

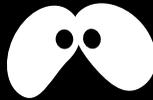
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Tumbling into 2017... Katie Lavelle slides at Glebe Park Tuesday as the Haliburton Highlands Museum continues its holiday heritage happenings. The program continues Thursday and Friday, noon to 3 p.m. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

CRTC ruling good news for the county

Commission calls broadband Internet a “basic service”

By **Mark Arike**

It was music to local politicians’ ears when the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) declared broadband Internet a basic service for all Canadians, including people in rural and remote areas.

New targets, announced on Dec. 21, include download speeds of 50 megabits

per second (Mbps) and upload speeds of 10 Mbps for fixed broadband. By the end of 2021, 90 per cent of homes and businesses should have access to these speeds and unlimited data.

In addition, the CRTC is setting up a \$750 million fund over five years to support projects in areas that don’t meet these targets.

“It’s a great day,” said Brent Devolin, recently elected county warden and reeve of Minden Hills. “It’s a great step for connectivity in the county.”

Devolin believes the ruling will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the efforts to eliminate the service gaps in Haliburton County.

“When you start to use language that it’s

a basic right, I would say there isn’t any undoing this and going backwards,” he said. “The rate of connectivity is going to be accelerated.”

And more high-speed will foster economic development in the county, said Devolin.

At the end of last year, the Eastern Ontario

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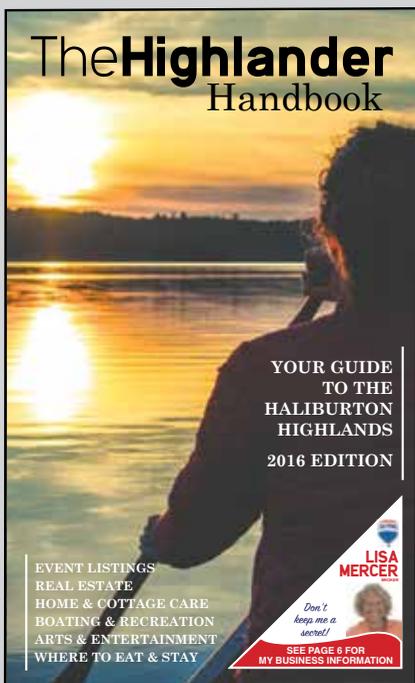
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Feds to invest up to \$500 million

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Regional Network (EORN) completed its first project, which was to enhance Internet service to a combination of 423,000 homes and businesses through a 5,500 km network of new and existing fibre optic cable. It has more than 6,500 local subscribers, or 30 per cent of the county's population.

Early in 2016, the county spent more than \$350,000 in a deal with Bell Canada to bring high-speed (100 Mbps) fibre Internet to 24 public buildings, such as libraries, EMS buildings and arenas.

And more recently, EORN announced its second project to provide wireless broadband to areas that are dead zones. The

\$200 million project is expected to provide mobile access to 72,000 more homes and businesses, and reduce the current coverage gap of 14 per cent to less than one per cent.

The EORN is seeking federal and provincial money for the initiative.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and the EORN praised the CRTC on the recent ruling.

"It is what we had hoped they would do," said Dave Burton, chair of the EORN and county councillor, in a press release.

The EOWC advocates for residents of eastern Ontario, and one of its partner organizations is the EORN.

Last April, EORN urged the CRTC to "help ensure that rural people and rural

businesses get the same type of access to high speed Internet services that our urban neighbours enjoy," said Burton.

They also requested it develop an ongoing fund to help organizations like the EORN, which is "exactly what they have done."

EOWC chair Peter Emon said it's the right time "to act quickly on our project to improve cellular networks," especially in eastern Ontario.

Just before the CRTC's announcement, the federal government announced it will be investing up to \$500 million to bring high-speed Internet to rural and remote communities by 2021.

Highlands East's Tighe leaving

By Mark Arike

After more than three-and-a-half years with Highlands East, Curtis Tighe has resigned to take a similar position in a town in southwestern Ontario.

Tighe worked his last day as the municipality's economic development and business coordinator on Dec. 23.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the municipality and have worked with staff, council, committee members, local businesses, and the general public," he wrote in an email.

Tighe began the contract position in June of 2013. It was a combination of trails and economic development. He was attracted to the job because of

his business education and passion for ATVing.

Tighe was assigned to special projects and was a staff resource for council's five advisory committees. He was integral to the launch of the information centre in Wilberforce, and developed and grew tourism assets.

"My main focus was business retention, expansion and attraction," he said.

He tendered his resignation on Dec. 12, which council accepted "with regret" during a council meeting the same day.

Tighe has accepted a position as an economic development officer, but didn't specify where. Although he is moving away, he will visit the area to see family and friends. He also plans to stay

involved with some volunteer groups.

Tighe was born in Wilberforce but moved to Tillsonburg when he was seven because of his dad's work.

"I will miss the people of Highlands East the most ..." he said. "Highlands East has a very can-do attitude that has allowed the municipality to accomplish a lot of positive things. Highlands East has a lot of great things to offer."

As for what will happen to the position in Highlands East, no decisions have been made.

"We are going to carry on as normal and take our time before we determine what we are going to do with this vacancy," said CAO Shannon Hunter.

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Haliburton Forest prepared for dogsledding activists

Critical documentary released ahead of international dog sled competition

By Alex Coop

Major sponsors are getting cold feet and backing out of the 2017 International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) Winter World Championships thanks to a documentary that is making its rounds across the country.

“One of the sponsors we thought we had in the bag said they had to step back and take a look at this [the Sled Dogs documentary] and reassess,” said Tegan Legge, project manager at Haliburton Forest during a recent Haliburton Highlands stakeholder tourism group meeting.

The Forest is hosting the international competition from Jan. 24 - Feb. 1, and while the event is garnering a lot of excitement, it’s likely to attract some activists as well on the heels of *Sled Dog’s* release.

For the long-distance races, there are checkpoints, and the moment we notice a dog is in distress or sore, they are taken out of the race and shuttled back to base camp.

Tegan Legge
Haliburton Forest

The documentary first aired during the Whistler Film Festival in British Columbia and is about the treatment of sled dogs, both in commercial and competitive operations.

But many people, including Legge, say the documentary is narrow in its point-of-view and paints all dog sledders in a bad light.

“We’re taking a stance on this,” she said, adding the Forest has strongly denounced the film’s broad, negative depiction of the dog sledding industry and the IFSS’ website is placing extra emphasis on animal welfare.

There will also be veterinarians on-site during the race.

“It’s incredibly damning for the dog sledding industry,” said local artist Thom

Lambert, who was also at the meeting.

He suggested people rally together and use social media to highlight local dog sledders and their close relationship with their huskies.

“These people really deserve our support, because this movie is being shown all over the place,” Lambert said.

Another resident at the meeting said he didn’t doubt local dog sledders, but was concerned about potential bad apples showing up at the event.

“You can’t guarantee that everyone outside of this area treats their dogs the same way,” he said. “Some of them might fall under what the movie is showing.”

Legge said she is confident in the event and the steps they will take to ensure each dog is healthy before and even during the race.

“For the long-distance races, there are checkpoints, and the moment we notice a dog is in distress or sore, they are taken out of the race and shuttled back to base camp.”

Winterdance, an Ontario dogsledding tour company based in the Haliburton Highlands, has also been affected by the documentary.

According to an email from Tanya McCready, co-owner of the business, two schools cancelled more than \$80,000 in dogsledding contracts in Ontario, a portion of which was dedicated to Winterdance.

The documentary has not resulted in further lost revenue, she says, but surveillance cameras have been set up around their property and OPP have been made aware of the potential for activists at Winterdance events.

