haliburton. However, Sales has decided it's time to step down and head into retirement.

"I'm turning 65 this year, and I've done it a long time," said Sales, adding he's in good health. "The business is at a point right now where it's doing very well."

Over the past few years, the Haliburton resident has reduced his involvement in the business.

"I'm working every day, but not full days. I'm not as key a person here as I used to be," he said.

Sales is selling the business to long-time employee Wendy Pringle and her husband Tim as of April 15.

Originally from Toronto, Sales started working for a flooring company after graduating from the University of Toronto. He was doing installations in the Haliburton area and saw a business opportunity.

"It just seemed that the area needed a retail store for the type of thing we were working with, floor coverings mostly," he recalled.

The business name – Cordell – is Sales' middle name. He thought it had a nice ring to it, especially with the alliteration.

The business has had several homes in Haliburton. The first location was at 183 Highland Street, a space currently occupied by Aprons and Soaps. It moved across the street in 1980 to where the Kosy Korner now sits. Ten years later, Sales moved up the street to the building occupied by JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports. Between 2001 and 2003, it was in a temporary location, now home to

Dawson Gray. In 2003, it made its final move to 25 Hops Dr., off County Road 21, in The Beer Store plaza.

"We saw that it was a good location," said Sales. "The customers do love it here."

With the most recent location came lots of parking space and a 2,400-square-foot showroom.

Cordell specializes in paint and flooring, custom window treatments and fabric, and custom blinds.

While the business has grown, its services have largely remained the same.

"We've changed with the times as new products come out and trends occur," he said, pointing out that staff often take courses to remain knowledgeable about paints, ceramic tiles and window coverings.

"Customers are very educated themselves because they study things online usually, and then come to see us."

When it came time to sell the business, Sales wanted to give his employees the first crack.

Wendy has been an employee for 10 years, ever since she sold Pringle's Cove, a Tamarack Lake cottage resort property she and her husband owned for six years.

"In the off-season, I did some house painting and Brad [Sales] used to recommend me [to customers] as [a painter]," explained Wendy. "When he found out we were selling the business, he approached Tim and [me]."

She went from part-time to full-time and began taking on some of Sales' responsibilities such as window and floor estimates.

"I decided to jump in with both feet," laughed Wendy. "If we didn't take the offer, it wouldn't be offered again. The business could be sold to somebody else."

It was also a good time because they are nearing retirement age and their kids are

grown.

"I didn't want to wait until I was any older, either," said Wendy, who is 58 as is Tim.

"We're having to think about our retirement years, in the next 10 years too."

Wendy will run the operation while Tim will help with the occasional delivery and provide other assistance as needed. They don't plan on implementing any major changes at this time.

"We would like to focus on customer service and possibly some new products as we move forward," said Tim.

They are looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead, serving seasonal and full-time residents of the county.

Sales will help with the transition over the next few months.

"I'm sure that Wendy will go forward with the same level of service," he said. "I'm hoping she'll be able to take advantage of the local support."

As for his retirement plans, Sales intends on spending time with his family which includes two children and two grandchildren.

"My life is pretty boring," he joked. "I want to enjoy retirement, perhaps find a part-time job."

Cordell's currently has three full-time employees. Mary McKee, formerly the longest-serving member of the team, recently retired after nearly 20 years with the company.

Sales called her contributions "exceptional." "Mary was instrumental in almost every aspect of the business," he said.

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Spring car care



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Changing your tires will extend the life of your vehicle.

Maximizing the life of your vehicle

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Even winters like the warm one we just experienced can be hard on your car, so it's important to conduct a good spring check-up to ensure your vehicle is ready for every outing.

Your local dealer or repair and maintenance centre can provide a full inspection to identify any minor problems and fix them before they become major.

Automotive Industries Association of Canada provides online seasonal tips for drivers. Following are a few of the spring inspection items the site recommends.

First, make sure you're following the recommended times for changing your oil and oil filter. You can usually find these listed in the vehicle owner's manual, and your service technician can help you keep track.

A good inspection will also include a full fluid check. This includes your brake, transmission and power steering fluids and your radiator coolant, as well as the windshield washer fluid. Some fluids may need to be flushed and replaced, while others will just need a top-up.

Check the battery to ensure it's charging well, securely mounted and that the connections are in good condition. Consider replacing the battery if it's more than five years

old. The vehicle chassis may require lubrication, and belts and hoses should be checked for cold weather damage.

Fix your windshield if it has been chipped or cracked, as damaged glass can reduce the integrity of the vehicle's roof and decrease your safety. Replace torn or cracked windshield wiper blades to ensure optimum visibility.

Filters in the engine, cabin circulation and fuel systems should be checked for damage or clogging and replaced if necessary. Lighting systems should also be checked inside and out.

Switch your winter tires for all-season tires once daytime temperatures reach seven degrees Celsius. (All-seasons lose elasticity below that.) Record the winter tire positions so the tires can be rotated next fall. Check the treads for uneven wear and the sidewalls for damage and replace any tires as needed.

Check your seasonal tires before use to ensure they have remained in good condition in storage.

Tires should be rotated every 10,000 km. Remember this and check more often for tire damage if you increase your travel this year.

For more information on spring car maintenance, visit becarcareaware.ca.

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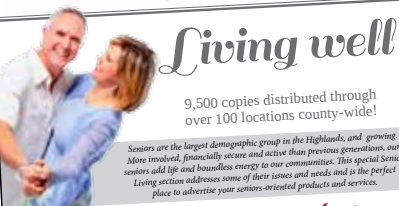
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Spring car care

Keeping it all aligned to save money

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

After the first day of spring passes, everyone starts dreaming of the winter thaw.

But spring's thaw also exaggerates potholes, reveals uneven roads and creates new ruts, and along with the regular vehicular wear and tear from the winter months, spring can take a toll on your suspension system and steering.

Alignment plays a big role in the performance of your vehicle. It should steer the way the manufacturer designed it, but it doesn't take much to knock a vehicle out of alignment. When it happens, it's not just the tires and vehicle that feel the unbalance — your hands on the steering wheel will too.

John Morin, service advisor at Ridgewood Ford Sales Limited in Minden, said cars should have their front ends and tires checked twice a year.

"An excess of tire wear on your vehicle [means] steering issues, handling issues..." said Morin. "If the alignment's out, it's going to wear your tires, which means [the car is] not working efficiently, and that means it's hard on fuel."

Morin said that if a vehicle receives regular maintenance, and if drivers keep an eye on tire wear, an alignment is not always necessary.

"If there are no issues, then you don't really have to have it realigned," he said. "But you



Photo by Walt Griffin

An unseasonably warm winter has local automotive shops starting to see more business, as drivers ready their vehicles for spring.

definitely should have your tires and front end checked twice a year, in spring and fall.

How can you tell if your tires need aligning? Here are a few key signs:

Your vehicle will pull to one side and when you look at the steering wheel, it's not

straight.

The front end of your vehicle will rock a bit after you hit a rut or bump.

And lastly, the tell-tale sign of tire wear.

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Here's a close-up of the inspection of a MacPherson strut, a type of vehicular suspension system, at Haliburton Auto. Mechanics often recommend replacing your struts somewhere between 80 and 100,000 km.



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Tire balancing is the process of equalizing the weight of the combined tire and wheel assembly so that it spins smoothly at high speeds. Goodyear recommends having your tires balanced and rotated every 10,000 km.

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Rust-proofing a must for all vehicles

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Whether you're driving a top-of-the-line luxury vehicle or something a little more modest, protecting your investment from rust is a must.

