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Jenny Ross of Lanark and her team of Siberian huskies are competing in the IFSS Sleddog World Championships at Haliburton Forest. Story and more photos on page 2. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Biochar project put on the front burner

Drag Lake cottagers claim proposed facility breaks land-use rules

By Alex Coop

Haliburton Forest's biochar proposal got its zoning amendment from council Monday morning, but the decision doesn't sit right with cottagers on Drag Lake, who continue to question the nearby project's compliance with provincial and municipal regulations.

The proposed 13,000 square-foot building on Kennaway Road, which was first introduced to the public last November,

will store a large chamber that will convert purchased sawdust into biochar using pyrolysis (high temperature burning without oxygen).

The project is being spearheaded by Haliburton Forest Biochar Limited and its project manager Nina Shock.

Haliburton Forest Biochar Limited is owned by Haliburton Forest Wild Life Reserve and a "private, family-owned company," said Shock, who didn't identify

the name of the second company due to its position within a competitive market that sells biochar material.

This company has made investments in Haliburton County, according to Shock.

"We've been careful disclosing who they (are) because they are in a competitive spot. It has nothing to do with anything else," Shock told *The Highlander* after Monday's council meeting.

But it's the location that has spurred a

strong reaction from residents who live a few kilometres from the site.

Larry Lowenstein, a Toronto-based lawyer who also cottages on Drag Lake, wrote to the township Dec. 9 and stressed the biochar facility is not a permissible use of the property on Kennaway Road, and encouraged councillors to hold off on their decision to grant the project a zoning amendment. "The proposed use of the subject property

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Biochar proposal 'not a waste-processing plant' says project manager

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is to dispose of wood waste: Wood waste is included in the definition of waste, under Regulation 347 of the Environmental Protection Act," he wrote. "The applicant

has failed to make any application for approval of a waste disposal site." He declined further comment.

Shock said interviews with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) Peterborough branch last May resulted in the project being classified as an industrial production facility, not a waste processing facility.

Waste facilities need to go through a different set of regulations before getting the green light from the province, she said. The biochar project's Environment Compliance Approvals (ECA) for air and noise are being reviewed by the MOECC. The exact quantities of the project's emissions will be posted publicly after it's approved by the ministry.

"We are using 100 per cent

sawdust for the process. It's a low-value commodity, not waste," Shock said.

She also stressed the plant does not create or emit any smoke or soot and will have a formally engineered storm water management plan.

Noise levels will likely resemble the hum of a refrigerator, she added.

But Laurie Wheeler, a Drag Lake resident, felt councillors were making rushed decisions with the zoning amendment decision.

"We don't have all the information," she told councillors Monday, and suggested council dig deeper into some of the outstanding questions regarding noise and air emissions.

"I know you don't have all the resources, but you can have the applicant do those studies and have them peer reviewed," she said.

Similar concerns were raised by Karl Gonnens, president of the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association, during a public meeting in December.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said the township has to place its faith with the ministry when it comes to specific approvals.

Multiple site evaluation reports have already been submitted by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting, Cambium Consulting and Riverstone Environmental Solutions.

Shock said arrangements have been made between herself and the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners Association to discuss the project further and ask questions.

The project also has the support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

HCDC executive director Andrew Campbell submitted a letter to the township in December saying the organization was confident in the years of research members behind the project had done.

Shock says they expect a response from the ministry within six months.

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World-class mushers hit Haliburton Forest

By Mark Arike

Mushers and dogs from around the globe are taking on the Highlands terrain at the Winter Sleddog World Championships hosted by the Haliburton Forest.

The nine-day event kicked off with an opening ceremony on Monday evening that featured performances by local act Fifth Business, the Haliburton Youth Ensemble, a bonfire and march of the flags.

The first day of races was held on Tuesday and included one-dog skijor, four and six-dog sled sprints, and the unlimited sprint (up to 16 dogs per team).

Distances ranged between seven and 24 km.

"Overall the event has been incredible," said Tegan Legge, on-site project manager. "We have an amazing crew of staff, volunteers and officials that are working together like a well-oiled machine."

Although temperatures are mild, Legge said skijorers are impressed by how groomers have been able to turn "potentially dangerous, icy trails to beautiful skiing trails."

Races continue every day until Feb. 1. The event is sanctioned by the International Federation of Sleddog Sports.

For a full schedule, visit worlddogsleddingchampionships.ca.



Top: Ares, a purebred Siberian husky, is one of eight dogs belonging to Lisa DeGennaro of Saugeen Shores. Above: Race marshal Jim Cunningham, right, counts down Michael Tetzner of Germany in the unlimited race. Photos by Mark Arike.

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A sign on the door of the former Scotiabank branch in Wilberforce. Photo by Mark Arike.

Credit unions not buying into Wilberforce

By Mark Arike

The familiar white and red banner atop the building at 2763 Essonville Line is gone. The doors are locked and a sign informs Scotiabank customers the Wilberforce branch has moved to Bancroft.

Seven months ago, the bank announced it would permanently close this branch and the one in Maynooth effective Jan. 19. The decision, which they claim was made after a full market analysis, came because nowadays more customers are relying on Internet and telephone banking.

Although many local residents expressed their displeasure, the bank made it clear they wouldn't budge.

Since then, a committee known as People Before Profits has been hard at work trying to convince a credit union or bank to set up shop in the area. Unfortunately, those efforts haven't produced positive results.

"I think a lot of people were sitting, waiting and hoping that we could get something into town," said committee spokesman Craig McDonald. "Right up until Christmas we were waiting on our last rejection."

The committee approached seven credit unions and all the major banks with a business plan, said McDonald. Some turned them down because they had completed their fiscal plan for the new year while others also cited the changes in banking trends.

"The future really is no more [physical] banks down the road," he said.

McDonald believes most customers stayed with the bank and moved their accounts to Bancroft.

Now the committee is focusing on trying to get a bank machine in the community. But McDonald points out this is also proving to be a challenge; two banks have declined and they are currently awaiting a response from two others.

A big part of the reason the response hasn't been positive is because Wilberforce is "sandwiched between two larger communities (Haliburton and Bancroft)," he said.

"Between the two of them they've almost got every branch covered."

McDonald owns the Wilberforce Foodland and leases the now empty building to Scotiabank. They continue to pay rent, but have asked for an early buyout. If he doesn't accept it, they will continue making payments until the lease ends in February 2018.

McDonald is willing to set up a machine on his property, even though it will cost him to build a kiosk.

"We have to do something for the town. Unfortunately it all comes back to me," he said.

The Bancroft Scotiabank is located at 50 Hastings St. N. Its phone number is 613-332-2040.



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Jennifer Cureton of the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton is scheduled to make a presentation to Minden Hills council today (Thursday, Jan. 26). She is asking for one-time funding of \$5,000 to help the organization continue to operate its Minden-based women's and children's shelter as well as maintain domestic violence programming at existing levels.

Cureton, who is the director of philanthropy and communications, told *The Highlander* this week that she would also be going to the three other lower-tier municipalities in coming weeks: Algonquin Highlands on Feb. 2; Dysart et al on Feb. 9 and Highlands East on Feb. 13.

The YWCA has yet to get confirmation on attending a County of Haliburton meeting, Cureton said.

After *The Highlander* reported on the plight of the shelter in December (it was forced to close its doors for five months in 2015-2016 and dip heavily into reserves), Cureton said this week that the community was moved by their appeal and they had received some donations. She said they appreciate it and every

dollar raised will stay in the county.

However, they are still after municipal support.

Beyond 2016-2017, they say they will not be able to continue to support women who have experienced violence at a level that meets their needs.

In order to continue their work, they need to secure \$120,000 over the next year to sustain their Haliburton operations for the next two years while they work with government, experts, partners and the local community to develop a long-term sustainability plan. They have so far raised about \$90,000 of that.

That leaves about a \$30,000 shortfall.

Minden Hills council should approve a minimum of \$5,000 in funding today. It has \$7 million in reserves. This should not even have to be discussed. It is one-time funding, not perpetual, so they hardly have to worry about setting some kind of spending precedent for a largely provincial government service.

By doing so, they send a strong message to the other councils, and the county, that they, too, need to support this very worthy cause.

This does not take the province off the hook either. MPP Laurie Scott needs to continue to badger the Ministry of Community and Social Services to realize it needs to fund rural Ontario services differently than its city counterparts. We have geographical challenges that lead to isolation.

We like the new Haliburton Highlands video that promotes Haliburton County. It acknowledges all that is good here. That's the story we all want to see and read. But there is another story. It involves women getting physically and emotionally abused and threatened with death. It involves children growing up in violent homes. It isn't a pretty side of Haliburton County but it is reality. It's time for our councils to do the right thing and spend our taxpayers' dollars to support the only women's shelter in the county and the many clients who rely on its other life-saving services.



By Lisa Gervais

A new day, a new reality

Slowly the streets of Haliburton County came back to life Saturday morning. Bewildered residents, who had hunkered down at home with their stockpiles of canned food and jerry cans of water, warily emerged from their shelters, and in some cases, bunkers. They stumbled blinking into the bright reality of a cloudy day, wondering if it was indeed safe to walk the streets again.

Hunched over in a turtle position, (if you don't get that reference, ask someone over 70), many had watched on their battery-powered mini screens as a new president, Donald J. Trump, completed the 39-word oath of office, wondering as he finished, just how close his fingers were to those ominous launch buttons. They had stared with mixed emotions as the newly-installed president waggled his finger at nations who traded with the U.S. and by extension stole their jobs. He was going to set that record straight he told the huge crowd. Were we, here in our quiet little country, one of those nations who threatened the stability of the U.S.? Perhaps we are the ravagers he referred to, after all we have been invading the U.S. for most of our time

on this continent. Without our intrusions, the U.S. would not call the presidential residence the 'White House' or share half of a Rainbow Bridge.

Or he just might have been referring to the thousands, nay tens of thousands of Canadians who flood across the border each year racing to the sunshine and early bird specials in Florida and Arizona. And what about the planeloads of invaders we send to Orlando each day, unleashing them to stand politely in line at Disney World?

Those who emerged from their panic rooms were soon comforted by the fact the world had not come to an end. Indeed those who had harboured some questions about climate change found reassurance in that all references to the global climate being impacted by man's voracious consumption of fossil fuel had been erased from the White House website. Also gone were comments in support of civil rights and the rights of the LGBTQ. Oh, well, a few less things to worry about.