McCready says races have strict rules that are “fully adhered to in regards to dog treatment.”

“If a musher at a race is seen being unkind to a dog in any way, they are banned from the race immediately and often other races as well as their reputation will precede them,” she wrote.



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CRTC must ensure broadband is an affordable basic service



By Lisa Gervais

With due respect to local politicians elated at an apparent victory in their lobbying for better Internet, the CRTC's ruling before Christmas declaring broadband a basic service is not all it's cracked up to be.

First of all, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has set download and upload speed targets not for today, but for four years from now. Download speed of 50 megabits per second (mbps) with upload of 10 may sound good, but at the rate telecommunications are changing, who knows what will be necessary in 2021. Second, the CRTC's target of 90 per cent coverage for homes and businesses in the same timeframe is just that: a target. So is the idea that Canadians should have access to unlimited data plans. Nowhere in the CRTC's announcement is there a strict breakdown of timelines or enforcement strategies.

Pardon our skepticism, but words such as 'targets' and 'should' have no teeth. There would be no consequences should those targets fail to be met, and therefore little incentive to make them happen.

But perhaps the biggest omission by the CRTC is a failure to establish targets or shoulds when it comes to how much rural

and remote Canadians are going to have to pay for this new basic service designation.

While it is admirable that the CRTC is requiring major telecom providers to contribute to a promised \$750 million infrastructure fund to bring high speed to 300 rural communities over the next five years, we worry that the figure is simply not enough.

Take, for example, what the Eastern Ontario Regional Network is now doing. It has announced its second project to provide wireless broadband to areas that are dead zones. At \$200 million, the project is expected to provide mobile access to 72,000 additional homes and businesses, and to reduce the current coverage gap of 14 per cent to less than one per cent.

So, if it costs \$200 million to get 72,000 locations connected, almost \$2,800 per location, how far will \$750 million, plus \$500 million pledged by the feds, stretch across the country's 10 million or so households. A trusty calculator can tell you the answer: about 450,000, or less than five per cent of those households. It is simply not a credible plan for rural Canada. Targets and suggestions won't get widespread connectivity in rural and

remote Canada. And how is the CRTC going to ensure that prices are affordable?

One of the biggest local Internet complaints is that we pay far too much for far too little service.

Unless the CRTC establishes a legal mandate to ensure that Internet is an 'affordable basic service' and requires the necessary investments, then all we have here is a feel-good statement.

Our local politicians should know that nothing of substance has been achieved; celebrations are premature.

A group called OpenMedia has been lobbying for years to have broadband declared a basic need.

It has applauded the CRTC but says it is now time for the federal government to focus on a coordinated national broadband strategy.

OpenMedia is urging people to get involved by logging on to act.openmedia.org/broadband-plan

We encourage our readers to visit the site and take action of their own.

Truly progressive?

Would you consider Haliburton County to be truly progressive? That buzz word is bandied about so much these days that it's become almost impotent in its meaning. If you go by the various definitions for the word the one that seems to hit home the most to me is "making progress toward better conditions; employing or advocating more enlightened or liberal ideas, new or experimental methods, etc." Add in "progressive" in the technological sense as well, and I think you have a fairly good idea of what progressive should stand for. And again, is Haliburton County progressive? I think the answer is that we're getting there.

I don't say that to chastise the area. There are certainly plenty of examples of progressive thinking, mainly in the commercial fields of Haliburton County. A number of truly innovative companies call Haliburton County home. Some are there through some sort of governmental assistance but many are there in spite of it, and by that I mean they simply operate at a higher speed of progression than the framework that governs them. They are in fifth gear while the bureaucracy is in second.

This isn't anything new or enlightening. Governments – on any level – rarely initiate change. They follow and fund and legislate it once the heavy lifting has been done. They aren't in the business of innovation.

It can be risky for our governing bodies to be truly progressive. For every great advancement they may welcome and support there's another that turns out to be hollow and undeserving. Living here long enough you see how many ideas start with such a bang and optimistic talk but wilt away fast after the ink has dried. And with that, local optimism fades away as well, replaced by either practicality or worse, pessimism. Once pessimism sets in then nothing can be truly progressive.

Unfortunately, on the whole I think we're at that level. Not just on the legislative front but also the social level in general. For every progressive idea put forward there seems to be three dissenting voices. I know the local economy is fragile and we think we can't always afford to take chances but it's in taking those chances where we'll find our way out of the current predicament. For every two ideas that fail there's one that succeeds, usually

magnificently, which shows us what truly progressive thinking can bring us. You go from following change to leading it.

I've been to a number of public meetings in regards to progressive ideas trying to be implemented and the tone always seems to be the same. It's like the person, or business or idea is on trial and is in constant demand to be justified and defended. Pessimism reigns supreme in these parts and the naysayers seem to have all the power.

We need to need to look at any new idea – regardless of how odd or different or unprecedented it is – with an optimistic eye. In other words, how can we make this succeed? Assume it can work until something proves that it can't. I'm not advocating a blank cheque approach. There still needs to be a process but it needs to be as streamlined as possible. Being truly progressive means constantly moving forward to break new ground. Only then will "progressive" truly be the appropriate word.



By Charlie
Teljeur

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Editorial opinion

Our garbage dump roads

Dear editor,

On Jan. 2, 2017, a holiday Monday, we had occasion to visit the Little Gull Transfer Station to drop off our garbage. The station was opened, however, had not been ploughed from the 12- inch snowfall the day before. Of course, even with snow tires, drivers were getting stuck on the hill.

Having to drop off our own garbage and recycling is just one of the things we must endure living in a rural community. My issue is the lack of consideration towards our community in regards to the roadways at our local dumps. Driving through to drop

off our trash is like trying to navigate an off-road obstacle course. The craters and ruts on the paths can swallow your vehicle. On more than one occasion after dropping off my trash I didn't travel too far only to discover my car had a flat tire caused from a puncture caused from a nail which I could have only picked up at the dump.

I am not suggesting that the dump pathways be paved. All I am suggesting is that they be graded and ploughed regularly.

D. Watson
Minden

His wish is a mountain music festival

Dear editor,

As has been recorded in the media, we are blessed with an abundance of talent when it comes to musical or stage productions. The encomiums I have read are well deserved and 2017 looks like another spectacular year for us. For me, however, there is something missing.

If I was to be granted a wish for 2017 it would be for a musical festival to be held here in Eagle Lake at the ski hill. Mozart in the Mountains was a great success when I lived in Calgary. In recent years I have been following Proms in the Park which the BBC includes in its Proms concert season. The British concerts are quite fascinating because thousands of people are attending and singing their hearts out, even when it is raining.

People who attend these concerts bring their own seating and are entertained for over two to three hours. With the talent that we have in the county, we could easily do eight to 10 sets. I would suggest a Saturday or Sunday from noon until 4 p.m. I think the ski hill would be quite happy to serve lunch for a fee. For the kids there would still be mountain biking trails. I would think they would enjoy riding the trails while mom, dad and the grandparents enjoyed the festival.

I have a tin ear and know very little about music so I am not a candidate to organize such an event. I am, however, pretty good at noticing what makes people happy.

Peter McLuskey
Eagle Lake

Thanks to good Samaritans

Dear editor,

On Dec. 27, our family was driving home from a Christmas visit in Orillia. We were near Minden when some very good Samaritans started to flag over cars to warn them that the road up ahead was sheer ice and around the curve in the road, there were cars all over the road. Not only was my granddaughter in the car with us, but my grandson and his girlfriend were in the car behind us. Up until that point, the roads were fine so we would have had no warning

about the ice up ahead. We all slowed down to a crawl and sure enough, around the curve we saw at least eight cars on the left facing all different directions and a truck way down in the ditch on the right side.