According to Chris Coumbs, owner of Haliburton Automotive, rust can wreak havoc on your car and dramatically reduce its lifespan. The good news is this can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

"It's just breaks the metals down," said Coumbs, who has owned the local auto business for nearly three years. "Some car manufacturers today are using different materials than bare steel, but a lot of them aren't. Over a period of years, it just deteriorates the exterior of the metal and brake lines start to leak, fuel lines start to leak, transmission lines, power steering coolant lines ..."

Rust develops underneath the vehicle when salt from the roads reaches certain spots, said Coumbs.

"Then it dries and when it gets wet the water activates it again," he explained.

Coumbs estimates that rust can cut a vehicle's lifespan in half. In order to prevent that from happening, he recommends undercoating it every year.

"I would [do it] right from new. You would notice an incredible difference on a 10-year-old vehicle that was [rustproofed annually] from the day it was purchased, compared to one that wasn't," he said. CAA's website



Photo by Walt Griffin

Some substances make it easier for rust to form on your car. One of the most common is salt.

says other benefits of rustproofing include: preserving the beauty of your car's finish, preventing its resale value from dropping, protecting the electrical system from corrosion and other issues, and keeping the body of the car strong and safe.

The process involves "drilling a lot of holes in the vehicle," said Coumbs. "Then [they fill the holes with] half-inch body plugs, preventing the rust from beginning."

Once rust starts it can't be stopped, he added. It can only be prevented from the onset or

slowed down.

Coumbs recommends using a reputable company. The two businesses in Haliburton offering this service include Curry Motors & Rust Check and Krown Rust Control, both of which are located on Industrial Park Road.

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2. *Keep Calm: A Thriller* by Mike Binder
3. *Property of a Noblewoman: A Novel* by Danielle Steel

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The Lightless Sky* by Gulwali Passarlay
2. *Lives of the Poets (with Guitars)* by Ray Robertson
3. *Splitopia: Dispatches from Today's Good Divorce and How to Part Well* by Wendy Paris

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Listen To Our World* by Bill Martin Jr. (Picture Book)
2. *Awesome Knights* by Editors of Kingfisher (JNF)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *The Big Short* (DVD)
2. *Deep Blue* by Randy Wayne White (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

All HCPL branches will be closed Good Friday and our Administration Centre will be closed Easter Monday. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, March 29. Have a safe and happy Easter holiday!

Live music in the Highlands

From dearth to plethora

When we first moved to the Highlands some 30 years ago, if you wanted to hear live music your choices were pretty much limited to local bands playing what was then referred to as country and western music.

I have nothing against country, and in fact some of my earliest CHUM AM radio memories are of country legend, Conway Twitty, singing *It's Only Make Believe* -- a cross-over single that topped the country and pop charts in 1958.

Some might say I'm showing my age, but I prefer to call it my memory bank of musical knowledge, which is not as extensive as some, but is nevertheless not insignificant. So stick with me here while I try to make this musical memory tour make sense to you and to myself as well.

When I was living in downtown Toronto, live music was a huge part of my life. From the mid-60s to the mid-90s I got to hear, see and befriend many Canadian musicians, some of whom I'm still friends with today.

Back then musicians honed their skills at such establishments as George's Spaghetti House, the Brown Derby, the Colonial Tavern, Riverboat Coffee House, The Purple Onion Coffee House, Horseshoe Tavern, The Brunswick House, Le Coq d'Or, and of course, the world famous El Mocambo. I was at the El Mo when the Rolling Stones gave an impromptu concert in 1977.

Some Toronto-based names that rose to international rock stardom during those golden years were Robbie Robertson, David Clayton-Thomas, Neil Young and Steppenwolf. Other greats included The Ugly Ducklings, Kensington Market, Grant Smith & The Power, Lighthouse, George

Olliver, Prakash John and Domenic Troiano.

The Riverboat and the Colonial Tavern were two locations that brought in top flight international folk and blues talent, and I saw such acts as: Sonny Terry and Brownie McGhee, Simon and Garfunkel, Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, and Joni Mitchell. My formative musical years lay in the region between the bohemian/hippie/folk era up to (but not including), the big-hair bands of the 80s. My passion was for rock, blues, R&B, reggae, funk and some forms of jazz.

It came as something of a shock therefore to come to the Highlands where most of the musical genres I truly loved were missing. For me the local scene changed significantly about eight years ago when I saw Rita Chiarelli at McKecks. She was new to me, but I could hardly believe it; she was singing the blues with a fabulous, whisky-soaked voice. I was totally transported. After the show I decided I needed to hear more blues.

So I started to invite some of the best blues musicians in Canada up to the Highlands, something I continue to do to this day. I was by no means the first to bring 'outside' talent to the area and individual promoters and the Haliburton County Folk Society, for example, preceded my efforts by many years. Blues is certainly folk music, and it's been heartening to see the Society bring in more blues acts. In fact many people are still abuzz about none other than Rita Chiarelli who, along with blues harpist Roly Platt gave an outstanding performance at the recent Winter Folk Camp.

The point, and excuse me for taking so long to make it, is that listening to live music is perhaps the most liberating and soul-satisfying experience you can give yourself. Nowadays in the Highlands, thanks mainly to the influx of baby-boomer retirees and their diverse music

tastes, we've got so much music to offer.

Blues, rock, country and Irish music are constantly on tap at establishments like McKecks, the Dominion Hotel (which is where the Canadian Blues Legends' series is to be found), as well as at Baked and Battered. At the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion you can hear the Highlands Chamber Orchestra, the Highlands Wind Symphony, the Highlands Opera Studio as well as folk and blues concerts. Churches and art galleries present choir and choral group recitals, as well as drum circle happenings.

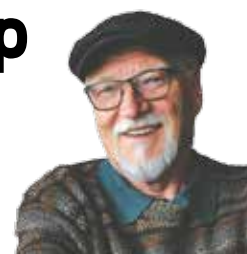
The Minden fair grounds hosts the very successful Bluegrass Festival and the Haliburton Highlands Museum is the site for many Folk Society events, as well as the Jazz at the Museum series. Another venue to keep an eye on, musically speaking, is the Pinestone Resort, which is presently undergoing extensive renovations, and where live music will be a big part of the future.

Although I've mentioned outside acts, our local performers have upped their game considerably. There are some great bands out there, and people like Sheri Hawkins, Albert Saxby, Trina West, Ian Pay, Scott Russell and Gord Kidd, to name but a few, have developed a loyal following. In addition to their own gigs ... [they're] opening for, and playing with, talent from beyond our borders.

I still like the intimacy and social aspect of pubs and bars to hear my music, but to find out who's coming, where and when, check out the websites of the local venues I've mentioned, as well as the Haliburton County website, and FYI Haliburton.

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What's Up



By George Farrell



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Catching up with Haliburton Dance Academy

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

There's never a dull moment when you are running a dance school according to Chyna Schell. Schell is owner and director of Haliburton Dance Academy where they offer jazz, ballet, tap, acrobatics, pointe, musical theatre and many other forms of dance lessons at both recreational and competitive levels.

Q: You were recently nominated for a Business Achievement Award. How does that feel?

Schell: Absolutely amazing!

I have a hard time putting it into words, to be honest. It was an incredible honour to be nominated for both the New Business award and the Business Achievement award. However, the Customer First award touched my heart on a whole different level.

I feel so lucky that I have the privilege of going to work each day excited about who I spend my working hours with. Helping to create confident, kind, courageous leaders out of the next generation – people who will someday become the pillars that keep our community standing – is such an amazing feeling.

Watching them grow up is such a journey, and I feel so lucky to have the chance to be a part of it. Everything I do is for them, and I fully understand that, without them, my business stops.