However, the following day, they may have been bemused by the seemingly inane

debate about just how many people were on the Washington Mall on Friday as opposed to the same occasion four years ago. They also might have scratched their heads over the profusion of pink hats ... pussy hats ... that emerged Saturday as the latest fashion statement. Who were all these people and why, in the U.S. capital and cities around the world, were they marching in the streets? And more importantly, what was the so-called message they were trying to convey with those cute little hats ... they looked warm and comforting at least, which every mother knows, is a good thing.

So, with plodding intention, life in the Highlands returns to its circadian rhythm. People are working their way through winter one day at a time and hoping that inauguration day, Jan. 20, 2021 won't be quite so eventful.



By Jack Brezina

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Correction: A story from the Jan. 12 issue of *The Highlander* (page 3, "Gas station proposal hits roadblock") incorrectly noted the square-footage of Jerry Walker's proposed Home Hardware and Building Centre on County Road 21. The correct number is 20,000 square feet, not 40,000.

Editorial opinion

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Stand up for what you believe in



By Anabelle Craig

On Saturday, Jan. 21, I attended my first protest. It was the Women's March on Toronto. I went with my parents and friends as we wanted to show our support to our US sisters, our neighbours and each other.

We wanted to demonstrate that we won't stand idly by while governments take away someone's rights because that person is of a different race, belief or gender. Things can change so quickly and even we, as citizens of Canada, a democratic country, need our leaders to know that we won't tolerate hate, injustice, racism, bigotry or misogyny.

Protests for women's rights have been going on for more than 150 years. In 1913, the famous Suffrage Movement began, where woman marched for their right to vote. However, it was almost seven years later when we were given that right. Other famous marches include Take Back the Night, the Million Mom March, the SlutWalk and the Equal Rights Amendment Marches. History is full of women taking a stand for what they believe in. The Women's March on Washington will definitely be one for the history books.

It had an amazing turnout with more than half-a-million people protesting in the capital alone. Their platform was simple: social justice and human rights issues ranging from race, ethnicity, gender, religion, immigration and health care. Climate change and environmental issues were also included.

What started as one woman's Facebook post grew into a movement. Originally named the Million Women's March, it was later changed to pay homage to the famous March on Washington, an historic civil rights rally where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his, "I have a dream" speech on the same grounds.

The turnout to marches everywhere was

spectacular. In Washington alone there were so many people that it was more of a Women's Stand on Washington than a march. There were more than 670 marches worldwide on all seven continents, with 29 in Canada alone. The protests were the largest political demonstrations in the United States since the Vietnam War.

In Toronto where I was, the Women's March had more than 60,000 people. It began in Queen's Park and we marched down University Avenue to Nathan Phillips Square. The crowds were a culturally diverse mixture of young kids, moms and their babies, grandmas, teachers, midwives, families, adults and teens, men of all ages, LGBT community, visible minorities, new immigrants, and lots of very united women.

Your first protest is a milestone. It is an overwhelming rush of adrenalin and excitement. There is so much to look at and experience, from the clever posters to the sounds of chants and singing from the crowds. Everywhere you look is a sea of people, united with one goal; to shout to the world about the importance of equality. I feel happy to know that people everywhere are banding together to open other's eyes, to help them see the injustice of not having rights and not having a choice. Being part of that community, that crowd, made me feel more alive.

And, now, in 2017 no less, the world is making history once again to demand that women's rights are human rights. It makes me sad that we still need to fight to be heard, to demand fair wages, control of our own bodies, protection from harm and respect.

I am hoping that in the generations to come, when we gather together it will not be to protest for our rights but to celebrate them.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The ice crew is out on the Pinestone pond building rinks for the start of the Canadian National Pond Hockey championships which begin Friday. Play is scheduled for Jan. 27 and 28 and Feb. 3-4. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

In your Face-time

Hey there, how's it going?

Glad you're taking time out to read my latest missive. So, just relax and read on...

The thing is, it's quite easy to read on. You're sitting in your home, not worrying about anything, or anyone, for a few minutes at least. Just reading, hopefully chuckling a little bit, or snorting with derision.

It wouldn't be so easy, though, if I was sitting there watching you, would it?

Imagine, me, that funny looking English bloke, perched in the corner of your living-room, staring beady-eyed at you, waiting for you to crack a smile. Or, perhaps butting in, wanting to know why you did, or didn't laugh. The whole thing would be a bit awkward, wouldn't it?

And so it is with communicating with

my family back in Blighty because, while they are most definitely not sitting in my livingroom, we have recently begun to video Skype, to 'FaceTime,' with each other and, boy, is it unnerving. I used to be able to sit comfortably and chat happily to my mom on the phone for near on an hour. We'd ramble on about family illnesses, the weather, brother Daniel's annoying quirks, my work, her work, anything and everything; all the while she'd be wandering round her kitchen, making dinner or washing up with the phone pressed in the crook of her neck, and I'd be sitting at my desk scratching, farting or picking my nose.

Now, my mom sits rigidly in front of me, staring worriedly through my computer screen, and I stare back. We're struck dumb, like two not so

chatty rabbits caught in the proverbial headlights. We shuffle and grimace, trying to look pleased that we can finally see each other, even though we are an Atlantic ocean apart, all the while wishing the damn video would crash and the screen go blank. Our conversations are stunted and we both twitch and squirm until the blessed relief of the end of the call.

And the thing is, we feel awkward and unable to communicate like grown adults because we are staring at each other. Folks don't even do that when they meet face to face. Think about it. Next time you have a visit with someone take note of how often you actually look straight into their eyes when you're chatting. It's not that often, I'll bet. Then try it. Stare straight at your friend. Look them square

in the eye while they talk to you and you talk back. Pretty soon one of you will look away because that prolonged stare feels more like a threat than plain old happy go lucky nonchalance.

That's why reading my column is so easy, because I'm not leering at you, waiting for your reaction to my blathering.

As for me and my mum, I think I'm going to try acting normal, or as normal as I used to do, when we next video chat. She can stare at me picking my nose or turn off the video link, and then we'll be back to chatting blindly but endlessly like we used to do.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Should students be suspended if their vaccinations are not up to date?



Chris Bishop

Haliburton

I think the professionals have decided this and I have to go on their side. In my generation we all had it. I don't know if it caused issues, but I would trust what the medical profession has to say.



Ken Gurdon

Haliburton

They should [have all their vaccinations]. If you don't have a shot, a poor little kid is going to get sick. There could be something deadly out there, too. You never know.



Maggie Harris

Haliburton

I don't think they should be suspended. It's their choice. Their education is more important.



Michelle Smolarz

Haliburton

I don't really have a problem with it. However, I have friends that do, and have blamed vaccinations for health problems.



Shannon Phillips

Lindsay

I'm for it. I believe that for the health of society, yes, it's important. If I was a parent I would want my child protected.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

County in brief

Bob Nichol remembered

Members of the Haliburton community gathered Tuesday to farewell Bob Nichol. Nichol passed away Jan. 19 at the age of 65.

He was remembered as a businessman, avid golfer, community volunteer, a municipal councillor and chamber director at his celebration of life Jan. 24.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey told *The Highlander*, "I had the opportunity to know Bob at a very young age, when working at the Haliburton Golf Club. Bob and I were born on the same day which was always a back and forth about sharing the same birthday.

"Bob cared about his community, cared about business, and cared about being part of the political process to make our community better. I had the privilege of serving with him, golfing with him, and understanding his sincerity.

"I would say that sometimes Bob thought outside the box, but always in a sincere manner often bringing a new perspective. The community has lost someone who truly cared."

Chamber manager Autumn Smith said Nichol was "very involved in the business community. Right up until a week before he passed away he called me almost

every week to talk about what was going on in the community, a news or business article he read that I should know about, or politics, and life in general. He always asked about my personal life and would give so many ideas about things the chamber could do. He had unending support for the chamber and that meant the world to me." (Lisa Gervais)

Police seek tips in man's disappearance

A week after he went missing, police continue to investigate the disappearance of Glen Swanton of Bobcaygeon.

The 54-year-old was last seen around 9 p.m. on Jan. 16 in the Minden Hills area and hasn't been in contact with anyone since. Swanton was reported missing early the next day—and officers found his abandoned car near the Burnt River in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

The OPP Emergency Response Team, canine unit, and the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit assisted with the search, which was called off last Friday.

At this time, police do not suspect foul play.

Swanton is six-feet-tall with short brown hair, clean shaven and wears glasses. He weighs about 210 pounds. He was last seen wearing blue jeans, a black

windbreaker and black winter boots.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. (Mark Arike).

Building boom in Algonquin Highlands

Forty-five new homes were built in Algonquin Highlands (AH) last year.

AH chief building official and bylaw officer David Rogers told regular council Jan. 19 that 2016 was the best year the municipality has ever had when it comes to construction value for the township.

It also means more jobs for local residents and businesses, as Rogers said the number of building permits increased from 195 in 2015 to 268 in 2016.

"It was the best for a number of reasons," Rogers told *The Highlander*. "It was a little bit of everything. For the total number of permits and then, for construction value."

Municipalities often gauge how much work is being done by making note of their construction value monthly and annually. For AH, the 2016 construction value was more than one third higher than the previous year.

In 2015, Rogers said the township had \$14 million in recorded value. In 2016 it was more than \$21 million. In the month

of May alone, the permit fees paid were more than double the previous year.

Rogers said building permits are quite cyclical, in that they go up and they go down. Many of the new houses were built on properties where an existing cottage stood, that was removed and torn down for a brandnew build.

"There were quite a few new houses too, put up on vacant lots," he said. "We were definitely busy, it certainly put a lot of money into the municipality." (Jennifer Hughey)

County Fair lives on

The 153rd Haliburton County Fair is a go thanks to the commitment of three new people joining the Minden Agricultural Society's board. Hugh Kerwin, Larry Giles and Cathy Fisher became directors during the society's annual general meeting on Saturday at the Minden United Church. With five returning directors, the board now exceeds a minimum of seven members by one.

"This is awesome," said secretary Anne Cox. "It allows quorum for the board—and the fair will live for another year."

The other directors include Eric Casper, Ann Knight, Al Geary, Cindy Nesbitt and Barry Sisson. The 153rd fair is scheduled for June 9 and 10 at the Minden fairgrounds. (Mark Arike)



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Highlander news

School suspension for missing shots

By Mark Arike

Has your child had all of their vaccines?

If not, they could be suspended from school in the spring.

The health unit is sending notices to elementary and high school students whose immunization records aren't up-to-date.