If it hadn't been for those good Samaritans, we, too, could have been part of that disaster. If you could possibly print this, we would sincerely like to thank those people and wish them a wonderful 2017.

The Landry family
Ottawa

The dark side of Christmas

Do you know just how long it took Darth Vader and his minions to build the massive fleet of destroyers, fighter ships and those giant metal walking things that look like demonic cows, to defeat the resistance, do you?

I do.

I do because I spent the entire week following Christmas Day building said fleet, along with quite a few of the resistance ships, bases and drones, too. Yes, Little Z is into Star Wars and yes, his wonderful Grandma is all too willing to shell out a small fortune in order that her darling grandson can own what seems like every Star Wars Lego set that has ever been made.

My son is overjoyed, and, to give him his dues, he is quite the little Lego builder. But there's only so much building that a seven-year-old will do without assistance from his parents and this is

where I begin to curse my mother-in-law's generosity.

After the third or fourth day of building, and I mean building from the crack of dawn because Little Z wakes me with a sparkle in his eye and the latest box containing another X-Wing fighter or Ewok base, my fingers were smarting and my lips and teeth bruised.

I know ... I know, you're not meant to pry Lego pieces apart with your teeth but it's the only way.

I'm beginning to get callouses in the shape of those little round knobs on top of the bricks on the end of my fingers and my knees and back ache from crouching on the living room floor, his favourite place to build.

The trick, my lovely wife tells me, is to set Little Z building then quietly slip away, straighten those kinks out of my back and soak my fingers in vinegar to

harden their tips before the next phase of construction.

"But I do construction, real construction," I retort. "This is just plastic bricks, why is it such hard work?"

We decide that I'm struggling with the miniature aspect of these galactic building projects. That, and the relentless schedule that my son's thrusting upon me.

"Let's do another one Daddy ...

Pleeeaaase, please, please, pleeeaaase ..."

"I could go on strike," I suggest. But, without proper union representation my wife thinks that Little Z will not come to the bargaining table, he'll simply ban me from playing with any of the completed Lego sets, and she knows how that will destroy me.

And so it goes on.

We build. We stop to eat and then we build some more, until it is time for nourishment again or bedtime.

And then, at the eleventh hour, like Luke Skywalker bursting in to save the day,

Jeff the dog takes it upon himself to get to grips with one of the largest unbuilt sets. He eats the box, rips open the cellophane bags of pieces, mixing them up terribly and chews the instructions beyond recognition.

Jeff my saviour. I cast him as a rebel hero. Little Z, on the other hand, sees him as an evil force, a Sith Lord maybe, from the blackest depths of the Dark Side.

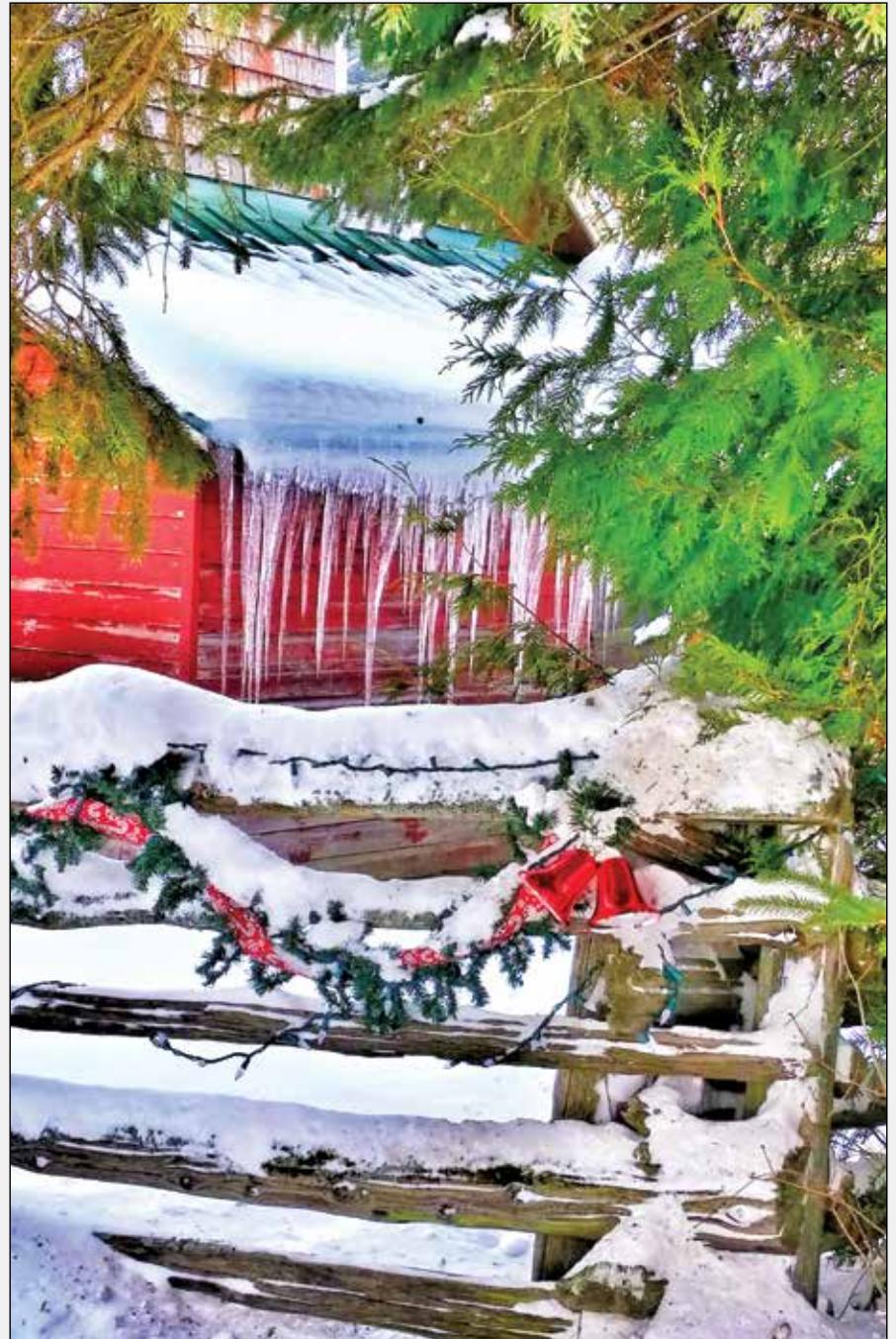
The construction stops. I breathe a sigh of relief. But then, my lovely wife comes to the 'rescue' and finds the instructions on the Internet. Oh, joy of joys, we'll be able to build the Death Star after all.

My fingers begin to throb just thinking about it.



By Will Jones

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Helene Kay snapped this photograph on 25 Line Road.

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Daniel Morgan & Diana

St. Catharines

I'd like to spend more time with my daughter and wife.



Darren Clegg

Paris

Start reading more of these books.



Jen Wood

Haliburton

Spend more time with my family.



Meghna Isloor

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I want to learn some new skills ... such as computer programming.



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Highlands East reeve Burton recovering after fall

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton will be hospital for several weeks after sustaining serious injuries to his legs Dec. 23.

Burton slipped at home in the evening and landed on his knees, rupturing the tendons and the quad muscles.

"It was terrible," said Burton in a phone interview from hospital.

He underwent surgery at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Christmas morning, and stayed there until he was moved to Haliburton hospital on Tuesday. He will be bedridden for another five weeks as he undergoes extensive therapy.