Having HDA recognized as an important and successful establishment in our growing county really hit home for me. It's been a roller coaster four years, filled with struggles, excitement, learning curves and sleepless nights, and I simply can't wait to see what the future holds.

Q: What's new and exciting at the Haliburton Dance Academy (HDA)?

Schell: We are constantly evolving at HDA to better serve our dancers and their families. That means adjusting our services and programming to offer classes that will suit everyone's needs to the best of our ability.

For example, our new "Intro to" program has taken off. Classes have sold out and there are waiting lists. Suitable for four- and five-year-olds, the new program is a more defined introduction to particular dance disciplines, such as ballet, jazz, tap and acro. In creating it, we've been able to adjust our Pre-dance Class (originally for three- and four-year-olds) to offer it to two- and three-year-olds, allowing toddlers to join in the dance fun at a younger age. This not only gives these little ones an earlier comfort level with the studio, but also offers them an early introduction to structure and teamwork skills.

I feel this is very important, especially with children now starting full-time school at a younger age.

Q: What do you recommend to new students/dancers who join your school?

Schell: Always know that we strive to create a "safe zone" at HDA, and that you can walk into the studio and feel completely at home and be yourself. We work tirelessly at ensuring dancers feel comfortable and are constantly supporting each other. I would simply recommend that they come to class not only prepared with



Photo submitted by Chyna Schell

Dancers in an acrobatics class at Haliburton Dance Academy practicing partner tricks.

proper dance wear, but with a good attitude, feeling reassured that they can let loose and express themselves through dancing in an environment that is fully supportive.

Q: What's on your to-do list in the next six months?

Schell: I've learned recently that I thrive on long to-do lists, productivity and constant evolution. If I have nothing to do one day, I feel sluggish and horrible. I love moving forward. I love getting things done.

I also love change. Change means you're growing. It means adjusting things for the better. Sometimes it's for the worse, but

we grow from these times as well, learning from them and changing again.

Aside from having a baby in June, and attempting to take three months off, I'll be creating next year's schedule; adjusting classes and times to better suit the needs of my customers and staff; creating programming for our summer dance camps this season; starting (and hopefully finishing) some more renovations inside the studio; and, best of all, tying up loose ends on plans for our 20th anniversary Year-End Showcase, which is taking place May 13 and 14, 2016 – it's very exciting!

To learn more about the Haliburton Dance Academy, visit haliburtondanceacademy.com or call Chyna at 705-457-5388.



Photos submitted by Glenn Springer

Haliburton Camera Club winners

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has chosen the winning images in their latest competition. Each competition has two classes, an assigned topic and a pictorial image or any images the members want to submit. The assigned topic this month was "people".

Far left top: First place in the advanced class was *Don't Harsh my Buzz* by Glenn Springer. Left top: First in the intermediate class was *untitled* by Marci Mandel. Left bottom: A tie for first in the novice class *Garlic Man* by Ric Taylor. Far left bottom: Also first in the novice class *Swarmed* by Cathy Taylor.



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ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD

10:00 AM - 88 min

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HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD

1:30 PM - 110 min

In 1971 a brave group of young activists set sail from Vancouver in an old fishing boat. Their mission: to stop Nixon's atomic bomb. It was from these humble but courageous beginnings the global organization we now know as Greenpeace was born. Chronicling the fascinating untold story behind the modern environmental movement, this gripping film tells the story of eco-hero Robert Hunter and how he, alongside a group of like-minded and idealistic young friends in the '70s, would be instrumental in altering the way we now look at the world and our place within it.

MERU

4:00 PM - 90 min

Gripping visually as well as narratively, this rare documentary proves thought-provoking while offering thrilling wide-screen vistas. Sitting 21,000 feet above the sacred Ganges River in Northern India, Mount Meru's perversely stacked obstacles make it both a nightmare and an irresistible calling. Three elite climbers struggle to find their way through obsession and loss as they attempt to climb one of the most coveted prizes in the high stakes game of Himalayan big wall climbing. MERU is the story of an expedition through nature's harshest elements, complicated inner demons, and ultimately on to impossible new heights.



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2015-16 TYKE YEAR IN REVIEW



Photo by Tim Tofflemire

The 2015-16 Highland Storm Tykes and their coaches, pictured back row from left; Kelly Winder (assistant manager), Ritchie Mills (manager), Greg Scheffee (assistant coach), Sean Byrne (trainer) and Darryl Winder (coach).

A message from coach Darryl Winder

The 2015-2016 Highland Storm Tyke season was a very fun and successful season.

When I first selected the Tyke team back in August, I thought we were in for a lot of struggles and challenges. However, the team proved me wrong. Their focus, determination and discipline made them exceed all expectations. The tykes quickly learned precision skating, great positioning and hard work ethic.

They came flying out of the gate posting an astonishing 12 wins in a row and allowing less than two goals per game.

The Highland Storm Tykes had some memorable highlights such as A Tournament Champions in Woodville and Millbrook, and A finalists in Centre Hastings.

The Tykes also had a split team championship title at the 3-on-3 tournament in Parry Sound. They finished the season with 24 wins, eight losses and one tie.

I would like to thank the phenomenal parents, the great coaching staff and manager, the Storm organization and especially the kids for an exciting and memorable season!

Tykes 2015-2016 Stats

#1 Chase Winder Goalie 1 Assist, 2.39 Goals Against Average, 9 Shutouts	#9 Parker Simms Left Wing 7 Goals, 18 Assists, 25 pts
#4 Vanek Logan Right Wing 10 goals, 13 Assists for 23 pts	#10 McLean Rowden Left Wing 10 Goals, 15 Assists, 25 pts
#5 Connor Byrne Defence 30 Goals, 9 Assists, 39 pts	#11 Jace Mills Centre 82 Goals, 13 Assists, 95 pts
#6 Caleb Manning Defence 4 goals, 5 assists, 9 pts	#17 Josh Scheffee Defence 17 Goals, 13 Assists, 28 pts
#7 Brechin Johnston Centre 26 goals, 16 Assists, 42 pts	#18 Liam Harrison Right Wing 6 Goals, 7 Assists, 13 pts
#8 Brady Burtch Left Wing 7 Goals, 15 Assists, 22 pts	#19 Evan Jones Defence 8 Goals, 4 Assists, 12 pts

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**Jace Mills
CENTRE**



Stats	G	A	GP
	82	13	36

Averaging just less than three points per game, it's fitting that Jace, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association's most "lethal" scorer, earns our inaugural first star for the 2015-16 season. On a dynamic, offensively gifted team that recorded a stunning 207 goals and allowed only 79, Jace was able to shine. Earning a three-star nomination twice this season, Jace's great year was highlighted at the Millbrook Stars Tyke tournament in early January, when he recorded an impressive 12 goals over three games, leading his team to the tournament championship.

2

**Chase Winder
GOALIE**



Stats	W	SO	A	GP
	25	10	1	36

The Highland Storm Tyke team was a force to be reckoned with this year, not only offensively, but between the pipes as well. Chase amassed a jaw-dropping 10 shutouts on the season, to go along with his 25 wins. But Winder wasn't through yet, as he did his best Marty Brodeur impression, adding an assist to go along with his already impressive stats. Winder made sure he ended the season on a strong note, earning another shutout along with winning game one MVP this past weekend at the Brad Pearsall Memorial Tournament in Gravenhurst.

3

**Brechin Johnston
CENTRE**



Stats	G	A	GP
	26	16	36

On such a high-flying team, which had the uncanny ability to score by committee, Brechin was not only able to contribute 26 goals on the season, but also played set-up man on many of his teammate's tallies. Brechin highlighted his season in early December when he was the key factor in leading his team to a tournament championship at the Woodville Hurricane Tournament. That weekend, Brechin led his team with seven goals over four games.