"There is good reason why these vaccines are required for Ontario students," said Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease control, epidemiology and evaluation, in a press release. "Vaccines are free, safe and effective and protect young people against these serious diseases."

Rock urges families to review their child's immunization records and get them updated "as quickly as possible."

But some students may be exempted for medical reasons, and issues of conscience or religious belief. Parents or guardians must fill out a form if they are "religiously or philosophically opposed to immunization," according to the health unit's website.

Last year, only six students in Haliburton County were suspended. Across the City of Kawartha Lakes, 25 elementary and 11 secondary school students were suspended, said Rock.

Under the Immunization of Schools Pupils Act, it is the responsibility of the health unit to ensure students are vaccinated against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease.

"There have been no reported outbreaks of any of the vaccine preventable diseases

listed in the media release recently," she told *The Highlander*. "I would say that we still do get reports from schools and parents/guardians of children experiencing chickenpox (varicella), but with children receiving vaccination against the illness, we are hearing of cases less and less."

Often times, students have received all of their vaccinations from a family doctor or health care provider, but families haven't provided the records to the health unit.

The health unit and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) work together to ensure the information reaches parents, said Catherine Shedden, TLDSB communications manager.

"For example, the health unit is able to upload posters through our Peachjar e-flyer program. We have shared information through our SchoolConnects system that makes an automated phone call to each student's home to share immunization information. And information, posters, and flyers from the health unit are shared with our principals," said Shedden.

As of Jan. 15, she said the TLDSB's office hadn't received any complaints from parents.

"Occasionally a school superintendent has been contacted. Principals and the health unit will work with families who have not yet had their children immunized to get them back to school as soon as possible," she said.

Parents wishing to exempt their child from immunization can download the form at hkpr.on.ca/InfoSet/Youth/Immunization/ExemptionForms.aspx.

Vaccination checklist for families

1. Check your student's records. For a list of recommended and required vaccines for students, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507, or visit hkpr.on.ca.
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Realtors help out

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Highlander news

Gas bar complex gets a red light

By Alex Coop

Dysart council's strong reservations about a proposed gas bar and convenience store next to Tim Hortons in Haliburton were still intact Monday morning when Leo Palozzi of Sunray Developments tried to get a zoning amendment for his project.

Palozzi was in front of Dysart's public planning committee Jan. 9, where he was told the committee would be recommending that council deny his zoning amendment. That's exactly what happened Jan. 23.

I haven't had a single person tell me that this property is appropriate for this kind of use.

Murray Fearrey
Dysart Reeve

After some discussion, councillors stood by their reasoning and denied the request, putting the project to rest.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey reiterated the fact that council had several concerns about the project when it was first brought to their attention last August.

"I haven't had a single person tell me that this property is appropriate for this kind of use," he told Palozzi Monday.

He also said denying the amendment didn't feel good, and that he was still very much "pro-development."

After the public meeting Jan. 9, Palozzi

was asked to deliver a revised plan that addressed some of the concerns brought forward.

The lot's size, intensity and nature of the proposed use were the committee's primary concerns.

Residents also cited lighting concerns, noise, traffic and a decrease in property values.

Palozzi returned with a slightly modified plan Monday, but it wasn't enough, and Pat Martin, Dysart's director of planning and development, noted in her report to council that the project would only be able to use about half of the actual lot for development purposes since the zoning amendment included Nimigon Lane.

If the residential street is removed from the calculation, the area available for development drops from 2,696 square metres to just 2,050.

Martin also cited traffic concerns, and wrote the proposal "does not address the required vegetation buffers, which are important in a mixed use residential-commercial area."

Coun. Dennis Casey told Palozzi it would have been nice if the updated plans reflected the previously mentioned issues.

"You've already had a kick at the can with this one," Casey said.

Palozzi admitted he could have returned with a plan that complied with all the zoning issues, but then the project wouldn't have been functional.

"That [functionality] is our main concern," he replied. "I think with some more time, we could really make this work ... it is what it is."



The property next to Tim Hortons on County Road 21, where a proposed gas bar complex was turned down by Dysart council Monday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017 during its Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the draft 2017 Budget.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be meeting as the Budget Standing Committee to review the 4th draft of the 2017 Budget on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

The meeting will commence following Council's Committee of the Whole meeting in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

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Deadline for applications is **February 2, 2017** on or before noon.

Highlander news

Stanhope Gardens officially open

By Jennifer Hughey

It's time to lace up those skates, as there's a new outdoor rink up and running in Stanhope.

Stanhope Gardens officially opened on Jan. 13 at 1095 North Shore Rd. It was aptly named after Maple Leaf Gardens by former Algonquin Highlands (AH) operations manager Brian Whetstone and joins the Dorset Ice Palace as the second of its kind in the township.

"Since the Dorset rink had a name, it seemed fitting that this one have a name, too," said AH Reeve Carol Moffatt in an interview. "However, neither name is official (by resolution) and this is just what we call them to keep it fun."

In 2010, AH received \$75,000 in funding from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture to replace the existing pad, according to Angie Bird, the township's chief administrative officer and clerk. The goal was to replace it with a multi-purpose pad, repair the fencing and repair cracks on the other two existing tennis courts.

"The township also received \$10,000 from Hydro One for lighting upgrades," Bird told *The Highlander*, allowing it to stay open to the public daily until 11 p.m.

She also said the rink was initially established and maintained each year by volunteers under the picnic shelter, which

Moffatt confirmed was a test run before making it permanent and managed by staff.

There are no staff technically policing the rink, or lockers for people to use, so Moffatt said everyone is "expected to govern their own conduct at the rink and be respectful of other users and their stuff."

Rink etiquette and other important information was made public on social media through Moffatt's AH Reeve page, quickly making her the "go-to gal" for questions.

"I respond to every inquiry I receive and in doing so, had to reach out to staff who took action to find the answer for me, after hours, so we could keep the public informed," she said. "We have great staff that way."

Chris Card, AH parks, recreation and trails manager said they aren't currently tracking exactly how many people use it, but that they see people on it frequently, mainly after school and on weekends.

"It is great to see it being enjoyed by people of all ages," he said. "All are welcome and there is no fee."

Moving forward, Card will make information available through their Facebook page, which you can follow for additional operational details at facebook.com/parksrecreationandtrails.



Chris Card, right, AH parks, recreation and trails manager, and Karl Mueller, who does maintenance on the rink, are inviting members of the general public to Stanhope Gardens this winter. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



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Yvonne Heath facilitates the death café at Baked and Battered in Haliburton on Wednesday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Coffee, cake and end-of-life talk

There was a packed house at Baked and Battered yesterday (Wednesday, Jan. 25) in Haliburton for a death café.

Yvonne Heath, the author of *Loving Your Life to Death*, was the facilitator of the event, which was sponsored by CARP Haliburton chapter.

It was an informal gathering over tea and cake, in which people got to talk about death.

Heath says “grief, death and dying is something we will all face whether we like it or not. So, why not empower ourselves and learn from each other.”

The death café has become an international movement. You can find out more about it by logging on to deathcafe.com. (Lisa Gervais).

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Living well



Volunteers needed: Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is in desperate need of volunteers for essential programs—and you might be the person they’re looking for. Photo by Mark Arike.

Touch lives with HHHS

By Mark Arike

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is in desperate need of volunteers for essential programs—and you might be the person they’re looking for.

The Meals on Wheels program could double its current base of volunteers to deliver frozen dishes to seniors and adults with disabilities. They are on the lookout for drivers and runners (people who hand over the meals and help navigate the driver).

“They get their mileage to come here and then they use our Meals on Wheels delivery van,” explained Brigitte Gebauer, coordinator of volunteer services for HHHS. “We pair volunteers up, or if they come to us as a pair we’ll keep that intact.”

Often times friends or partners team up to do it.

“It’s kind of a fun volunteer thing to do together,” said Gebauer.

Three runs are made each week to Haliburton, Minden and Highlands East. An average of 449 meals go to 56 people each week. More than 23,000 meals were delivered last year alone.

At this time, there are four volunteer drivers and six runners.

“With three runs per week, they’re spread pretty thin,” she said.

The minimum commitment is one day a month, but there is no limit.

It’s a rewarding program for volunteers because they are able to meet people and make a difference in their lives.

“It’s not just go there and drop the meals and run,” said Gebauer. “It’s interaction with the clients as well. For some of these people, it’s their only interaction.”

Volunteer drivers are also needed to take local residents to important medical appointments. They must use their own vehicle and will receive 40 cents per km. There are short and long distance trips, which can be as far as Toronto.

Those who sign up are able to do what they prefer.

“You set the parameters,” she said.

To become a driver for either program, applicants must have a clean driving record for three years and complete a three-hour driving session with licensed instructor Richard Van Nood.

Anyone interested in volunteering for these programs or inquiring about others should contact Gebauer at 705-457-1392 ext. 2927. She can also be emailed at bgebauer@hhhs.ca.



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Highlander arts

Rails End honours Canada's birthday

By Mark Arike

Art lovers and even a couple of local dignitaries packed the upper level of the Rails End Gallery on Saturday for an exhibition opening and a Canadian-inspired celebration.

More than 100 visitors shuffled around the cozy space as they perused more than 50 works of art featured in the members salon exhibition. Appropriately titled "Oh Canada," its theme commemorates the country's 150th anniversary, which is this year.

In the afternoon, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to recognize the recent completion of renovations, including a new kitchen and multi-use space.

MPP Laurie Scott, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey and local Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) representative Jack Brezina were in attendance.

The gallery received a \$50,000 grant from the OTF last spring. Ben DeCarlo of Highland Design was hired as the project manager and Gary Burtch Construction did the work.

Oh Canada runs until March 19. To read more, see George Farrell's column below.



From left, OTF representative Jack Brezina, gallery director Laurie Jones, president Susanne James, Dysart councillor Susan Norcross and MPP Laurie Scott cut the ribbon. Photo by Mark Arike.

'Oh Canada,' the 2017 members' show

"Each year we try to put out a theme for our member's show which causes the artists to consider their lives here in Haliburton," said Rails End gallery curator Laurie Jones, in response to my question.

The member's show is an annual exhibition which features the work of gallery members, who also happen to be artists and artisans. Jones said that

because 2017 is the sesquicentennial year for both Dysart et al, and Canada, she thought the theme 'Oh Canada' would be fitting. And so it is.

I always enjoy the member's show because you get to see works by some of our best artists, as well as contributions from new members; and in my opinion the 68 pieces by 40 artists and artisans, are of a quality that collectively surpasses

that of most previous years.