"He is staying in contact with the municipality as best he can," Shannon Hunter, the municipality's CAO, told The Highlander.

Deputy Reeve Suzanne Partridge is fulfilling Burton's duties at this time, she said. (Alex Coop and Mark Arike).

Robbery at Kinmount Pharmacy

Peterborough OPP say a suspect used a wooden-handled hammer to rob the Kinmount Pharmacy over the holidays.

In a Dec. 28 news release, the OPP said they were called to the pharmacy on Dec. 27 just after 1:30 p.m.

They said a male suspect entered the store with the hammer and demanded prescription drugs. Store employees complied with his demands and the male fled the area with the stolen narcotics in a red and grey duffle bag.

Police describe the suspect as a white male, about six feet tall, medium build, wearing a light grey coat, light blue hoodie, large framed sunglasses and running shoes.

Police said the suspect fled the store and got into a small black sedan with dark tinted windows. The car was described as being newer and possibly a Honda. A second suspect was at the wheel.

Investigators are looking for information that may assist



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in identifying the suspect(s). Police urge the public to call 705-742-0401, the non-emergency line (888) 310-1122 or Crime Stoppers. (Lisa Gervais).

Man charged with stunt driving

A 22-year-old Vaughan man is scheduled to appear in Minden Court on Feb. 2 after he was charged with stunt driving.

In a news release, the Haliburton OPP said a suspect driving a new, rented, black Hyundai was pulled over about 12:40 p.m. Dec. 21 after an officer's radar detected he was speeding. The driver was travelling north on Highway 35 in the area of Miners Bay and Davis Lake Road.

Police allege the driver was going more than 50 km/hr. over the posted speed limit and charged him with stunt driving.

Kyung Min Na, 22, is to answer to the charges. (Lisa Gervais).

Petition for family-run campgrounds

Local MP Jamie Schmale is encouraging constituents to sign a petition calling on the Minister of Finance to ensure family-run campgrounds are granted 'active business status' in order for campground operators to be able to claim the small business tax deduction.

The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) in recent decisions has classified a number of campgrounds as 'specified investment businesses' which makes them ineligible for small business tax deductions, Schmale said.

"Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has many communities and businesses that are tourism focused. Family-run campgrounds help attract tourists and grow our local economy," said Schmale.

The petition is available at jamieschmale.ca/petition/ (Lisa Gervais).



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Theatre owner reconsiders timeline

By Alex Coop

Rahim Lakhani, the new owner of the Minden Hills Theatre, is reconsidering his target of spring 2017 to reopen the rundown building.

“The timeline is aggressive, and we are reconsidering the original timeline,” Lakhani said during a recent Haliburton Highlands stakeholder tourism group meeting, addressing Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin’s comments from a regular council meeting, when he said he doubted Lakhani’s “aggressive” timeline.

Lakhani cited harsh weather conditions and ongoing developing partnerships for the change in schedule.

I’m not talking about just a movie theatre ... I’m a businessman and I don’t want to lose money.

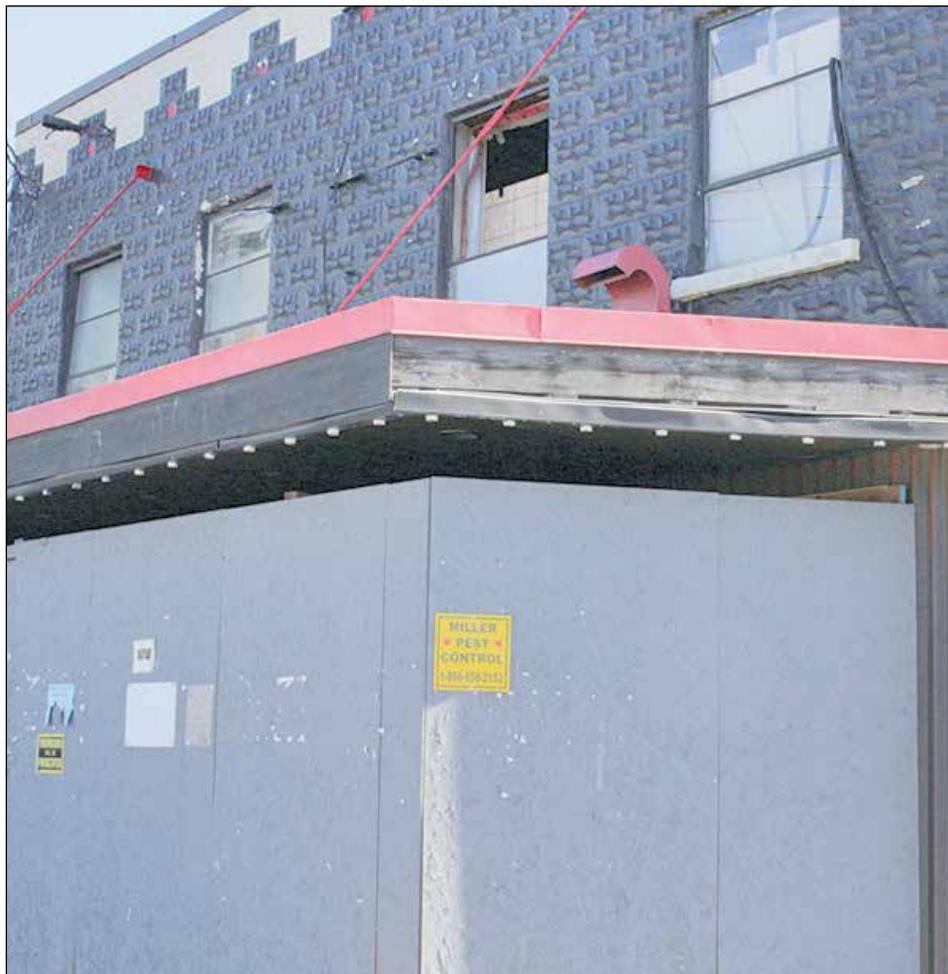
Rahim Lakhani
owner

“I can’t say what the end result will be, but when we have the creative thinking behind us and more firm commitments, we can talk more about the good news stories.”

The graduate from the University of Waterloo, who says his family has more than 50 years of experience in residential, vacation and commercial real estate and business development, told stakeholders his plan was to breathe life back into the performing arts scene in Minden.

“I’m not talking about just a movie theatre ... I’m a businessman and I don’t want to lose money,” he said.

Lakhani’s feasibility study analyzes the Aron Theatre in Campbellford, the Academy Theatre in Lindsay, the Mady Theatre in Barrie and the Simcoe Theatre in



The Minden Hills Theatre, formerly the Beaver Theatre. *File photo.*

Collingwood.

He says all of those theatres share a similar history when it comes to closing down due to financial struggles.

The Aron Theatre, he says, tripled in value and now has an annual revenue of \$300,000 after undergoing a process that mirrors his proposal for the Minden Hills Theatre.

Lakhani wants to form a Minden Hills Theatre not-for-profit society that will work with the township and the community.

Revenue would come from the box office,

film festival circuits, private rentals, a performing arts centre, stand-up comedy, workshops and even bingo nights.

Alcohol, concession stands and a gift shop could be significant contributors as well, he says.

A recent structural assessment of the building has revealed that the “bones” of the building are in pretty good shape, he says.

But a lot of work, including soil testing and a site surveys, still remains, he adds.



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From the Staff & Board at Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

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Tax breaks denied in Highlands East

By Mark Arike

Despite asking staff to investigate the possibility of reducing commercial and industrial tax rates, council has decided not to implement any changes at this time.

Council made the request in October, and along with it, wanted to know the impact a reduction would have on the rates for other property classes in 2017.