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Storm report

Tykes wrap up triumphant season

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team wrapped up their season this past weekend at the Brad Pearsall Memorial Tournament in Gravenhurst.

With the teams they were to face over the weekend, the Storm were going to be challenged and would have to bring their A game if they were going to qualify for the playoffs on Sunday. The Storm played hard in all of their games and ended with one win and two losses in the tournament.

The highlight of the tournament was when the Storm managed to defeat Elmvale in three-on-three overtime action to break the zero-all tie. Brechin Johnston scored the only goal of the game seconds into overtime, giving the Storm their first and only win of the tournament.

The Storm Tyke team should be proud of their effort and commitment shown throughout the season. All Storm players

should be commended for the amount of heart, determination, skill and hard work they displayed during practices and games.

The team has made a name for themselves and has had an incredible season of hockey. A big thank you goes out to all the coaches; head coach Darryl Winder, assistant coach Ritchie Mills, trainers Sean Byrne and Greg Scheffee for all your efforts throughout the season.

Thank you to the parents for all the driving and team support. And most importantly, thank you to the members of the Highland Storm Tyke team for giving us all lots to cheer about all season long. Members of the 2015-2016 Highland Storm Tyke team include: Brady Burtch, Connor Byrne, Liam Harrison, Johnston, Evan Jones, Vanek Logan, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, McLean Rowden, Josh Scheffee, Parker Simms and Chase Winder.

Way to go, Storm – have a wonderful summer and see you back on the ice next season!



Photo submitted by Darryl Winder

Chase Winder was named Most Valuable Player at the final tournament of the season.



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WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 177 High single: Norma Terro – 196 High single handi: Norma Terro – 261 High triple: Norma Terro – 525 High triple handi: Norma Terro – 720

Monday evening, March 14

MEN: High avg: Rick West – 218 High single: Joey Cox – 260 High single handi: Joey Cox – 287 High triple: Joey Cox – 609 High triple handi: Joey Cox – 690

WOMEN: High avg: Cathy Snell – 229 High single: Cathy Snell – 248 High single handi: Liz Cowan – 250 High triple: Cathy Snell – 717 High triple handi: Cathy Snell – 717

Tuesday afternoon, March 15

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 223 High single: Ken Thompson – 233 High single handi: Bruce Lampman – 276 High triple: Ken Thompson – 580 High triple handi: Bruce Lampman – 671

WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 180 High single: Chris Cote – 201 High single handi: Gala Newell – 250 High triple: Chris Cote – 493 High triple handi: Caroline Hunter – 659

Wednesday Special Olympics, March 9

MEN: Gerald McKnight – 177 Robert Boccitto – 168 Jerry Coulson – 140

WOMEN: Skylar Pratt – 174 Sarah Hudson – 160 Kim Buie – 119

Thursday afternoon, March 17

MEN: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 188 High single: Gerry Wagg – 224 High single handi: Gerry Wagg – 283 High triple: Gerry Wagg – 680 High triple handi: Gerry Wagg – 770

WOMEN: High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 178 High single: Joan Bell – 224 High single handi: Joan Bell – 283 High triple: Joan Bell – 522 High triple handi: Joan Bell – 699

Friday afternoon, March 18

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 214 High single: Claude Cote – 234 High single handi: Michael Vuksic – 269 High triple: Claude Cote – 659 High triple handi: Gary Hunt – 697

WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 181 High single: Chris Cote – 211 High single handi: Chris Cote – 246 High triple: Chris Cote – 505 High triple handi: Chris Cote – 610

Men sweep for steaks

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

A team walked away with steaks, as the winners of the annual Wilberforce Men's Invitational Bonspiel on March 19 at the Haliburton Curling Club.

Eight teams from Bancroft, Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce entered the bonspiel, with several players from across the province taking part in the full-day event. The day included two eight-end games; winning team members were skip Michael Adams, vice Steven Hewis, second Matthew Hill and lead Mark Arike.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch, dinner, raffles and the 50/50 draw; the top prize was steak, with chicken for the team that came second and pork chops for third place.

The Wilberforce club has been hosting the bonspiel since 1986. This year's event was



Photo by Will Walton

The winning team, from left: second Matthew Hill, skip Michael Adams, lead Mark Arike and vice Steven Hewis.

held in Haliburton instead of Wilberforce because of a breakdown in the club's piping system in December.

Darrell McQuigge, vice-president of the Wilberforce club, thanked the Haliburton Curling Club for use of their space as well as

the team of volunteers who made it a success.

The Wilberforce club will host a series of events in the summer and fall to raise money for necessary repairs to their facility, said McQuigge.



Photo by Mark Arike

Chase Warrington braces himself for the landing.

Wet weather puts damper on skate park fundraiser

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The weather didn't cooperate for the ski/board-a-thon fundraiser for Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

Nine participants entered the event's big air competition on March 16 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. The slopestyle competition was cancelled early due to the wet conditions, which made the park unsafe for boarders and skiers.

Sir Sam's staff judged riders on distance and style as they went off a jump. Each had two runs to show off their stuff. Sir Sam's also donated prizes.

After the competition, Toronto-area band The Cardboard Crowns performed in the chalet.

This was one of several fundraisers held in recent months to improve Haliburton's skate park. About a fifth of the \$100,000 goal has been raised so far.

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Highlander sports

Two win silver at Blind Hockey Tournament

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Ross Burk and Tom Miscio play in separate recreational hockey leagues, but they recently teamed up to win silver on a national stage.

"It's a beautiful arena," says the 55-year-old Burk when describing the Mattamy Athletic Centre, formerly known as Maple Leaf Gardens, where the two played for the Central team in the 2016 Canadian Blind Hockey Tournament (CBHT) two weeks ago.

"The surface ice conditions are perfect and the lighting is amazing."

The 6-1 loss against the undefeated Atlantic team in the final gold medal game is still fresh in Burk's mind, but it didn't overshadow the Haliburton resident's experience.

"We didn't do too well against them on the Saturday either," he laughs.

"But it's the people you meet that make the experience unforgettable."

Miscio, who is from Carnarvon, agrees.

"When you get a chance to talk to other people that have, in some ways, had the same life experiences as you, it's kind of nice," he says.

"I love being able to help other people, even if it's just taking our goalie out to his net, because I've been helped so much over the years."

Men and women of all ages play in one of the tournament's two divisions; the Open category, a less competitive atmosphere with four teams, and Selects, which consists of two teams representing the east and west coasts, playing a three-game series during the three-day period.

Miscio and Burk played in the Open division with 11 other players, including a young girl in her teens who Burk suggests was one their best players.

"She was unbelievable," says Burk.

A few players had to travel over the border to play, he explains, adding one of the opposing team's forwards came from Washington, D.C.

To participate in the CBHT, players must be classified as legally blind.

Goaltenders have absolutely zero vision, while defenders and forwards usually have a maximum of 10 per cent functionality in their eyesight. The two men fall into the former category.

Burk's right eye is artificial and has minimal functionality in the other one. Miscio has had damaged retinas since he was 22 months old, but based on his team's performance at the CBHT, one would have a hard time noticing the handicap.

"The pace is still fast," explains Burk. "The puck just moves a little slower."

Constructed of 22 gauge steel, the puck weighs 22 g and contains eight ball bearings.

The puck's large size and slower speed help visually impaired players see the puck, while the noise allows low vision or no vision players to track it.

The size of the goaltender's net, which is a foot shorter than regulation, and the pass first rule that requires players carrying the puck over the blue line to pass prior to taking a shot, are the only other major differences.