"People's presentations have improved every year," said Jones, "and this year they are accompanied by some very thoughtful artist's statements."

But one thing, both Jones and I have noticed over the years is the general lack of human life forms in most of the wall art. What we see in the main again this year, are images containing combinations of sky, water, rocks and trees, along with animal life forms such as deer and birds. Surprisingly too, there is not much from artisans; little in the way of ceramics, glass, and jewelry. And there's only a few photographs.

Andrea Percy has submitted a piece called 'Lego kid,' which shows a small boy playing with the iconic Danish building blocks. Janet Bradley has painted a tiny person dwarfed by rock formations and Biljana Banchotova exhibits a mystic piece which looks like an acid trip, and features a young androgynous person sitting atop a deer which appears ready to levitate. That's about it for people.

There's a cleverly pierced ceramic candle holder, with a maple leaf theme, by Rene Woltz, smart ceramic canoes by Susanne James, and delicate paper quilling by new member Sarah Cuthbertson. Most of the rest is wall art.

But some of the wall art is very good. Catching my eye was a large abstract landscape, fractured and colourful, titled 'Winter Reflection,' created by



By George Farrell

new member Andy Anderson, as well as a black, grey and white cityscape by another new member, Sophie Creelman.

Among those works by people who have exhibited before I especially liked 'Preserve it' by Rossanna Dewey, who works mainly with a palette knife. Her large image draws the viewer through foreground stalks of wheat or weeds to a background of multi-hued farmer's fields. It's the piece I would have liked to take home.

Most of the art in the exhibition shows Canada in a joyous, positive light, and there is not much in the way of political or social commentary. One exception is perhaps the most eye-arresting large image. It's of a dead Canada goose, hanging upside down. The artist, David Douglas, titled the piece 'Oh my, Canada,' the implication being that Canada's goose is cooked, or at least ready to be plucked, in advance of a symbolic roasting.

As usual, guests to the gallery are invited to vote once only, for their favourite piece. The name of the winning artist will be drawn on the closing date of Mar. 19. So be sure to go and cast your vote at this delightful exhibition. More information can be found at info@railsendgallery.com

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Highlander people

Where are they now?

Ryan White's overnight success took 20 years of hard work

By Jennifer Hughey

Training from dawn to dusk takes an obscene amount of discipline, but for former Minden resident Ryan White, it's all part of reaching out and taking what you want from life.

White currently lives in Denver, Colorado and this past weekend, he was moving his Iron Warriors Pro Gym and merging with some new digs – a 35,000-sq. ft. gym called Self Defined Fitness Pro Gym.

An average day starts at 4:30 a.m. and within an hour, he's at the gym training and guiding the likes of pro boxing world champions, Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fighters, fitness competitors, pro bodybuilders and college football players.

"I usually do my own training between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and then I check in on my online clients and handle any business matters before starting back with training clients from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m."

White recalls more than 20 years ago, in Grade 8 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School when his mother hired a trainer for him, teaching him the basics of how to eat, train and supplement properly which laid the groundwork of a future bodybuilder.

"It became a lifelong obsession, and I hardly ever missed a day of training – to this day," he said. "It was an overnight success that took 20 years of hard-ass work."

White said he has always lived by the philosophy to never forget where you come from.

"Growing up in Haliburton [County] made me an athlete, it was my foundation," he said. He was actively involved in every sport while attending HHSS and has fond memories of the relationships gained.

"I was captain of my hockey team, graduated captain of the football team, played baseball, did track. I was always active." He recalls getting to school very early every morning to train at the gym with Coach Tim Davies and best friends Jamie Johnston, Trevor Clement and Brian Mulholland.

"We would train every day until it was time to go to class," he said. "We worked our ass off all the way through high school and I just kept gaining momentum from there."

Mulholland and White have been friends for more than two decades, and he agrees that when White wants something, he goes and gets it.

"Ryan's best quality is his tenacity. No

obstacle stops him," Mulholland said in an interview. "It was always matched by one of the most positive attitudes I've ever seen. Always looking for how a weakness can be flipped into a strength."

White graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) in 2000 and moved to Toronto to attend York University for Kinesiology and Health Science, which is when he got hooked on boxing and martial arts.

While at York, White worked as a bodyguard for multiple celebrities like the Olsen twins, Nicole Kidman and Denzel Washington. He also worked for an on-set security company for many television shows and Hollywood blockbuster movies.

Over the next 10 years, White took advantage of the opportunity to train with

Growing up in Haliburton [County] made me an athlete, it was my foundation.

Ryan White

Body builder/trainer

multiple world champions in boxing and MMA, and several martial arts masters.

"I also continued my education and attained over a dozen advanced certifications in fitness and nutrition science," White said, adding this training has given him an edge, allowing him the opportunity to run many gyms during the last 15 years.

When your passions include things like fitness, martial arts and nutrition, it only seemed logical that the next step for White was to open his own gym.

"I finally opened my own spot three years ago," he said, referencing Iron Warriors Pro. "Out of that gym, I won four overall titles, turned pro and built one of the top body building teams in Colorado."

White said there are many things he is proud of, but it's not the trophies or pro cards.

"It's my three kids," he said about Kai, 6, Kiana, 9 and 15-year-old Eli. "They are my whole world and I love them more than anything."

White said he heard somewhere that your kids will follow your example, not your advice.

"I work my ass off to be a super hero



Professional body builder Ryan White says he has always lives by the philosophy to never forget where you came from. Photo submitted.

for them, to show them that anything is possible in this world. Everything you want is there for you, you just have to have the courage to reach out and take it."

Musclemania Colorado Natural Championships promoter, Tiffany Yee, said White is touted as one of the best coaches for natural athletes who wish to compete.

"Ryan is one of the first natural athletes, in the state of Colorado, to become a Musclemania Pro and the only Colorado male athlete to earn PRO status in two categories," Yee told *The Highlander*.

So, what's next for White? He just launched a new 12-week fitness

transformation system he calls Project Alpha, which has already been promoted on Colorado's Best Morning Show, Fox31.

"I've got more big plans in store for 2017 to make it a global brand," he said. "My number one goal for this year is to win the Mr. Universe Pro Title in Miami in June."

Ultimately, White said he feels like he's already accomplished more than most ever dream of.

"I get to wake up and do what I love every single day, I'm truly blessed."

To learn more about Project Alpha visit alpha.ironwarriors.fit/

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Highland Storm



The Novice Storm celebrate their B championship this past weekend in Port Carling. *Submitted.*

Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Atoms

The Highland Storm Atoms travelled to Huntsville to play in the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament this past weekend. The first team the Storm faced was the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm started off strong with a beauty goal by Austin Boylan in the first period. However, in the second, the Bear's attack was relentless, not letting the Storm out of their end, scoring two goals, making it 2-1 going into the third. The Bears were not going to let up and they scored a goal at 9:55 with the final score 3-1. In the second game, the Storm were up against the home team Huntsville Otters. The first period consisted of an early goal by the Otters at 8:32. But the Storm finally

answered back with a goal by Boylan at 4:19. However, the Otters were just getting warmed up and they scored a goal at 3:39 and another with two minutes left. At the end of the first it was 3-1. The second period was a battle with the Otters scoring back-to-back goals at 6:38 and 6:25. But the Storm came back with a goal by Addison Carr at 5:32 and another by Aiden Perrott at 3:42. By the end of the second, the score was 5-3. In the third, the Storm played probably their best period of the season. Within the first minute, Boylan scored ... and then scored another for his hat trick a minute later. The Storm had tied the game. But they didn't want a tie. They wanted a win. Two minutes later, Perrott scored his second goal of the game, followed by Carr scoring his second of the game and with a minute left, Perrott scored his hat trick goal, making the final score 8-5. The third game was against the

Parry Sound Shamrocks. The first period started with Parry Sound scoring within a minute of puck drop. However, the Storm answered with two quick goals by Boylan taking a one-goal lead. But, the Shamrocks were not going down that easy as they scored a pair of goals and ended the first with the score 3-2. The second period was a battle with neither team giving up a goal. The third period was a tough period. Both teams were battling but with only five minutes left, Parry Sound scored two goals and made the final 5-2 and knocked the Storm out of the finals.

The boys played an amazing tournament. Both goalies, Aaron Neave and Taylor Consack, played exceptionally well.

On Jan. 27, the Storm enter into playoffs versus the Durham Crusaders. The first game is Friday at 7 p.m., at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The second is in

Whitby on Saturday and the final game of the weekend is Sunday the 29th at 3 p.m. in Haliburton. *(Submitted by Amber Card).*

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Storm began the Ontario playoffs against the Parry Sound Shamrocks in Haliburton Friday, Jan. 20. It was an exciting game of back-and-forth action but the Storm lost 2-1. Both teams came out flying, creating many scoring opportunities and front-of-the-net action. The first goal was a deflection that beat Smolen and put the Shamrocks on the scoreboard. The Storm picked up some momentum in the second period. Chris Thompson took a pass from Parker

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Highland Storm



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Smolen and made his way up the ice while on a penalty kill. He pushed hard to get by the defense, fighting his way to the net. He managed to get a shot off and then picked up his own rebound to find the opening and score a well-earned short-handed goal. The action continued to build as both teams worked aggressively hard to take the lead. With seconds left in the second period, the luck of the Shamrock paid off and Parry Sound got the go-ahead goal. The third period was filled with penalties by the Storm team, making it impossible for them to score. They finally got a chance during the last minute of play and worked hard with the extra man but were unsuccessful. Smolen stood solid in net, making some outstanding saves for the team. The next two playoff games will be held in Parry Sound this weekend. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)

JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees

On Saturday, Jan. 21 the Storm headed to Bracebridge to play in their MPS tournament. The first game saw the Peewees facing the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Storm were on the board early with a goal by Nick Phippen assisted by Gage Hutchinson. The Storm kept battling and put in another, scored by Hunter Winder assisted by Dylan Keefer. The Shamrocks scored one of their own but the Storm maintained their lead with a goal by Keefer unassisted to put them ahead 3-1 going into the second. The Shamrocks scored one in the second to bring them within one goal going into the third. The Storm scored early in the third with a goal by Kyan Hall unassisted to put them back ahead by two. The Shamrocks kept up the pressure and netted two more to tie the game with three minutes to go. With the clock

ticking down, the Storm gave everything they had and with a minute left they scored a goal by Winder assisted by Ty Mills and Colin Glecoff. The Storm won 5-4. The second game saw the Storm facing off against the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm were on the board first with a goal by Keefer assisted by Hall. The game stayed at 1-0 going into the second. The Bears scored two early in the second to put them ahead 2-1 but the Storm came back with a power play goal by Keefer assisted by Winder and Phippen. The Storm struck again with another by Keefer assisted by Zander Upton and Glecoff putting them ahead 3-2 going into the third. The Bears were ready to attack in the third, scoring two more to put them back ahead 4-3. It took only 20 seconds on the power play for the Storm to put the tying goal in by Keefer assisted by Phippen and Winder. The Bears managed to put in one more in the dying seconds. The Storm tried everything but the Bears took the game 5-4.