A comparison of the current rates to other areas in eastern Ontario revealed the county is already on the low side—the bottom 10 per cent, to be exact.

Of 89 municipalities, the county is amongst the bottom nine.

“Reducing our commercial and industrial tax rates is not likely to bring new commerce or industry to the county,” said treasurer Elaine Taylor in a report.

Two of the county’s four municipalities—Dysart and Algonquin Highlands—receive commercial payments-in-lieu from the province for assessments related to Algonquin Park. In 2016, that amounted to \$468,000. If tax rates were reduced, it would also result in a tax break for the province, said Taylor.

“The tax burden associated with that would then have been reallocated among the various tax classes (largely residential),” she said. “Therefore, in an effort to not give the province a tax break which would burden our taxpayers more, we have been directed to no longer pursue the reduced tax rate for commercial properties.”

The financial burden would be about \$152,000 if the commercial rate was lowered to match the residential rate.

Tax rates are driven by tax ratios, she explained. It usually stays the same each year, but the rates change depending on the taxes that need to be raised to meet budget requirements.

This year, the tax ratio for commercial properties was 1.4827 versus 1.0000 for residential.

The majority of the county’s commercial and industrial properties have assessment values of less than \$500,000.

Hospital in talks with ER docs

By Mark Arike

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has been trying to recruit emergency room doctors for months.

And that search might soon come to an end.

Two physicians have expressed an interest in helping out at the Haliburton hospital.

“The efforts that we have put in place are starting to pay off,” said HHHS CEO

Carolyn Plummer during a board meeting on Dec. 1.

Plummer has worked closely with chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian, the Central East Local Health Integration Network and Health Force Ontario to identify recruitment strategies.

In the summer, Karaguesian predicted there would be a shortfall of doctors in the department by the fall.

But the department has “full physician

coverage” at this time, said Plummer in an email.

“Our doctors are doing a wonderful job covering the emergency department and helping to make sure our community continues to have the services it needs,” she said.

HHHS in regular contact with the two doctors, who have been unable to visit the hospital yet. That will likely happen in the new year, said Plummer.



Time honoured tradition

The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Car Club again donated \$800 each to the Minden and Haliburton Hospital Auxiliaries. The car club raised the funds throughout their summer cruise nights from 50/50 raffles. *Submitted.*

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Meetings & Events

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Jan 12th - Budget Standing Committee meeting, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

Jan 26th - COTW/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

Please note: Council meetings are reduced to one in January

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

NOTICE – Special Meeting -

Budget Standing Committee Meeting

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, will meet as the Budget Standing Committee on Thursday January 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the second draft of the 2017 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or dnewhook@mindenhills.ca.

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Notice of Load Restriction

As per By-Law No. 16-144, being a by-law to enact load restrictions on Municipal Bridges, the Township of Minden Hills have placed load restrictions on the following structures:

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- 2) Ritchie Falls Road Bridge (B) – 3 tonnes max
- 3) Soyers Lake Road Bridge – 10 tonnes max

Load Restrictions signs have been placed at each structure and are strictly enforced.

For inquiries or more information on the above, please contact the Road Superintendent at twilson@mindenhills.ca

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The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

FREE Public Skating at the S.G Nesbitt Arena is being offered during the holidays. Visit www.mindenhills.ca for dates and times.

Highlander people

Scotty beams at surprise honour

By Lisa Gervais

He was told to show up, shut up and be on time.

Ian "Scotty" Morrison did just that on Dec. 28 when about 120 people surprised him with a Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers at the Pinestone.

In addition to the Stanley Cup, VIP's included Hockey Hall of Fame president and CEO Jeff Denomme, former OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino and senior vice president of hockey operations with the NHL, Jim Gregory.

"Wow," Morrison said after Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey pinned the medal on his chest.

"I had no idea what it was," he told the crowd that had gathered at the surprise event after Ruth Mitchell had nominated him for the honour.

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart. This has just been a very special day that I will obviously never forget. I will wear the small badge with honour. And I will try to continue to do as much as I can for this wonderful community."

A number of speakers paid tribute to the 86-year-old former NHL referee and vice president and Hockey Hall of Fame official, but the focus was on his volunteer work, more than his NHL accomplishments.

Morrison recalled getting a phone call one day from Roxanne Casey and Brigitte

Gebauer at Community Care, asking him to put his name behind a fundraising hockey tournament.

In his tribute, Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation chairman Don Popple talked about Morrison's work on the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament that raised more than \$200,000 for health care locally.

"Scotty was a throwaway ... we got the NHL, we got the Stanley Cup ... we got the hall of fame ... and we got this group of hockey personnel that classed up our tournament completely."

Popple went on to say, "Scotty has a great deal of passion towards any job he decides to do and that is why we are celebrating today."

Fantino, who brought an OPP team to the tournament, lauded Morrison's "humanity ... be it the golf tournament, be it the hockey tournament, it was all about giving, it was all about doing things for other people."

Fearrey spoke of Morrison's commitment to community no matter where he's been.

"When he came to Haliburton, he was instantly accepted and fit it and he got involved. It was his personality. He is just a very good, solid person, with a love of family."

In an interview, Gebauer talked about Morrison's history of volunteering with Community Care and said he put his heart



A surprised Ian "Scotty" Morrison speaks at the Pinestone on Dec. 28 after being awarded a Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

into the community and was much loved. She said Community Care was thrilled, and he is deserving of the award.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers recognizes the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields.

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Looking back at 2016

Year-in-review: January to April

Curling season ends early in Wilberforce

An unexpected breakdown at the Wilberforce Curling Club forced the executive to cancel the second half of the season.

The breakdown was caused by a pipe that burst beneath the ice.

Unseasonably warm temperatures on Dec. 24, 2015 dealt the piping system its final blow.

Students announce off-grid energy centre

Fleming College's Sustainable Building Design and Construction program announced a partnership with Abbey Gardens to build Ontario's first completely off-grid Alternative Energy Presentation Centre. The centre promised the public an opportunity to see just how a "state-of-the-art, hybrid, off-grid energy system" works.

Art Hive closes its red doors for good

After nine years, the art collective known as The Art Hive closed its red doors for the last time late January.

A six-month push for grant support for a full-time employee was unsuccessful, and the group announced its closing on Facebook. It was a sense of exhaustion for the collective, said Erin Lynch, a founding member, who also works at The Haliburton School of Art and Design.

County brings faster Internet to... county

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

Twenty-four municipal locations were slated to receive lightning fast, 100 Megabits per second (Mbps) symmetrical fibre service through Bell Canada.

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

New technology shown off in Haliburton

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

Both were advertised as a potential job creator in the county.

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

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

Red Hawks basketball team wins title

Thanks to some strong defence and last-minute heroics, the Kawartha West conference basketball title belonged to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The Red Hawks travelled to I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay to play their final Kawartha West conference game. Each team had a 6-1 record.

Enrolment drop puts schools under review

Declining enrolment forced the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to review the configuration of its schools.

Students were sent home with a letter announcing that a five-year Pupil

Accommodation Long Term Plan was being discussed with trustees. Enrolment had been in a slow but steady decline for a number of years, said the letter signed by Director of Education Larry Hope.

Minden pitched for fibre Internet

An independent Sharbot Lake company approached Minden council to bring high-speed Internet to Minden, Haliburton and Bancroft.

Grant Roughley, vice-president of North Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC), pitched the idea to councillors.

The project is expected to cost more than \$20 million.

Wanted Toronto man found dead in Highlands East

A man wanted in connection with a Toronto child pornography investigation was found dead in Highlands East Mar. 7.