This wasn't Burk's first time playing in the CBHT.

His first taste of the CBHT was last year, while Miscio's tournament experience extends back to 2014.

"It blew me away," Burk says about his first time stepping into the Mattamy Athletic Centre. "The only other person I knew at that tournament was Tom."

Since that moment last February, the two have become close friends and now share a strong passion for hockey.

Burk plays in a 45-and-up league in Haliburton, while Miscio, who is 10 years



Photo from Alex Bruce Photography

The 22 gauge steel puck is played up the ice by a player from the 2016 Canadian Blind Hockey Tournament in Toronto.

younger, plays in a 35-and-older league 20 minutes away in Minden.

"The guys could make it miserable for me if they wanted to," says Burk.

"They're very respectful with my disability ... we still bump into each other, that's part of the game, but the respect is there."

The appreciation for the support system surrounding Miscio is strong, too.

"I always knew I was lucky ... but every time I go there and come back I feel a little bit luckier than before."

"People in Haliburton County have treated me so well. I have it good here," says Miscio, adding certain friends of his don't even play hockey but offer to drive him to games on a regular basis.

In previous years, teammates have sprayed red paint on the puck to help Miscio track it better.

Various businesses and close friends have also sponsored the two players, paying for their travel expenses and hotel

accommodations during the CBHT.

The CBHT continues to grow every year, says Nick Beatty, communications director for Courage Canada Hockey for the Blind & The Canadian Blind Hockey Association.

"It's doubled in size since its first year," says Beatty.

He added the organization's long-term goal is to have blind hockey in the Paralympics.

In order to achieve a spot in the Paralympics, blind hockey would need at least eight different teams from eight different countries.

"It's already starting to grow in the United States, and we have a universally positive group of players in each tournament who love this community."

Miscio and Burk are two of those players.

Their passion for hockey is everlasting, Miscio says.

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Highlander events



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Sugar rush

The Highlands East Recreational Figure Skating Club wowed more than 100 spectators at the Candyland Skating Carnival on March 19. The event was held at the Keith Tallman Arena in Wilberforce and emcee for the evening, Kathy Rogers, said they raised over \$700. "It was a great turnout and the skaters performed really well," Rogers said. The club performed 17 routines featuring more than 20 figure skaters of all ages and skill levels from Highlands East, and a few guest performers from Minden Hills.

Pictured left: Top row; Brayden Storey, Andre Mylan-Goulet, Hailey Alden, Chelsea Flynn, Justice Donaldson, Nicole Donaldson, Melanie Hawkins, Abby Rosik and Shae MacNaull. Middle row; Paytra Mylan-Goulet, Summer Anderson-Casey, Keira Alden, Ella Plumb and Destiny Storey. Front row; Stephanie Rogers, Hannah Huffman, Divya Nayyar and Olivia Brown.



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Hoedown raises over \$2,000

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

Cowboy hats, boots and line dancers were out in full force at the second annual Chuck Wagon Dinner and Hoedown on March 19.

The event, hosted by the Haliburton & District Lions Club, filled the Legion with some 100 people who came out for an exciting evening of dinner and dancing in support of the community. Gord Kidd & Friends provided the entertainment for the evening.

Lions Club secretary Linda Cross said they were not fundraising for a specific cause; the group receives small requests, and the money raised March 19 will help satisfy them.

Cross said the Lions Club's Health and Welfare Committee receives ongoing requests to fund items such as eyeglasses, hearing aids, and other medical equipment.

"We raised in the neighbourhood of \$2,300 after expenses," said Lions Club treasurer Tina Hadley. "People were very happy with the meal, the music and were very generous at our silent auction."

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Rose Blight and Verna Bird won the western-themed door prize. Both winners were from Haliburton.

To see a list of projects the Lions Club is working to support in our community, visit e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/projects.php

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Highlander events



Photo by Jennifer Hughey

Aden Addison and his mother Sonja inspect the markings on one of the many snakes at the Reptiles Road Show.

Reptile Road Show slithers into town

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

It was a meeting of mammals and reptiles at the annual Reptiles Road Show, part of the Nature in the 'Hood series hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT). More than 100 people squeezed into the Haliburton Fish Hatchery on March 19, half of them kids, who were waiting for the opportunity to touch or hold one of the featured snakes.

The outreach program was put on by experts from Scales Nature Park from Oro-Medonte, who brought several different types of snakes and turtles to show and explain to guests.

HHLT advertised the show as a fascinating presentation and a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles that most of us would never encounter in the wild. Land Trust administrative assistant Heather

Deveaux said the Nature in the 'Hood series is part of their overall mission of conservation, education and research. "Education and outreach helps to educate our community on what we do, and why we think it's so important," Deveaux said, "along with opportunities for the public to learn how to be good stewards of the natural world." Nature in the 'Hood events are funded by TD Friends of the Environment, donations and user fees. Proceeds of the events are used to pay for programs scheduled for 2016. "Anything left over goes into general revenue, so we can continue our conservation work, and plan upcoming programs," Deveaux said. For information on the Nature in the 'Hood series, visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca, phone 705-457-3700 or email admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

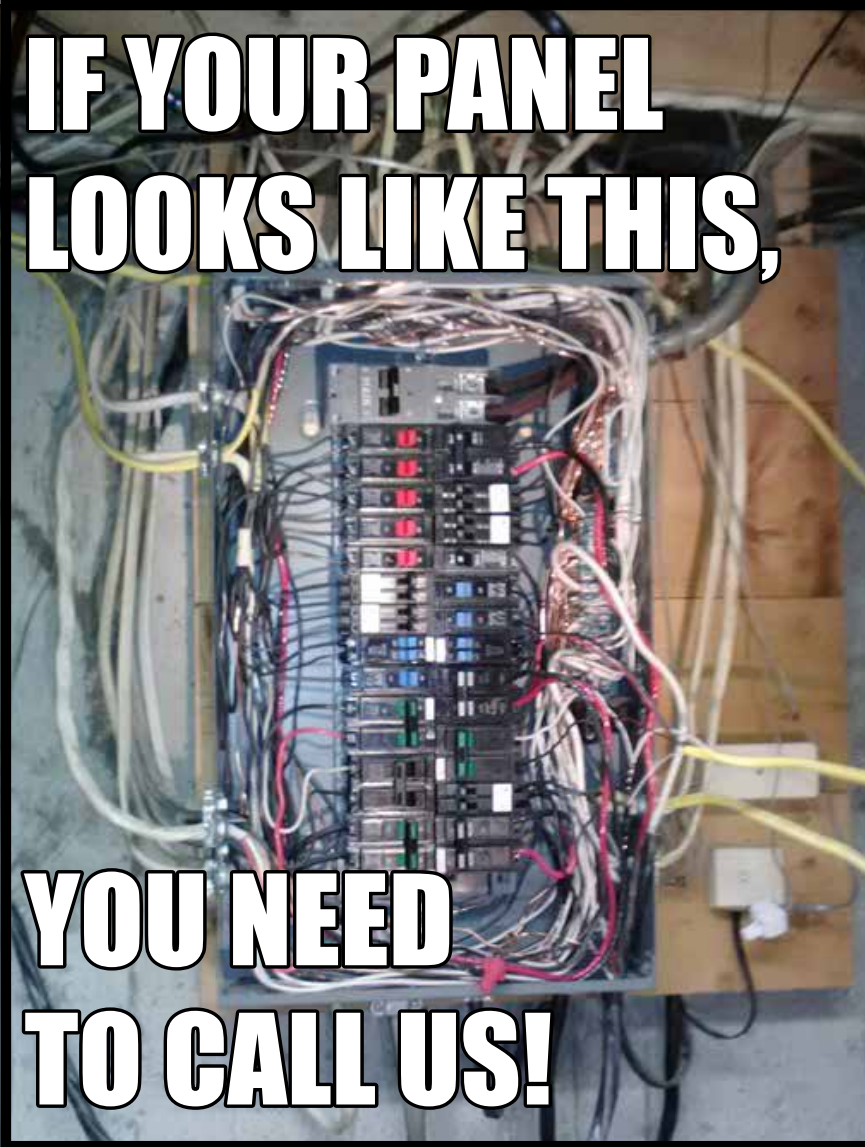


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Celebrating the power of research

Belinda Gallagher, former head of horticulture at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington talks, to a large crowd during the U-Links Celebration of Research event at Fleming College. The large number of students who attended was a pleasant surprise, she says, and was glad to see such a diverse audience. Gallagher's unique approach to discussing plant life, combined with U-Links' various research projects involving native species and local food, is a big reason why she was selected to be the event's guest speaker. The even was held on March 19.