The Storm headed into the MPS finals facing off against the Bears once again. Both teams were going into the game wanting the trophy so they battled hard back and forth. With 2:38 left in the first, the Bears were awarded a penalty shot and goalie Darian Maddock wasn't going to allow anything in his net, shutting the door. The score remained at zero into the second when the Storm put one in on the power play by Keefer assisted by Winder. The Bears bounced back with a power play goal of their own tying it at one going into the third. The Storm struck early in the third with a goal by Phippen assisted by Glecoff putting the Storm ahead 2-1. Their lead only lasted 15 seconds as the Bears put one in, tying it. Both teams gave everything they had the rest of the third, ending regulation time 2-2. With overtime rules, both teams started 3-on-3. The teams battled back and forth with chances on both sides as the three minute overtime ended with the score still tied. They put three more minutes on the clock and started again with goalie Maddock stopping everything that came his way. Another three minutes

ended with the score still tied. The third overtime of 3-on-3 saw both teams battling back and forth with the goalies stopping everything. Three more minutes were put on the clock for the fourth overtime as both teams battled back and forth with chances at both ends. With the Bears on a rush, Maddock was kicking out everything he could but the Bears managed to put one past the tender winning the game 3-2.

The Storm are waiting for their first round of playoffs to start with the winner of the Gananogue and Ennismore series. (Submitted by Ron Hall)

Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novices

The Storm competed in the MPS Novice tournament in Port Carling this past weekend. Game one had the Storm face off against the Huntsville Otters. Excellent skating and puck battles led to many turnover opportunities for the Storm who netted a couple of goals, tying the game at two. Solid defensive play by Brady Burtch, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms kept the game within reach but unfortunately the Otters were too much for the Storm to handle on this day. Goals were scored by McLean Rowden and Liam Harrison. It was another good goaltending performance by Chase Winder. The Storm dropped the first game 5-2.

In their second game of the day, the Storm were looking to rebound and have a strong performance against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Shamrocks struck first and gave the Storm all they could handle. The Storm generated some scoring opportunities but were unable to convert them to goals. The Storm couldn't contain the firepower of the

Shamrocks and dropped this game 5-1.

The last game of the day on Saturday saw the Storm square off against the Muskoka Rock. Looking for a win, the Storm came out strong and struck first with two early goals. The Storm continued to apply offensive pressure but couldn't get the puck past the Rock netminder. With minutes left in the third, the Rock pulled their goalie and netted one, tying the game and forcing it into 3-on-3 overtime. It was end-to-end action with no room for mistakes. Finally, in the third overtime, Brechin Johnston scored the winner, giving the Storm their first win of the tournament. The team played their last game of the round robin on Sunday, facing off against the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm battled hard in the corners, skated well and had some good scoring opportunities but were unable to defeat the Bears on this day. It was a tough one to lose as the team played very well. With the loss, the team was off to the B finals to face the Huntsville Otters. The Storm were determined to make this their best performance of the weekend. The Storm took the lead early and never looked back. Strong offensive pressure and excellent skating by the entire team led to their first win over the Otters this year. Johnston got the natural hat trick and Austin Latanville added one to give the Storm a 4-1 win. The Storm are back in playoff action next weekend when they travel to Newcastle for game three of the series. (Submitted by Janice Scheffee).

Storm reports continued

Games of the Week

Game of the Week
Sunday, January 29, 2017
Midget Game of the Week
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House League action at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Photo by Mark Arike.



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Highland Storm



The Highlander's 3-Stars of the Week



1



Stats G A GP
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Dylan Keefer
PEEWEE

The Highland Storm's Peewee team travelled to Bracebridge this past weekend to take part in the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament. After a nail-biting first game which saw the Storm beat the Parry Sound Shamrocks 5-4, it was in the second game against the host South Muskoka Bears where Dylan made his presence felt. After a reasonably tame two-point performance in the first game, Dylan went off, recording all four of the Storm's goals in this contest, ending the weekend with seven points over three games.

2



Stats G A GP
 6 1 3

Austin Boylan
ATOM

The Highland Storm Atoms also took part in their Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament this past weekend, with this one taking place in Huntsville. Austin's dominant play has yet to cool this season, as the Boylan-Perrott tandem is second to none in the league. Recording points in all three contests, ending the day with six goals and one assist, the day was capped with both players recording a hat-trick in an 8-5 win over the host Otters.

3



Stats G A GP
 4 3 3

Aiden Perrot
ATOM

The Highland Storm Atoms played in three games this past weekend as part of the MPS tournament in Huntsville. Though the Storm ended the day with a 1-2 record, they are in great shape heading into the playoffs with performances like the one Aiden had over the three games, recording four goals to go along with three helpers. The first round begins Friday as the Storm take on the Durham Crusaders in Haliburton.

Local League Weekly Schedule

Thursday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 28

Initiation 2- Practice- Wilberforce @ 9AM-10AM
Team TD vs. Bancroft Jets- Bancroft @ 9AM
Team Canadian Tire vs. Wilberforce Rockets (1)- Wilberforce @ 10AM
Team Rotary vs. Team Pharmasave- Haliburton @ 11AM
Team McKeck's vs. Wilberforce Rockets (2)- Wilberforce @ 11:30AM
Initiation 1- Practice- Haliburton @ 12PM-1PM
Team Home Hardware vs. Bancroft Jets (3)- Wilberforce @ 1PM

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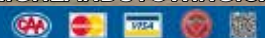
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February 1
BANTAM- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7:30-9PM

February 2
NOVICE- Practice- Minden @
6-7:30PM

February 3
ATOM vs. Durham Crusaders-
Whitby @ 5:15PM
BANTAM- Practice- Minden @
7-8:30PM
MIDGET vs. Parry Sound
Shamrocks- Parry Sound @
8:30PM

February 4
TYKE- Practice- Minden @
10-11AM
NOVICE- Practice- Minden @
11-12:30PM
ATOM- Practice- Minden @
12:30-2PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Minden @
2-3:30PM
MIDGET vs. Parry Sound
Shamrocks- Haliburton @ 3PM
NOVICE vs. Newcastle Stars-
Newcastle @ 5PM
BANTAM vs. Newcastle Stars-
Newcastle @ 8PM

February 5
TYKE vs. South Muskoka
Bears- Haliburton @ 10AM
ATOM vs. Durham Crusaders-
Oshawa @ 12:15PM
NOVICE vs. Newcastle Stars-
Haliburton @ 1:30PM
BANTAM vs. Newcastle Stars-

Minden @ 2PM

February 6
BANTAM- Practice- Minden @
7-8:30PM

February 7
TYKE- Practice- Haliburton @
5-6PM
ATOM- Practice- Haliburton @
6-7:30PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Minden @
7-8:30PM
MIDGET- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7:30-9PM

February 8
BANTAM- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7:30-9PM

February 9
NOVICE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 6-7:30PM

February 10
BANTAM- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7-8:30PM
MIDGET- Practice- Haliburton
@ 8:30-10PM

February 11
TYKE vs. Parry Sound
Shamrocks- Haliburton @
11AM
NOVICE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 11-12:30PM
ATOM- Practice- Haliburton @
12:30-2PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 2-3:30PM

February 14
TYKE- Practice- Minden @
5-6PM
ATOM- Practice- Minden @
6-7:30PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7-8:30PM
MIDGET- Practice- Minden @
7:30-9PM

February 15
BANTAM- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7:30-9PM

February 16
NOVICE- Practice- Minden @
6-7:30PM

February 17
BANTAM- Practice- Minden @
7-8:30PM
MIDGET- Practice- Minden @
8:30-10PM

February 18
TYKE- Practice- Minden @
10-11AM
NOVICE- Practice- Minden @
11-12:30PM
ATOM- Practice- Minden @
12:30-2PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Minden @
2-3:30PM

February 20
BANTAM- Practice- Minden @
7-8:30PM

February 21
TYKE- Practice- Haliburton @

5-6PM
ATOM- Practice- Haliburton @
6-7:30PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Minden @
7-8:30PM
MIDGET- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7:30-9PM
February 22
BANTAM- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7:30-9PM

February 23
NOVICE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 6-7:30PM

February 24
BANTAM- Practice- Haliburton
@ 7-8:30PM
MIDGET- Practice- Haliburton
@ 8:30-10PM

February 25
NOVICE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 11-12:30PM
TYKE vs. South Muskoka
Bears- Bracebridge @ 12PM
ATOM- Practice- Haliburton @
12:30-2PM
PEEWEE- Practice- Haliburton
@ 2-3:30PM

February 28
TYKE- Practice- Minden @
5-6PM
ATOM- Practice- Minden @
6-7:30PM
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Red Hawks sports

Junior and senior basketball teams lose at home

Coaches say cancelled games disrupting flow of the season

By Alex Coop

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym hosted a pair of basketball games Jan. 23 against the top-seeded I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats, and despite a strong effort from both the junior and senior teams, the Red Hawks came up short.

"We were only down by seven after the first half," junior head coach Gordon Cochrane said. "I told our guys that they played pretty well."

The boys have channeled their frustration with game cancellations due to inclement weather onto the court with tenacious defense and a high octane offence.

Paul Longo

Senior team head coach

Guard Austin French led the way for the juniors with 11 points in the 21-40 loss. Cochrane was also impressed with the rebounding efforts from Caden Little and Coleman Heaven.

Despite McKay Coneybeare's 16-point performance and a wicked 40-footer 3-pointer by Sam Longo, the seniors

couldn't overcome the well-oiled machine that was the senior Wild Cats.

Weldon played a controlled game and rarely turned the ball over.

Senior assistant coach Dan Lapierre was pleased with their performance.

"That's a tough team," he said after the game. "They [Red Hawks] just got to move the ball around a little faster, but they were doing a lot of the right things."

The Red Hawks have had a hard time finding time to practice as multiple school bus cancellations have disrupted the flow of the season.