Darren Padilla, 47, was found by Haliburton Highlands OPP after they responded to a sudden death call on Telephone Bay Road, between Haliburton and Gooderham. The call came at 9:30 a.m.

Forest cancels festival after court fight

A heated debate between the Municipality of Dysart et al and Haliburton Forest owner Peter Schleifenbaum Mar. 18 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.

This came 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 court also ordered Haliburton Forest

to cancel current plans for any music festivals, concerts or any type of public assembly at the Logging Museum due to a lack of building permits.

Bark Lake subdivision moves forward

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) was poised to give its blessing to a plan that would see 83 single family cottage lots on a 650-acre property in Irondale. The site is currently home to the Bark Lake Leadership Centre, which will close.

John Ariens, the agent for the property owners, told county council in late March that the ministry's concerns about species at risk, which had held up the project for the last three years, had been satisfied. "It's been a ... lengthy process and hopefully it will culminate next month with a recommendation for draft plan approval."

Moving up: Minden teen drafted by OHL

Owen Smith, a 15-year-old Minden resident, was the youngest player to be chosen by the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Flint Firebirds during April's Priority Selection. Smith was the team's 11th pick in the 13th round of the draft.

OPP divers recover bodies of missing canoeists

Two Toronto men drowned in the frigid waters of Eagle Lake on April 25 after their canoe capsized during an afternoon paddle.

Neither was wearing a personal flotation device (PFD). It took about 45 minutes for the OPP's dive team to retrieve the bodies from the three-degree water around noon the next day.

See next week's Highlander for more year-in-review.

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Highland Storm



The Highland Storm Novice team plays against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in December action. *File photo.*

Storm reports

Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novice Storm

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, the Highland Storm travelled to Bancroft to compete in the Mineral Cup novice tournament. The Storm faced the home team, Bancroft Jets, in the opening game.

The Storm came out hard and played a very strong offensive game capitalizing

on turnover opportunities as a result of defensive pressure. Excellent skating and puck control allowed the Storm to keep the puck in Bancroft's end resulting in seven goals and the first win of the day. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder sealed the deal for the Storm. The Storm came out on top 7-1.

Looking to keep their winning streak alive, game two of the tournament had the Storm face off against the Stirling Blues. This game was a battle from start to finish. The

Storm had great positional play and excellent skating that led to a few scoring chances early on, but with no success. The Storm found themselves down by one heading into the second period. The Storm continued to battle for the puck and created some opportunities from turnovers which resulted in a goal by Brechin Johnston, with an assist by McLean Rowden, putting the Storm on the scoreboard. However, it was not to be for the Storm. It was a great game, with the score not reflecting the effort and speed, but

the Storm dropped this one 4-1 to the Blues.

Earning themselves a trip to the B finals, the novice team was determined to end their day on top. The Storm faced the Barry's Bay Valley Storm in the finals and dominated play from start to finish. Excellent defensive play kept the Valley Storm from generating any offensive pressure and the Storm capitalized on key scoring opportunities. With the final buzzer of the game, the Storm were on top 5-0 and were the B Champions. *(Submitted by Janice Scheffee).*

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Highland Storm



The Highlander's 3-Stars of the Week



Stats	G	A	GP
	4	1	3

Brechin Johnston
NOVICE

While most of us were still trying to fit into our pants after Christmas dinner, the Highland Storm Novices were participating in the Mineral Cup tournament in Bancroft on Dec. 27. The Novices stormed the gates early in the first game, as they jumped to an early lead over the host Bancroft Jets. Brechin was all over the ice, picking up two of his four goals on the day.



Stats	G	A	GP
	5	0	3

Jace Mills
NOVICE

Jace may have had the most impressive single-game performance when the Storm faced off against the host Jets in the first game of the tournament. In what resulted in a 7-1 victory for the Novice team, Jace seemed to be all over the ice, recording three goals for the hat trick.



Stats	G	A	GP
	1	2	3

McLean Rowden
NOVICE

With a 1-1 record after the first two games, the Novices were playing for the B Championship when they faced off against Barry's Bay Valley Storm in game three of the day. The Storm had relentless pressure, beating the Valley Storm soundly to capture the B Championship. McLean was a factor in all three games of the tournament, recording a point in each.

Local League Weekly Schedule

Thursday, January 5

- Team TD Canada Trust- Practice- Haliburton @ 5PM-6PM
- Team Rotary- Practice- Minden @ 5PM-6PM
- Team Pharmasave- Practice- Haliburton @ 6PM-7PM
- Team Canadian Tire- Practice- Haliburton @ 7PM-8PM
- Team Home Hardware- Practice- Minden @ 7:30PM-8:30PM
- Team McKeck's- Practice- Haliburton @ 8PM-9PM

Saturday, January 7

- Initiation 2- Practice- Haliburton @ 9AM-10AM
- Team Canadian Tire vs. Bancroft- Wilberforce @ 9AM
- Initiation 1- Practice- Haliburton @ 10AM-11AM
- Team Mckeck's vs. Bancroft- Wilberforce @ 10:30AM
- Team TD vs. Bancroft- Haliburton @ 11AM
- Team Rotary vs. Team Pharmasave- Haliburton @ 12PM
- Team Home Hardware vs. Wilberforce- Wilberforce @ 12PM



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Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp welcomes new director

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp has hired its new program director.

It was announced on Dec. 16 that Kelvin Lee would be taking on the role.

His job will be programming for campers.

During the year, Lee is an educator with a background in elementary and special education. As well, he is a lead teacher of modern learning and is the chairman of the York Region skills challenge in Lego mechanics. He also consults and designs a number of experiential learning spaces around Toronto and York Region.

He has a Masters of Architecture and a Science Degree from Ryerson and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Toronto.

From Stouffville, he is a veteran of summer camps and teaching sports. He spent 11 years at Camp Arowhon



Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp's new program director, Kelvin Lee. Submitted.

in Algonquin Park and two summers with Camp Robin Hood. He was a head instructor with Tiger Hockey Club in Beijing, China and an instructor with

Canlan Sports Camp and Hockey Programs. He has spent 20 seasons as a hockey coach with the OMHA and GTHL, and is an OT-certified tennis instructor in Toronto.

He was named Honoree Teacher of the Year in 2016 by the Ontario Teachers Federation, earned a university teaching award in 2011 from Ryerson, was coach of the year in 2011 for the Markham Waxers and coach of the year in 2003 for the Scarborough Hockey Association.

"Kelvin is caring, has great people skills, always has a smile on his face, is extremely energetic and has a great sense of responsibility in the well-being of every camper as well as a very positive working environment with

our cabin leaders," the camp said.

"He has a passion and drive to ensure that the campers have a positive social experience, and that they grow and have more confidence than when they arrived. In the end, he builds lifelong relationships with campers, parents and staff."

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Highlander sports

Local curlers to attend Continental Cup of Curling in Las Vegas

By Alex Coop

Las Vegas rocks. Curling rocks that is.

Ever since it made its debut in Las Vegas in 2014, the annual Continental Cup of Curling has turned heads across the globe and is expected to draw more than 55,000 spectators when it starts Jan. 12.

Twenty local curlers, most of them members of the Haliburton Curling Club, will be in attendance.

“Curling events have really exploded and become very fan friendly,” said Kent Milford, one of the curling club members who decided to go to Vegas to watch the event live.

“Vegas has taken the event and has ran with it.”

Before Vegas started hosting the event, the Continental Cup of Curling bounced around different venues after it was first hosted by Regina, SK in 2002.

The competition pits Team North America against Team World in a Ryder Cup-style golf tournament, and each side consists of six teams, made up of both men and women.