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The twentieth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2016-17 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2016 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2016.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING 2951 COUNTY ROAD 21 PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (PLZBA2016012)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 2951 County Road 21 and located in Part of Lot 23, Concession 5 in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Community Facilities Exception Four (CF-4) Zone. The effect of the amendment is to recognize the existing use of the property (place of worship) and to allow for up to nine (9) travel trailers or recreational vehicles to be stored and used on the property as an accessory use.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2016012

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

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Employees are required to be energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individuals who take pride in their work and have a demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a MUST as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

A detailed job description is available at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or upon request.

Interested parties are invited to submit their resumé to the address below no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday April 7, 2016.

Township of Algonquin Highlands

1123 North Shore Rd.

Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1

ATT: **Mr. Mike Thomas CRS-I**
Operations Manager

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential employment.

HELP WANTED

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Located in Norland is looking for an experienced line/prep cook. Hours will be 12-9 pm Thursday – Monday, working between 40-44 hours in summer and about 30 hours during the winter.

STUDENTS, looking to make some dough this summer? We need a dishwasher willing to work weekends and throughout the week.

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To apply for either of these positions please call James at (705) 454-1045



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(Acute Care/Emergency Department & Long-Term Care)

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has permanent and contract opportunities for RNs and RPNs to join our healthcare team!

Opportunities are available for nurses to provide rural nursing at both the Minden and Haliburton Emergency Departments, which have an average 30,000 combined visits per year, and in the 14-bed inpatient unit. In addition, opportunities exist for nurses to provide holistic care to residents at Hyland Crest, a 62-bed facility in Minden, and in Haliburton at a 30-bed facility, Highland Wood.

As a member of the health care team, the RN and RPN has a unique role in promoting health, in preventing illness, and in helping clients attain and maintain the highest level of health possible. The RN is responsible for providing comprehensive care to patients, with predictable and unpredictable outcomes who may or may not be clinically stable. The successful candidate will possess a diploma/degree in Nursing and a current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario. Recent experience in an emergency or long-term care setting is preferred.

If you are an experienced or new graduate nurse, interested in joining our healthcare team, please send your resume by March 30, 2016 to:
Human Resources - Haliburton Highlands Health Services Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0 hr@hhhs.ca Fax: 705-457-2398 www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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EVENTS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION Branch #129

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HELP WANTED

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HELP WANTED

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SEEKING TO HIRE Lawn & Yard Contractors and Handymen. Please call Denise at Bliss in the North 705-457-7827 (3.31)

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HELP WANTED

ROOM AND BOARD IN EXCHANGE for your help. 75 year old male with Parkinson's looking for someone to live in & help with day to day chores to allow for him to stay at home as long as possible. Mature person preferred. Must be non smoker, non drinker and or drug user. Location Tory Hill Call Tracy 705-457-7877 (mr24)

EVENTS

WATER AT THE RHUBARB: fundraiser for Children's water festival. Rhubarb. April 24 12:00pm – 3:00pm. Buffet, live music, silent auction. Reservations suggested 705-489-4449.

COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE – Cobocokk Legion – Country Hot Flashes – April 10 1:00pm -5:00pm. Admission \$8

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Meeting 1:00pm Wednesday April 6 Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital New members welcome-info. 705 457 4032

Saturday, April 16 Maple Lake United Church - Ham Dinner. 5:30 pm. \$15, reservations recommended. Take our and gift certificates available. Call Bev 705-286-2130 or Pat 705-754-2980

FUNERAL SERVICES



Funerals and Memorial Services

127 Bobcaygeon Rd
 Minden, ON 705-286-2181
www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of SANDRA ANNE VALENTINE (nee Hargrave)

Sandra passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden where she lived her final years on Monday, March 14, 2016.

Sandra Anne Valentine was born on July 28, 1941, grew up on a farm near Glenarm, west of Lindsay, and graduated from Fenelon Falls District High School before continuing her education as a musician and a teacher. Sandy, as she was known to her friends, was predeceased by her parents, Clifford & Ellen Hargrave, and her first husband, Bill Valentine. She is survived by her daughter Lisa (Chris) Schmauder of St. Catharines, grandchildren Matthew and Annalise, her brother Keith of Toronto, and second husband Neil Campbell of Minden.

To earn her ARCT in voice from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Sandra Valentine had to perform songs in several different languages. She sang them all beautifully, for music was the centre of a life that ended on Monday, March 14, in Minden, Ontario. Sandy would teach music in one-room country schools in Fenelon Township in Central Ontario, lead and accompany Presbyterian church choirs in nearby Glenarm and Lindsay and help select classical artists to perform in Haliburton County's Concert Series. For a time, she taught at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. Her love of music extended across the arts. Sandra and Bill collected the paintings of Norval Morrisseau, held season tickets to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and took the long drives to Toronto to use them, and were avid supporters of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. For years, Sandra served on the Cultural Centre's advisory board. The grounds surrounding the lovely stone house on Moore Lake built by her father-in-law as a wedding gift were another work of art that Bill and Sandra left briefly early in their marriage so they could teach together in Uganda. Later they travelled extensively in Europe and North America. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden on Friday, March 18, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Sandra's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Minden Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Minden Food Bank or Minden's Fuel for Warmth Program would be appreciated.



OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Lyle Kent

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital with his family at his side on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. At the age of 70.

Beloved husband of Betty (nee Alton). Dear father of Kevin (Gail) of Minden, Karen (Paul) of Oshawa. Loving Papa of Brandy, Brittany (Chad), Courtney (Matt), Brady (Johnna), Jordan, Justin and Great Papa of Ryleigh. Dear brother of Lois (Cecil-deceased), Audrey (Laverne-both deceased), Emily (Bob), brother-in-law of Kathy (Art), Laurie (Fred), Ruth and predeceased by Fran, Marilyn, Bev and Hugh Jr. Lyle will be deeply missed by his "other brother" Lyle Archer. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

It was Lyle's wish for cremation. A Celebration Gathering will be held at a later date. Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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EVENTS

HALIBURTON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET:
Haliburton at Head Lake Park, Tuesdays 12:00 pm – 4:00pm (May 17 – Oct 4). Carnarvon: Hwys 118 & 35 Fridays 12:00pm – 4:00pm (June 17-Oct 7). Minden Saturdays in the municipal parking lot 10:am – 2:00pm (June 18 – Oct 8) (TFN)

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00–3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon.

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength and flexibility. Minden on Tuesdays at 11:00am in the Hyland Crest auditorium and in Haliburton on Thursdays at 1:00pm at Echo Hills. For more info contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551 (TFN)



EVENTS



NORTHLAND FAITH CHURCH
(Non-denominational)
13321 Hwy 118 N.
Haliburton, ON

Easter Sunday – “Resurrection Service” at 10:00 am.
Children’s Ministry – ages 4-12
Coffee, Tea & Refreshments afterwards.