"I've never seen anything like it," Sam Little, Red Hawks assistant coach for the junior team told *The Highlander* during a practice last week.

Despite the unpredictable schedule, Cochrane says the team has worked hard to improve their jump shots and ability to dribble with the wrong hand.

"They are a hard working competitive group of young men," he said.

Senior head coach Paul Longo says the cancelled games have been frustrating for his team.

But when his players do get to play, they continue to remain focused.

"The boys have channeled their frustration with game cancellations due to inclement weather onto the court with tenacious defense and a high octane offence," he said, pointing to victories against Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute, Gravenhurst High School and the HHSS Alumni team in December action.

Both the junior and senior Red Hawks basketball teams are scheduled to play multiple games starting Feb. 7 against Fenelon Falls Secondary School.



Top: Austin French dribbles around a screen and drives to the basket against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats Jan. 23. Above: Red Hawks guard Zak Shantz muscled his way through the Wild Cats defence on his way to the basket. Photos by Alex Coop

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Red Hawks sports

HHSS hockey team looking for consistency

By Alex Coop

Despite missing out on two tournaments this season, HHSS hockey coach Ron Yake says his team is hungry to play.

"In my many years I have never seen a winter like this before," he said, referring to the multiple school bus cancellations that he claims have never been so frequent during his 30 years of coaching.

"Those tournaments provide us with anywhere from eight to 10 games, and that kind of high level hockey really helps our players," he said.

The Red Hawks are currently seeded sixth, but with only a few points

separating the nine teams in the Kawartha conference, they would only need a few wins to climb the standings.

"I think we are capable of being in the top four," Yake said.

Many of Haliburton's players have been playing minor hockey, but the Red Hawks have found it difficult to find consistency within their own team.

"It's still a work in progress, but as we moved through the Christmas holidays, there was some definite improvement," he said.

Playing disciplined hockey and avoiding late-game penalties, something Yake stressed to his team at the beginning of

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Ron Yake

HHSS hockey head coach

the season, is a message that is slowly resonating with the team.

Three out of the next four games will be against teams seeded higher than the Red Hawks, which will be a good test for Haliburton as they enter the final stretch of the season.

"If we have a good ending to the season we could jump to a much higher position," he said. "It's going to be a dog fight."

The Red Hawks will play at home Feb. 8 at 3:50 p.m. against Campbellford District High School at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

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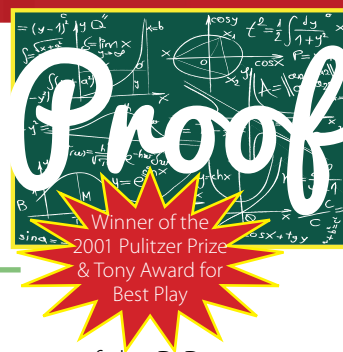
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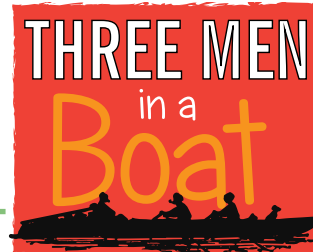
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Highlander sports



Minden snowcross racer Izac Reid soars across his driveway on a new snowmobile. Photos by Alex Coop.

Teen snowcross racer ups the challenge

By Alex Coop

Minden snowcross racer Izac Reid soars across his driveway on a new snowmobile while Bruiser, the family dog, happily chases him.

In addition to his new Polaris Axys Chassis snowmobile, the 17-year-old is experiencing a new level of racing as he slowly familiarizes himself with the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association's (CSRA) pro-lite class.

This season's first test was Jan. 14 in Rouyn-Noranda, Que, and Reid was

pleased with the top five finishes in both his qualifiers and finals races.

"I went in knowing I was going to have to learn a lot, but I still ended up getting very good results," he said, adding he hopes to keep up the pace and maybe even end up on the podium a few times.

The mild winter didn't faze Reid in 2016, as he finished first in the CSRA's sport-600 class standings.

But he decided to leave the sport-600 class behind and pursue new challenges in the faster pro-lite class during his fifth year of racing.

His father Tim wasn't sure if Reid was ready.

"He proved his point last week," he said with a smile. "If you keep racing against slower riders your abilities won't improve."

Tim continues to maintain and repair Reid's snowmobile and noted the new machine's improved suspension system.

There was still some familiarizing left to do, he says.

A new race class also means a new schedule.

Starting February, Reid will have to endure five straight weekends of racing. Tim and his wife Paula will be there every step of the way, as they've always been.

"Doesn't give us a lot of time to rest and work on the sled," he said. "Hopefully we get a few breaks in there. I like to have some weekends off."

Reid spent most of the summer preparing for the season by riding his dirt bike. He even entered and won a few races.

Becoming more agile on the sled was another goal, so he lost a bit of weight.

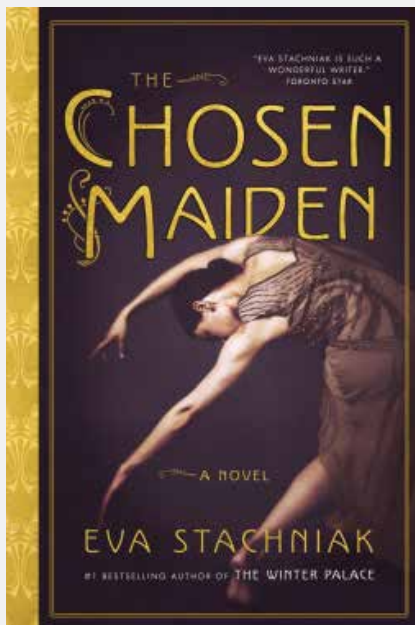
"With all the gear you wear you're already limited in your movement ... I feel like I can move around a lot better now," he said.

Balancing school and racing hasn't been



Izac Reid.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads



The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

1. *The Chosen Maiden* by Eva Stachniak
2. *The Old Man* by Thomas Perry
3. *The Couturier Of Milan: the triad years* by Ian Hamilton
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a problem either, especially since races didn't start until January.

A four-credit co-op program with a professional welder will provide him with a more flexible schedule during his second semester at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Tim says he and Paula are behind their son every step of the way.

"We enjoy doing all this with him," he said.

Reid's next races are scheduled for the Feb. 4 weekend in Sault Ste. Marie.

Highlander sports

Leveque Brothers/ Rock Breakers Peewee Girls Jets

With two regular season games left, the peewees faced off against their divisional rivals, the Peterborough Ice Kats. A great game was on the horizon between these two hard-fighting teams. The Jets found the back of the net first with a shot by Chloe "fireball" Billings, assisted by Emma Tidey. The Ice Kats did not take long to answer back and then 15 seconds later scored another to gain the lead 2-1. Before the first period ended, Tidey evened the score, unassisted. The second period saw some great passing plays, rushes and awesome saves from both ends, leaving the fans on the edge of their seats. The third period was a high flying, goal scoring, exciting 12 minutes. The Jets were the victors of the third period to end the game with a final score of 5-3. The remaining goals were scored by Mackenzie Hudder, Tidey and Trista Young with assists going to M. Hudder,

Billings and Peyton Armstrong. The Jets have one final season game Saturday in Minden at 2 p.m. against the Ennismore Eagles. (Submitted by Melissa Armstrong).

The Bancroft I.D.A./ Red Eagle Family Campground Midget B

The midget girls dropped their second game of the season in a 1-0 loss to the pesky Lindsay Lynx in Haliburton on Saturday afternoon.

The Jets used the loss to fuel the tanks as they took flight the next day, on the road in Ennismore, in a Sunday afternoon match-up with the improving Eagles squad.

Kenndal Marsden opened the scoring late in the first period when she walked out from behind the net and stuffed a five-hole backhand past the Eagles tender. The late marker spurred on the Jets' attack as they fired another five unanswered tallies into the Ennismore net. Danielle Sunstrum made the score 2-0 on a power play, early

in the second with another walk-out from behind the net, slipping the puck behind and up and over the Ennismore netminder. Bailey Wiltshire finished off a beauty rush giving the Jets a 3-0 lead late into the second period. Bancroft kept their focused, and much improved aggressive team play from Saturday, adding three more markers in the third period to solidify the 6-0 win. Katie Funk fired a wrister, high glove, midway through the third, after beating the D and driving to the net. Funk then added a helper on the next shift, 30 seconds after the face-off when she found Sunstrum, for her second goal, in the slot for a sweet deflection off the great feed. And, Marsden added her second of the game (narrowly missing the hat-trick) with a laser snapshot that beat the Eagles tender low blocker late in the third. Katie Hoover stopped all Ennismore shots, including a second period breakaway for her ninth shut-out win of the 14-2-4 season.

The Jets are on the road Wednesday night in Keene, with their next home game, and last regular season game, on Sunday, Jan. 29

at 4:30 p.m. in Bancroft. (Submitted by Dan Marsden)

Parkview Dental/ Canadian Tire Bancroft Bantam Girls

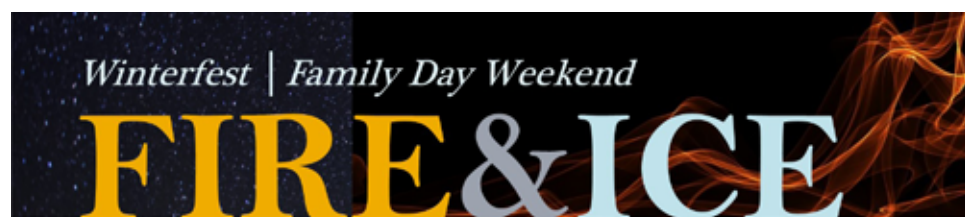
On Saturday afternoon, the bantam Jets played in Haliburton against the Peterborough Ice Kats and won 9-1.

Beth Brownlee got the momentum going in the first period, and was assisted by Kyla Eastman.

The second period saw the Jets on a scoring streak. Adding to the scoreboard were Hannah McMann with a hat trick, Liv Martin with two (one unassisted), Paige Billings (unassisted) and Mackala O'Connor with singles. Assists went to Marissa Cannon, Martin (2), Kendra Bandy, and Billings.

In the third, O'Connor scored her second of the game, assisted by Cannon.