For team North America, four teams are determined by the Canadian Curling Association, based on recent participation at either the Canada Cup of Curling, the World Curling Championship, or the Olympic Winter Games. The other two North American teams are determined by

the United States Curling Association.

Winners of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the Tim Hortons Brier championships automatically qualify for team North America.

Team World is built with a more invitational approach, but the previous season's records still play a big factor.

Team North America is on a four-year winning streak.

This is going to be Milford's first time attending the Continental Cup.

“It really just came down to a bunch of us sitting around and saying, ‘this looks like a lot of fun why don't we go?’” he said.

Although no one from Haliburton has made it to the Continental Cup, Milford is confident that will happen one day.

“We have a lot of talent here, a lot of young talent, too,” he said, while pointing to the many banners hanging on the curling club's walls.

The Las Vegas patch, a massive after-party for visitors and curlers, is something the group is very much looking forward to as well.

Jon Killoran, chief executive officer for the 2017 World Financial Group Continental Cup, says curlers are a tight-knit group and that Las Vegas is the perfect venue for an event like this.

“We have more than one million Canadians visit [Las Vegas] each year,”



Kent Milford and 19 other local curlers are heading to Las Vegas Jan. 12 to watch the 2017 Continental Cup of Curling. Photo by Alex Coop.

Killoran said, adding the convenience of having the curling event on one property makes it an even more attractive destination for Canadians.

The cup takes place at the Orleans Arena, which is a stone's throw from the Orleans Casino, and ends Jan. 15.



A meaty end to 2016

The annual J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel was held Dec. 28 at the Minden Curling Club. After the aggregate scores were combined and tabulated by scoremaster Erskine Flook, the overall winner was the 'Caygeon Falls' team of Wayne Shea, Eric Allen, Harry Cobb and Brice Warwick, (pictured left, from left to right.) Standing with them is Jess Jackson, the granddaughter of J.O. Jackson, holding the J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel trophy. All winning teams won steaks as supplied by Coneybeare's Butcher Shop in Minden. Photo submitted.

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EVENTS



January 21/22
2017 at
HALIBURTON UNITED
CHURCH

General Auditions

2017 Summer Season

*A Funny Thing Happened
on the Way to the Forum*

Music, Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart

Proof

by David Auburn

Hilda's Yard

by Norm Foster

Early Stages - An apprenticeship theatre program
for young performers

Descriptions of productions, roles and Early Stages at
www.highlandsummerfestival.on.ca

To book an audition please contact Joan Hawley:
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Highlander classifieds

EVENTS

Every Tuesday and Thursday Squash House League - 7:30 p.m. Highlands Squash Club - beside A.J. LaRue Arena - all welcome info@mysquash.ca

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Municipality of Dysart et al



2017 BUDGET MEETINGS

Pursuant to By-law No. 2014-31, notice is hereby provided that the Council of the Municipality of Dysart et al has set the following dates (if required) to review the 2017 Budget:

January 12, 2017
 February 9, 2017
 March 9, 2017

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1. "Back to ____ Future"
2. Moray
3. Most profound
4. Frosts
5. Of the mind
6. Idaho product
7. Picasso's field
8. Cutting tool
9. Fool
10. Theater walkway
11. Jotted down
16. Fire ____ (fire chief)
19. Pig's abode
21. Entire amount
22. Pod vegetable
24. Corn unit
25. Toy racer (2 wds.)
29. Poet's "before"
31. Actress ____ Dietrich
32. Fighter pilot
33. ____ and then
35. List-ending abbr.
36. Repented
37. Unruffled
39. Highway entrances
40. Laker Shaquille ____
41. Excessive
45. Fury
47. Nile viper
48. Lease
50. Notice
51. Cargo weight

ACROSS

1. Media mogul ____ Turner
4. Mischievous one
7. Chinese, e.g.
12. Giggle sound
13. Business VIP
14. CB ____
15. Carbon, e.g.
17. Turn
18. Spaghetti and ziti
20. Bullring cheer
21. Copycat
23. Vouched for
26. Not so much
27. Faithful
28. Wood turner
30. Caesar, e.g.
34. Regions
38. Folded tortilla dish
39. Gambling game
42. Work gang
43. Columnist ____ Landers
44. Ranch enclosure
46. Military award
49. Least distant
52. Hesitate
53. London's country (abbr.)
54. "The Matrix" hero
55. Snoozed
56. Actress Ruby ____
57. Dusk, to a poet

EVENTS



**Minden District Fur Harvesters
 26th Annual Winter Workshop**

Jan. 8, 2017
 9-4 pm

Minden District Arena
 Admission \$2.00 at the door
 Pelt Preparation Demonstrations
 Fur Handling Contests
 Food & Refreshments Available

Classifieds \$8
 \$8 for 25 words 50 maximum.
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Highlander events



Christmas concert a smash hit

The entire student body at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School was in the Christmas spirit during the holiday concert on Dec. 22. Dozens of parents and other family members packed the gymnasium for the midday concert, which featured popular Christmas carols, dance and a play. Students in Grades 4-8 put on the show with the help of their teachers. Pictured left is the Grade 6/7 band. (Photos by Mark Arike).



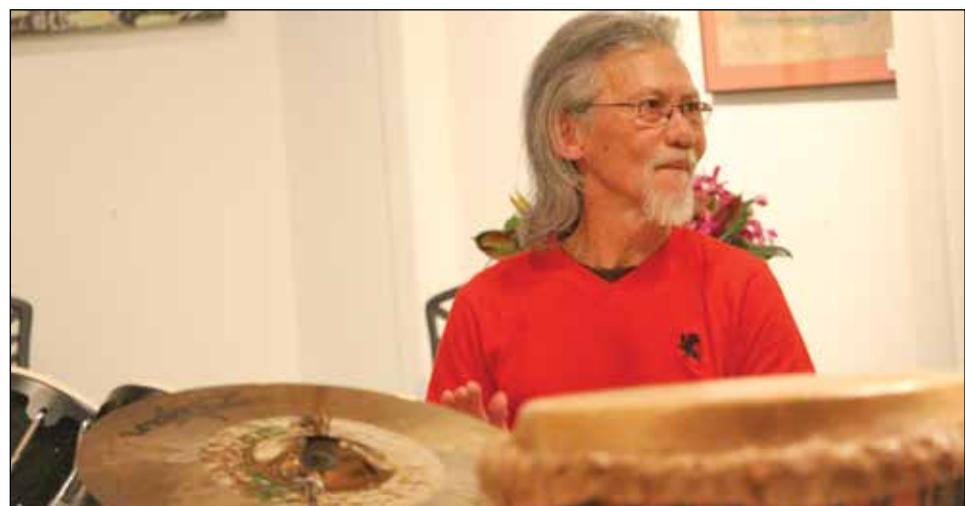
New Year's Eve family fun

Many Minden and area families celebrated New Year's Eve at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena during the township's family fun event. They gathered between 6 and 8 p.m. last Saturday night for free skating, tobogganing and hot chocolate. Despite a snowy night and slippery roads, there was a good turnout, according to community development coordinator Elisha Weiss, who was on hand serving up hot chocolate. Pictured right, Joel, Curtis and Taylor Mulock along with Jennifer Staples take to the ice. Below, Weiss serves up hot chocolate. (Photos by Lisa Gervais).



Sleigh bells rang

Irvin Holland offered sleigh rides at his farm over the holidays. The farm is located at 1251 Essonville Line, Tory Hill. Pictured above, Holland leads the sleigh through the forest. (Photo by Lisa Gervais).