“The Word performs and brings life”





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February 15, 2016
CLOSES
April 15, 2016

www.haliburtonstewardship.ca

PLANT PICK-UP
Saturday May 14, 2016
The Beer Store Haliburton
10 am – 2 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Income tax program starting at the Haliburton Legion each Friday Feb 26 from 9:00am – 12:00pm until April 22. Wilberforce Legion. Each Wednesday 2:00pm – 3:30pm until April 27.

WANTED

WANTED ANTIQUES
Furniture, glass, china, decoys, military medals, costume jewellery, gold & silver, silver dollars & 50 cent pieces, pocket watches, paintings, etc.
ANYTHING OLD
Call 705-887-1672 R Carruth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE: If you are considering a new career in real estate, be advised that education requirements are changing effective April 1, 2016. There is still time to enroll in the licensing program before the change.

Call or email for information. Bowes & Cocks Limited, Jeff or Andrea Strano, Sales Representatives / Career Coaches.
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 - 6. Sheriff's helpers
 - 7. Braying beast
 - 8. Caustic substance
 - 9. Snouts
 - 10. Graceful trees
 - 11. Thirst quenchers
 - 12. Cone-bearing tree
 - 13. Groups
 - 19. Brainy
 - 21. Dined
 - 24. Remarkable
 - 25. Contradict
 - 26. Snaky shapes
 - 27. Not fresh
 - 28. Baron, e.g.
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 - 31. Twisting shape
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 - 34. Film spools
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 - 51. Fatigue
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 - 55. Mall event
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 - 57. Stride
 - 59. Jog
 - 60. Extreme anger

- ACROSS**
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 - 5. Milky gem
 - 9. Lowest tides
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 - 16. Dated ditty
 - 17. Motionless
 - 18. Appraisal
 - 20. Reduces
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 - 23. Programs
 - 26. Landed manor
 - 30. Poet's above
 - 31. Wound remainder
 - 35. Actress Julia ____
 - 36. Explosive letters
 - 37. Dwindle
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 - 39. Deposit eggs
 - 40. Burn slightly
 - 41. Jazz's ____ Fitzgerald
 - 42. Wail
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 - 44. Looks at
 - 45. ____ Ripken, Jr.
 - 46. Free-for-alls
 - 47. Umpire's kin
 - 49. Reach
 - 53. Stops
 - 58. Speaking softly
 - 61. Pause
 - 62. Creepy
 - 63. Goad
 - 64. She, in Paris
 - 65. Blur
 - 66. Requisite
 - 67. Leak

What's on

Coming Soon



**MARCH 31ST,
APRIL 1ST, 2ND & 3RD**

**at the
Northern Lights
Performing Arts
Pavilion**

Show times:
Thursday - Saturday at 7:30pm
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For tickets call

*Jim Frost at 705-457-4031 or go to
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**SATURDAY
MAY 7th**



**HALIBURTON
LEGION BRANCH 129**

Doors open 5pm Dinner 6pm
Tickets \$25

Roast beef and buns, baked beans and
salad, desserts, spot dances, country
auction, prize for best costume, dance the
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Tickets are available at Canoe FM
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MARCH 2016 EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 24	SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
FRIDAY MARCH 25	TEARS OF THE FATHER A GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE of anthems, hymns, scripture and prayer Presented by the combined choirs of Zion United and Haliburton United Churches under the direction of Melissa Stephens. Zion (Carnarvon) 9:00 am Haliburton 11:15 am
SATURDAY MARCH 26	MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL – Pancakes & Sausages \$6 adults \$3 children - Lloyd Watson Centre – 9:00am – 2:00pm LIBRARY – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm PURPLE DAY FOR EPILEPSY WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/KATIESRUNFOREPILEPSY
SUNDAY MARCH 27	FREE PUBLIC SKATING – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm HAPPY EASTER
MONDAY MARCH 28	EASTER MONDAY HALIBURTON BLOOD DONOR CLINIC - Royal Canadian Legion 719 Mountain St - 1:30pm -6:30pm - 1 888 2DONATE 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 29	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 LIBRARY – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm
WEDNESDAY MARCH 30	TAOIST TAI CHI – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829 BINGO – Lloyd Watson Centre – 7:30pm – 9:30pm PICKLE BALL – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
THURSDAY MARCH 31	HALIBURTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Dominion Hotel – 12:00pm – buy your own lunch – 1:00pm Speaker: Ted Foster on Cannington – “The Place” SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

General Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
\$2/draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC
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 open 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month.

Legion Facelift Fundraiser in the Main Hall, Saturday April 9th 4:30 p.m. Open house/ silent and live auction/roast beef dinner, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, live music and dancing featuring The Highlands Trio. Only \$25 per person. For tickets, email legionfacelift@hotmail.com or call 705-457-2571.

MINDEN BRANCH

General Meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start
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, Mon. – Fri., 12-2 p.m.

Liver Lovers' 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.
General Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday
Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00 p.m. Call Gwen Otto to reserve and everyone 55+ Welcome
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.

PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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What's on



Photos by Jennifer Hughey

Left: The sailors line up to give Buttercup their gold coins. From left to right: Stephen Thayer (Dick Deadeye); Sarah Patrick (Buttercup); Norris Turner, Graham Bowker, David Zilstra, David Barker (Carpenter); Barry Willhelm (Boatswain); and Huw Morgan. Right: Stephen Thayer plays Dick Deadeye in the Highlands Little Theatre rendition of H.M.S. Pinafore.

Large cast, lots of laughs in H.M.S. Pinafore

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Highlands Little Theatre (HLT) is taking a 'wet' trip back in time.

More than 100 years back, in fact, with their production of Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore.

The two-act comedy takes place in the 1890s aboard a ship, dubbed, of course, the H.M.S. Pinafore. In the popular operetta, Ralph, a sailor on the Pinafore, falls in love with the captain's daughter, Josephine. But they can't get married because they come from different social classes.

"It's a bit of a social commentary," said stage manager Amy Brohm. "They want to ignore society norms and decide they'll be together."

Chris Chumbley and Hannah Klose play the lead roles. The director is Pat Piché.

While the subject matter is somewhat serious in nature, the play manages to remain

light-hearted and concludes with a happy ending, said Brohm.

A cast of more than 20 local actors has been diligently rehearsing since the fall, first focusing on singing, then moving on to blocking (the staging of actors) and dancing.

"Yeah, it's been a learning curve for some people," laughed Brohm, referring to the dance moves.

The youngest performer is 13-year-old Megan Klose.

Dancers Skye Lambshead and Sydney Churko from the Haliburton Dance Academy will make a special appearance.

"They'll pop up here and there," said Brohm, who is taking on the role of stage manager for the first time.

All of the dances were choreographed by Cheryl Cohoon.

One of the most challenging aspects of bringing this production together has been coordinating rehearsals, said Brohm.

"Anytime you want to get 25 people together, it's challenging. Everyone involved in this is involved in 100 other projects," she said.

The many costumes were created by April Martin or borrowed.

Many of the cast members were featured in last year's production of *The Pirates of Penzance*, also a comic opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. For Bill Gliddon, returning to the stage as guest musical director is extra special. He directed the same production 43 years ago when he was a teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"This is a great joy for me to do this," said Gliddon. "I never thought I'd be doing it again."

He will be playing the entire score on piano while sporting a sailor outfit.

Gliddon has been involved in many productions in his time, but this is one of the best.