The team hits the road on the weekend to take on their rivals in Keene and Lindsay. (Submitted by Linda Goulett)



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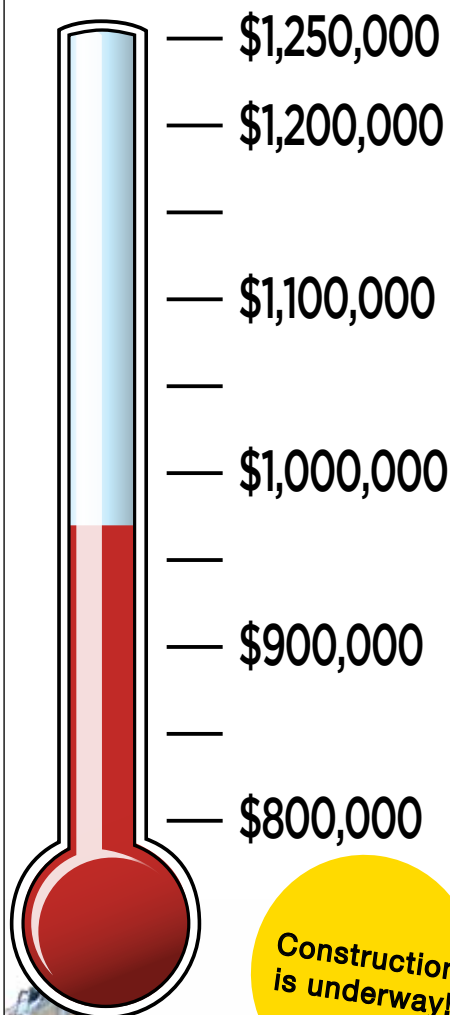
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A racer successfully makes a corner on the icy track. Photos by Mark Arike.

Vintage ice races coming back

By Mark Arike

Although last weekend's vintage snowmobile races were cut short a day due to mild temperatures, the event's organizers are extremely pleased with the outcome.

Forty racers from across Ontario and Quebec took part in the inaugural races held at the Minden fairgrounds on Jan. 21. And more than 600 people were in attendance, according to Rick Greenfield of the Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers (OSOR).

"This was a great event," said Greenfield. "Everyone had a wonderful time, and we

got a full day of racing under our belts. We had so many people come and thank us and offer assistance."

He credits the Minden Kin Club for getting the ice-covered track ready.

"[They] did a great job in prepping and maintaining the ice track so that we could get a full Saturday race day done."

In addition to the races, the event included a vintage show.

It was the OSOR's first event—but not their last. So far, other events are scheduled for Brighton, Valcourt, Que. and Eganville.

They plan on returning to Minden on

March 11 (weather permitting). It would likely be the closing race of the season, he said.

"As it turns out, with the help and support from everyone who came forward, the OSOR dream of bringing back the glory of vintage ice oval racing is on its way and has great possibilities from this point forward."

Greenfield thanked the Minden Kin Club for their support, as well as St. John's Ambulance, volunteers, support staff and sponsors, among others.

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Left: A female competitor rides toward the track. Right: Dozens of spectators eagerly await for the first race of the day.

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(1) Day Camp Leader	Dorset Rec Centre	42	June 26 to Aug 25	\$15.40
(1) Day Camp Assistant	Dorset Rec Centre	42	June 26 to Aug 25	\$13.31
(5) Dorset Tower Attendants	Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower	8 to 21	Approx. May 19 to Oct 15	\$12.04

Hours of Work: May include weekdays, weekends, evenings and Holidays per specific position schedule

For more information on each respective position visit
<http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/government/employment-opportunities.php>

Applications: Persons are invited to inquire and apply in confidence no later than **February 17, 2017** at 4:00pm. Please quote position title and submit your brief covering letter and resume to:

Chris Card, Manager

Parks, Recreation and Trails Department
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, Ontario K0M 1J1
Tele: 705-766-9033
E-mail: ccard@algonquinhighlands.ca

We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

HELP WANTED

Position: Site Manager

Deadline: February 28, 2017

Apply: Please submit your resume and cover letter to Colin Leonard, Director
colin@kandalore.com

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www.kandalore.com

The Role:

The Site Manager is accountable for the overall maintenance and repair of the residential camp facilities and the supervision and management of the facilities staff.

The general duties include:

- Maintain grounds and ensure all buildings are in good repair. Identify and facilitate repairs where necessary
- Perform routine site checks and document deficiencies
- Prioritize daily repair schedule and complete repairs
- Maintain and regularly test the drinking water system as required
- Monitor the septic system and ensure it is maintained at all times
- Monitor and maintain the security of all buildings as well as the site
- Prepare the site for rental groups during the off-season

Experience and Qualifications

- A competent understanding of building construction, carpentry, electrical work, plumbing and septic systems
- Capable of training, supervising and support of facility staff
- A basic understanding of the Ontario Building Code
- An aptitude for the operation and maintenance of camp machinery, vehicles and tools
- General knowledge of landscaping
- Working knowledge of the drinking water treatment system. A current certification as a Small Seasonal Drinking Water Systems Operator is preferred.
- Fit to work in a rigorous and physically demanding work environment
- Valid driver's license
- Current police reference check

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HELP WANTED



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has exciting opportunities available for energetic individuals to join the team!

HOME SUPPORT WORKERS

Wilberforce & Haliburton - Temporary Part-time and Casual Positions

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Additional information about these opportunities is available at hhhs.ca/careers. If you are interested in joining our team for any of the above positions, please submit your resume to:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services
c/o Human Resources
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
hr@hhhs.ca
Fax: 705-457-4609

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 for a disability. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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IN MEMORIUM



On behalf of the family of June White, we wish to thank everyone for their support, thoughts, prayers, donations and flowers.

It warms our hearts to know that the community cared so much about her, as she cared, supported and cherished you, her friends and community family. May everything June strove for continue.

*Our sincere thanks,
The family of the late June White*

INSTALLER

No experience necessary, class G licence, clean driver's abstract. Ability to lift 80 lbs. & climb 40 ft. ladders. Reasonable agility, no fear of heights or confined spaces. Bring resume to: John Fountain Electronics
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Call 705-286-2536.

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WAI Products Ltd. is currently accepting resumes for the position of Sales Representative (Outside/Inside). In this position your objective is to drive sales forward; to gain, secure and manage markets and targeted accounts, to strategically contribute to our growth in sales revenues and profitability, while representing our brand in accordance to WAI's vision and values. Collaboration and relationship building between new and existing accounts, our partners and suppliers and with our inside team is critical to this role.

Your experience & knowledge should highlight an understanding of strategic sales and marketing, forecasting and planning. The ability to build and manage valued relationships amongst a competitive market. The vision for growth and opportunity and the ability to work as a contributing, committed team player. You will have excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office, specifically Excel. Ideally experience with Quickbooks or similar software; comfort in working on a computer daily. A valid G license and the ability and willingness to travel (allowance and materials supplied); this position requires outside sales on average 3 days/week in season. You must be an independent, driven and very organized worker; prioritizing and strategizing with the ability to adapt and work in a fast paced environment and think and work "outside the box" are assets to succeed at WAI Products.

For a complete job description, please contact brandi@waiproducts.com or call 705-202-1020.

Applications can be submitted by email to brandi@waiproducts.com or by fax 888-241-9020

We thank all who apply for position, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation

(operating Parklane and Echo Hills Apartments)
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The successful candidate will:

- Be willing to be part of a small team of dedicated professionals
- Be able to work independently, without supervision, when necessary;
- Have sound judgement when working with vulnerable individuals;
- Possess good verbal and written communication skills, and good listening skills;
- Have at least 2 years bookkeeping experience or demonstrate the capacity to be trained and have experience in budget procedures;
- Show proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel;
- Be able to learn job-specific software applications;
- Be required to work at least one evening per month;
- Possess a valid driver's licence and use of a vehicle;
- Obtain a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Check.

Relevant post-secondary education will be an asset.

Resumes, including cover letters, will be received by email at: hchc@on.aibn.com up to 4 p.m. on February 17, 2017.

A detailed job description will be made available by email upon request.

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation is committed to fair and accessible employment practices. Upon request, disabilities will be accommodated during the interview and assessment process. Haliburton Community Housing Corporation thanks all those who show interest in this position and advises that only those chosen to be interviewed will be contacted.



In Loving Memory of
Verna Sisson,
who passed away
January 26, 2016.

*We talk about them because we're proud.
We talk about them, because they
deserve to be remembered.*

*We talk about them, because even though
they are not physically with us, they are
never far from our mind.*

*We talk about them, because they are part
of us, a part that we could never ignore or
disown. We talk about them
because we love them still and always will.
Forever. Nothing will ever change that.*

Always remembered, always in our hearts.

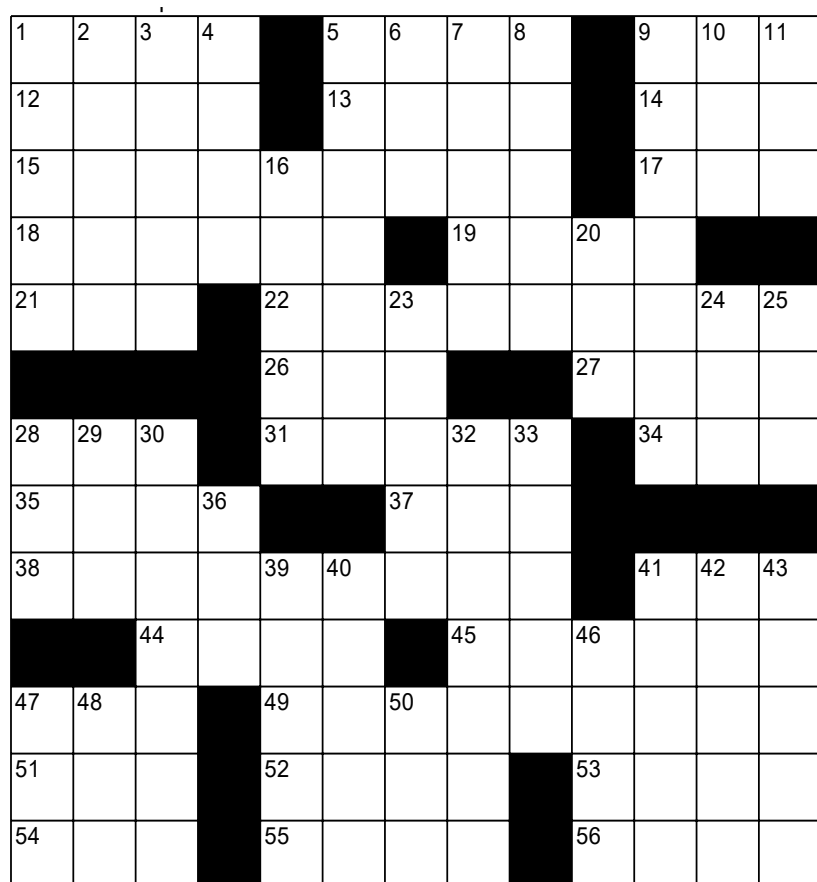
EVENTS

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS from Deep Roots Adventure - Jan 28 - Winter Survival - Feb 18 - Winter Camping - Mar 18 - Winter Survival See DeepRootsAdventure.com/upcoming-events/ for more details.