Drumming the night away

About 20 people showed up to drum the night away at the Rails End Gallery on Dec. 21 in support of the Halibana DrumFest. The by-donation event, dubbed Longest Night Drum-a-thon, began at 4:30 p.m. and finished at 6:45 a.m. the next morning. It was held during the winter solstice—the day with the shortest period of daylight but also the longest night of the year. Pictured above, Halibana founding member Joe Truss leads the opening circle jam. (Photo by Mark Arike).

What's on

JANUARY 2017 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>EVERY FRIDAY Lunch for the Bereaved, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 1st and 3rd Friday in Haliburton (SIRCH, 2 Victoria St.). 2nd and 4th Friday in Minden (Minden Legion, Hwy 35). Drop-in. For more info contact 705-457-2941 Ext 2932.</p> <p>Shinny Hockey 5 – 6 p.m. at AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Full equipment required. \$5/person. Contact Andrew Wilbee for details 705-457-2083.</p> <p>Carpet Bowling at Cardiff Community Centre, 1 – 3 p.m.</p>		<p>EVERY SUNDAY Public Skating at SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden, Noon – 2 p.m. \$2/person</p> <p>Sunday Shinny at SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden, 10 am – Noon, \$2/person, Full protective gear required. Contact Elisha Weiss for details 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca</p> <p>Free Public Skating at Keith Tallman Arena in Wilberforce, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.</p>		<p>Don't forget today's edition of The Highlander</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Dysart et al 150th Celebration, Head Lake Park, Haliburton 4 – 7 p.m.</p> <p>Ski Like a Canadian, with the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association. \$40 /half-day session, per person. \$70 per person with equipment rental. http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca/packages/ski-canadian</p> <p>7</p>	
<p>Fur and Flintlock – Interpretive snowshoe hike, with lunch. \$99/person. yoursoutdoors.ca/packages/fur-and-flintlock</p> <p>8</p>				<p>Full Moon Series: Moon Yoga – 7 – 8:30 p.m. at Abbey Gardens, \$10/person, abbeygardens.ca/event/full-moon-series-yoga</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Snowboard Ontario Speed Series Snowboardcross/Skicross, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike, sirsams.com/news-events</p> <p>13</p>	<p>High On Ice! - Introduction to ice climbing, at Medeba Adventure Learning Centre, West Guilford. \$69/person, yoursoutdoors.ca/packages/high-ice</p> <p>14</p>	
<p>Snowboard Ontario Speed Series Snowboardcross/Skicross, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike, sirsams.com/news-events</p> <p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Two locations: Galway Comm. Hall, Kinmount, 10 - noon, and at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden, 7 – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>15</p>			<p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Zion United Church, Camarvon, 10 a.m. - noon. 705-457-5829</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Two locations: Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 2 – 4 p.m. and at Haliburton United Church, 6:30 – 8 p.m.</p> <p>Through the Lens, with Carol Moffatt – HHOA Fish Hatchery, Haliburton, 7 – 9 p.m. Register at yoursoutdoors.ca/event/235</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Haliburton United Church, 10 a.m. - noon. 705-457-5829</p> <p>19</p>	<p>Visit thehighlander.ca for more events and activities in the Haliburton Highlands</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Dig In Series: Soup & Skate – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Minden Community Centre. \$15/person. Register at abbeygardens.ca/event/dig-series-soup-skate</p> <p>21</p>

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

<p>HALIBURTON BRANCH Monday bridge 1p.m. Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month. Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC. Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards</p>	<p>Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed. Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring Todd Nolan Saturday Jan. 28 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton</p>	<p>Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.</p> <p>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, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m. Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m. Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m.</p>	<p>(full menu also) Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time. Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.</p> <p>WILBERFORCE BRANCH Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Ham & scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m. Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. early bird 3 p.m. sharp Sunday L.A. breakfast 9 a.m. to noon. Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome. Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m.</p>
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FREE EVENTS!



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What's on



Left: Andrea Mueller (left), Dysart's program coordinator, talks with museum director Kate Butler, (centre) and an attendee of December's tourism stakeholders' group meeting. *Photo by Alex Coop.* Right: A young skater learns the ropes at the Haliburton Rotary's Community Christmas and Skating Party at the A.J. LaRue Arena in December. The celebrations this weekend will include a free skate as well. *File photo.*

Celebrating Dysart's 150th birthday

By Alex Coop

The Municipality of Dysart et al is throwing itself a special party to celebrate its 150th birthday this weekend.

Starting this Saturday at the A.J. LaRue Arena, residents will be able to ring in Dysart's 150th sesquicentennial.

A planning committee of six, which includes Dysart's Deputy Reeve Andrea Roberts and Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler, has been preparing for about a year.

The planning committee was put together last January.

"This is going to be just the beginning of an entire year of celebrations," said Butler, pointing to the fact that in July, when Canada rings in its 150th sesquicentennial, the fun will continue in Haliburton at Head

Lake Park all weekend long.

Kim Emmerson is going to kick the celebrations off this Saturday with his documentary "Dysart 150 - The Movie," at 5:30 p.m.

The doc will complement his already released book "Alexander Niven: The Biography of an Early Haliburton County Surveyor," which was released more than a year ago.

"What a good opportunity to educate people on how Dysart really came to be," Emmerson said, pointing to the celebrations that will begin Jan. 7, which in addition to a screening of his documentary, will include public skating, a fire and light show, outdoor games, food vendors, a beer tent and bonfire pit.

Emmerson is also a member of the Dysart 150th planning committee.

"Dysart has a different history than a lot of other townships," he said. "It's quite a story."

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Kate Butler
Museum Director

During a trip to London, England this summer, Emmerson and his wife Linda documented their journey as they backtracked their way to the very

beginning of Dysart's origins, which Emmerson says began with a group of men agreeing to buy the land for 50 cents per acre.

"In the end, we find out that they lost their shares on this deal," he said. "Their business model wasn't well researched."

But the experience was unforgettable, he adds.

A beer tent with Haliburton Highlands Brewing's signature "Trapper's Ale" will be available as well.

Justin and Sue Tiffin, hosts of Minden's Trivia Night at the Dominion Hotel, will be bringing their talents to the Haliburton Curling Club at 8 p.m.

"This is the perfect event for the entire family, seasonal and permanent residents, anyone who wants to have a good time," Butler said.

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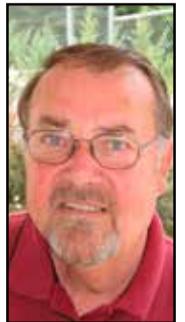


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- Hydro/meter on site, driveway installed.



LOON LAKE
\$299,900

- 3 bedroom open concept cottage
- 208 feet of shoreline in quiet bay
- Sunset views, deep water off dock
- Woodstove, skylights, deck
- Comes furnished ready to enjoy.



GULL RIVER
\$375,000

- 1+3 bedroom, 2+1 bath home
- Access to 3 lake chain
- Modern home, level lot, 2 decks
- Fully finished lower level
- Detached garage, ample parking.



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- 2.65 acres, extensive deck and dock
- Finished lower level walkout, wet bar
- Custom kitchen, hardwood floors
- Turn-key set up, ready to enjoy.



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\$1,875,000

- 3 bdrm, 4,000+ ft² home featured in magazines
- 143' shoreline, big lake views, sunsets
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- High end finishings & fixtures, comes as viewed
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- \$275,000 - Growler Lake, 633 ft. fr., 2.93 ac.
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- \$59,900 - North Street, 1.14 ac. in Haliburton Village
- \$77,900 - Gelert Road, 100 ac., 2 ponds, great hunting
- \$92,900 - Halbiem Cres, 0.46 ac., overlooks Head Lake
- \$139,000 - Hwy. 35, 65 ac., access to Halls Lake