"Pirates was great, and I think this is equally good if not a shade better," he said, adding the production has a great cast.

Gliddon explained that the operetta was first produced in 1878. At that time, the British government appointed W.H. Smith as the First Lord of the Admiralty. However, he knew nothing about the navy.

"It was a political patronage appointment ... so Gilbert parodied this guy in H.M.S. Pinafore. Everyone in England sort of knew what was happening and that poor parliamentarian became known as Pinafore Smith," Gliddon said.

The production will debut at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 31 at 7:30 p.m. Other performances are on April 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m., and a matinee on April 3 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by emailing frostdownhome@bellnet.ca or calling 705-457-4031.

Earth Week Clean-Up

**Saturday
April 23rd
10am - 12 Noon**

We invite you to join our Environment Committee in cleaning up our environment

How To Participate

Come to the locations listed below from 10am, pick up Bags & Gloves

Free T-Shirt

For A T-Shirt Register by April 7th:
Curtis Tighe: 705-448-2981 x 226
Email: ctighe@highlandseast.ca

Bags & Gloves

Can be picked up at:
• Municipal Offices
• Library Branches
• All Landfills
• See FaceBook Page



Meeting & Drop Locations:

Cardiff Skating Rink - 2 Balsam St.
Wilberforce Lloyd Watson Centre - 2249 Loop Road
Gooderham Community Centre - 1043 Community Centre
North Bay Beach - Paudash Lake North Bay Beach Rd.
Tory Hill Park - 18666 Hwy 118

Landfill Hours: 10am - 4pm

• Mumford Road • Monmouth
• Glamorgan • Bicraft

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Highlands East Council and Staff would like to invite you to attend a

Volunteer Recognition
Breakfast on
Saturday April 16, 2016
9 to Noon at the
Lloyd Watson Community Centre

We would like to recognize and thank
sincerely all of the volunteers in
Highlands East for their
contributions that make our
Municipality a great place!



"Not-So-Silent" Auction

Saturday, April 2, 2016

6:00 pm—Doors Open
6:30 pm—Registration and Silent Bids
7:00 pm—Live Bidding

Be part of inspiring and impacting youth!

Join us for this great charity evening. Numerous item selections—from artisan pieces to great dining and Highland adventures! Experience the adventure of changing young lives.

Refreshments and desserts will be served.

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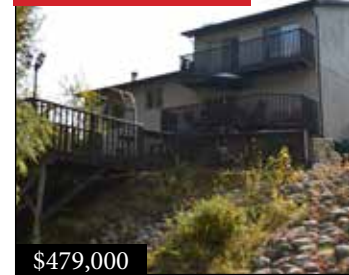


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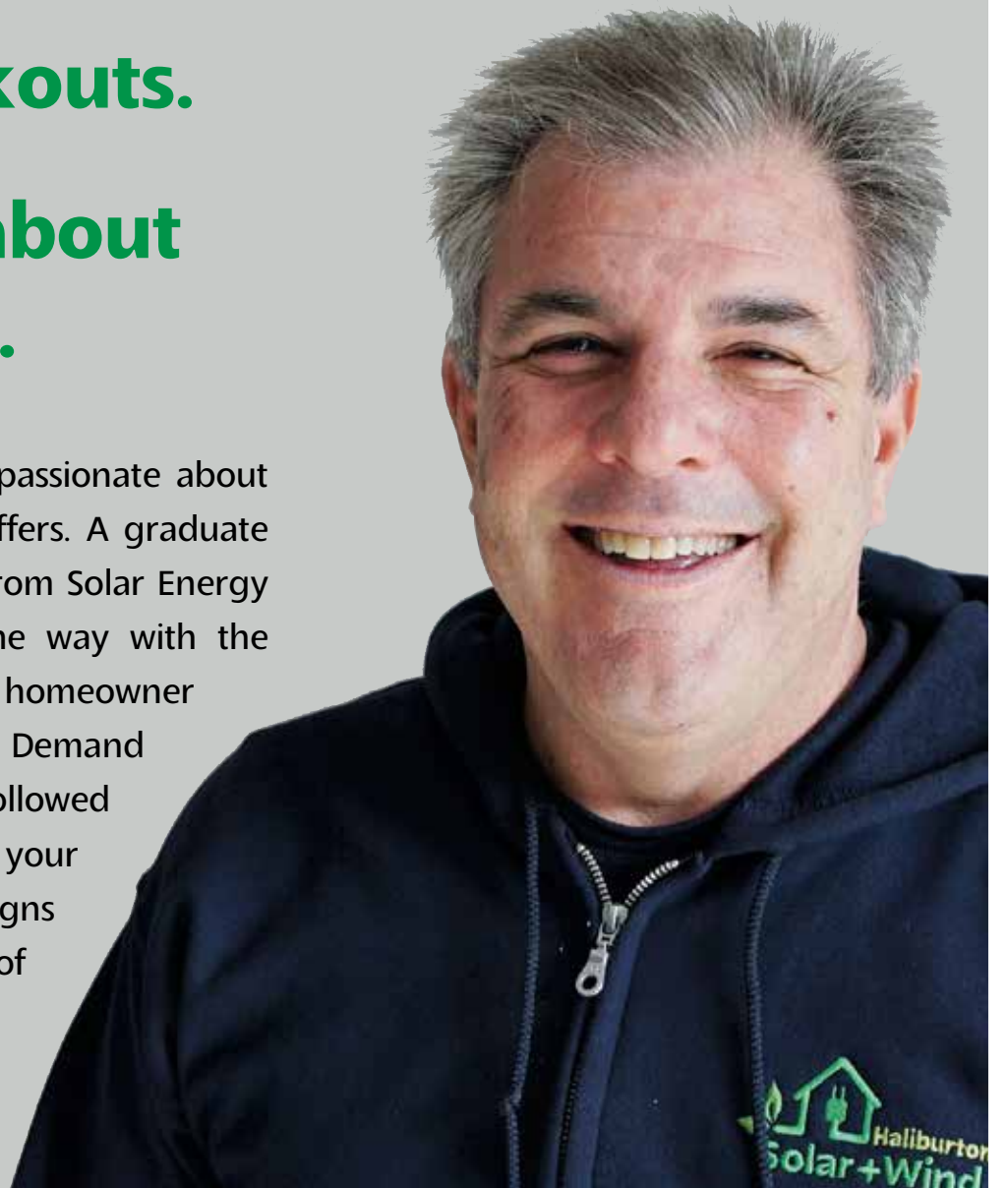
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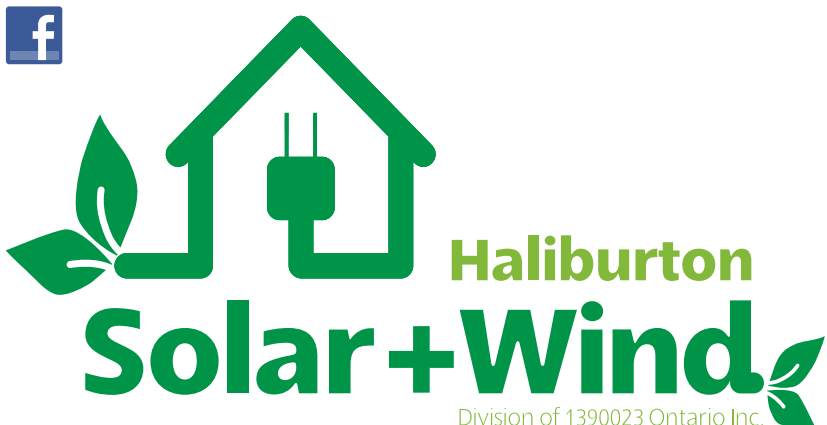
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