Send your events to
heatherd@thehighlander.ca

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Bucket
5. Flows back
9. Achieved
12. Actress ____ Bancroft
13. Ark's captain
14. Adam's partner
15. Floor connector
17. Once called
18. Christmas glitter
19. Abound
21. Expert
22. Five-sided base (2 wds.)
26. Wind dir.
27. Costing nothing
28. Raises

DOWN

31. Combine
34. Barbie's guy
35. Tractor-trailer
37. Retiree's acct.
38. Amusing stories
41. Med. group
44. Jump
45. Caught
47. Earn
49. Strike back
51. "We ____ Family"
52. Walked upon
53. Envelope part
54. Golf norm
55. Of sound mind
56. Sensed

DOWN

1. Italian staple
2. Prank
3. Silly
4. Hawaiian necklaces
5. Fence in
6. ____ constrictor
7. Sew temporarily
8. Wool producers
9. Germany's neighbor
10. "____ Got You Under My Skin"
11. Bad grade
16. Tailor again
20. North Pole worker
23. Worth
24. Golf prop
25. Yet, poetically
28. UN member
29. Animal enclosure
30. Ore refinery
32. Small bomb
33. Artist's stand
36. ____ cream
39. Pub missiles
40. "Carmen," e.g.
41. Start of a Dickens title (2 wds.)
42. Copper, e.g.
43. Highly skilled
46. Quarrel
47. Space between teeth
48. Historic period
50. Shipping weight

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PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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FREE EVENTS!



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of the month

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upcoming events and locations.



Highlander events



Gracie and Gibson Pockett send their best wishes to Parker Simpson. Photo by Mark Arike.

Community sends positive thoughts to Parker

By Mark Arike

Some of Parker Simpson's biggest supporters came out in droves to A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Saturday for a family skate and activity day.

The fun festivities raised more than \$2,200, which will help the eight-year-old boy's family during a time of need.

"Feeling useless to the situation, we wanted to do whatever we could to help them," said Brianne Pockett, who organized

the fundraiser with fellow local residents Brandi Hewson, Britney Rock, Marita Bagshaw, and Courtney Wilson.

Parker is battling cancer at SickKids in Toronto while his parents, Sarah Burk and Devin Simpson, and younger sister Kenzie stay at Ronald McDonald House down the street. Sarah left her job to be by his side.

He was diagnosed with a form of Lymphoma a year ago and underwent 10 months of treatment. Although doctors said it was gone, new tumours were discovered

shortly thereafter.

Parker isn't from Haliburton County but his mother is. She attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with the five women behind the recent event.

In addition to skating, the event featured a bake sale, face painting, raffles, and food and refreshments.

More than \$7,000 has been raised for the family through a GoFundMe page, which was set up by Wilson. Its goal is \$20,000.

As for Parker's condition, his mother said

he "continues to fight daily against this brutal disease."

"We are so proud of him," said Sarah. "He is stronger than anyone we know."

He is still taking an experimental drug and will undergo a CT scan this week to see if it is working.

A Valentine's dinner is scheduled for Feb. 11 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

With files from Alex Coop.

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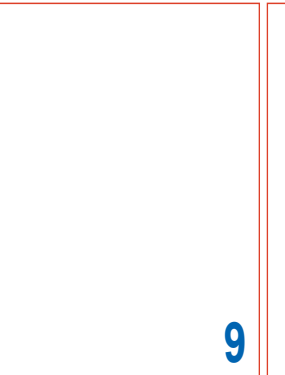
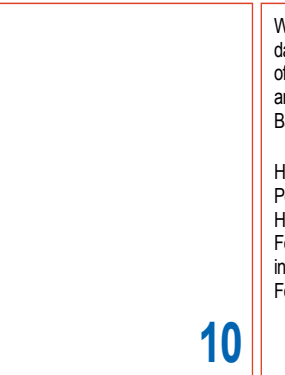
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What's on

JANUARY 2017 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY MONDAY Drop-in Basketball at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 5 – 6 p.m. Equipment provided, \$5/adults, \$2.50/youth or seniors, or free with membership. Drop-in Pickleball at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 7 – 9 p.m. Beginners welcome, some equipment provided, \$5/adults, \$2.50/youth or seniors, or free with membership. Haliburton Pickleball at Haliburton high school Monday nights from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost \$2, equipment supplied. Bring clean indoor running shoes.		Minden Community Centre Pickleball 9 a.m. – Noon. Raquets are provided, please bring clean indoor shoes. \$2/person. Contact Elisha Weiss 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca for more info. Tai Chi Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Mind – Body – Spirit – Health & Wellness. 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Fall session runs to Dec. 5. Beginners welcome! Pre-registration required. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177. Table Tennis , 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. \$3/person. Contact Elisha Weiss for more info 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca		2017 Winter Sleddog World Championship , Haliburton Forest (Jan. 24-Feb. 1) Don't forget today's edition of The Highlander 26	Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships (Open Division), canadapondhockey.ca (Jan. 27-29) 27	Deep Roots Adventure Workshop Series: Winter Survival deeprootsadventure.com/upcoming-events Homemade Stew Concert , presented by the Haliburton County folk Society, 7:30 p.m., Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. 28
Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships (Open Division), canadapondhockey.ca (Jan. 27-29) 29	Dysart Library Open for Exams, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 30	Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Zion United Church, Camarvon, 10 a.m. – noon. 705-457-5829 2017 Winter Sleddog World Championship , at Haliburton Forest. (Jan. 24 - Feb. 1) 31	Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce, 2 – 4 p.m. and at Haliburton United Church, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Death Cafe , Baked & Battered, 2 – 4 p.m. Reserve your spot at haliburtonhighlands@carp.ca . loveyourlifetodeath.com 1	Taoist Tai Chi Open House – Haliburton United Church, 10 a.m. - noon. 705-457-5829 2	Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships (Masters Division), canadapondhockey.ca Feb. 3-5 3	Places For People Bowl-A-Thon , 12:30 p.m. at The Fast Lane in Minden. info@placesforpeople.ca Winter Tracks & Signs , 10 a.m. – noon, at Minden Hills Cultural Centre's Nature's Place. haliburtonlandtrust.ca 4
 6	 7	 8	 9	 10	 11	Working on Ice Workshop, a one day workshop introducing skills of being safe while working on or around frozen bodies of water. Barklake.com Haliburton Forest Snowmobile Poker Run, proceeds go to Haliburton Firefighters' Association, Fee: \$70 per person + HST, includes day pass to Haliburton Forest trails. Haliburtonforest.com

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

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
 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 rc129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

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. (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.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.
 Wing Night – come out and enjoy great wings & music with friends
 Jam Session 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, Jan. 28 - \$15/ person one fish entry. Weigh in 3-6 p.m. at the branch – Participants must be present to collect prizes
 Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp
 Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome
 Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m. Upcoming Event – Valentine's Day Dance – Saturday, Feb. 11 – DJ Dale Allison – door prizes and spot dances – 9 p.m. to close.



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What's on



One of the Hardwater Festival's organizers, Barrie Martin, stands next to the ice wall behind the Medeba Centre in West Guilford. Photo by Alex Coop.

West Guilford hosts a very cool event

By Alex Coop

Organizers of the Hardwater Festival in West Guilford are inviting everyone to try ice fishing, ice climbing and ice sculpting at their inaugural event this Saturday.

Barrie Martin, one of the organizers, says it's nice to have a water-based event like this take place somewhere besides Head Lake.

"West Guilford is well-suited for this," he said. "It's got the community centre, two lakes, the Medeba and a skating rink. It's a good spot."

The festival on Jan. 28 is an extension of the township's Dysart 150 - Explore Our Lakes Program, and was made possible by some additional funding the township received from the provincial government

last year. It looks to promote safe use of Dysart's lakes, and expects to attract visitors both local and foreign.

Abbey Gardens will host a number of events like snowshoeing and snow tagging as part of the festival.

Snow tagging is the creation of art using snowshoes.

But people will also have the opportunity to do some hands-on ice safety training thanks to a partnership with the Highlands Wilderness Training Institute.

Other events happening in the county that day aren't being ignored, says Martin.

In fact, they are being promoted.

"We know it's going to be a busy day ... we decided to include and cross-promote other community events in this festival,"

he said, pointing to the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) Sleddog World Championships at Haliburton Forest.

The ice-wall next to the Medeba Centre in West Guilford will host the weekend's ice-climbing activities.

Sarah Langemann, the centre's guest group coordinator, says ice-climbing has been a part of the centre's identity for a long time.

The current ice wall, which is propped up on pillars, has been in place for more than 10 years, Langemann says.

It has three sides, each offering a unique climbing challenge.

Previous ice-climbing structures relied

heavily on natural ice faces, and although the Medeba's leadership programs do take advantage of some off-site ice-climbing located nearby, the current ice-wall has been very convenient.

"Having the ice wall here is great. It's complicated to do it on an off-ice setting," she said. "We also don't have to rely on the weather as much, and it's very easy to access."

Having a second winter-related festival outside of Haliburton is a great idea, Langemann says.

"West Guilford is the heart of a lot of cottages living along Kennisis Lake Road ... having this festival here is also great for local companies and places that some people might not know about," she said.

SNOWSHOEING!

Friday February 3rd : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**
11:00am-12:00pm

Meet at Scout Hall parking lot (behind the arena). No fee

Friday February 10th: **HIKE SNOWDON PARK!**
11:00am

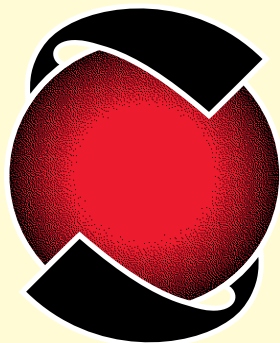
Meet in the parking lot (off County Rd #1). No fee

Friday February 17th : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**
11:00am-12:00pm

Meet at Scout Hall parking lot (behind the arena). No fee

Please note: All snowshoeing programs are dependent on the weather and snow conditions. Snowshoes and walking poles will be available. To register contact Elisha at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca





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