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**Look out below!:** Zak Prenger and Samantha Parsons took advantage of the spectacular sunshine to do a little ice fishing on Monday. Photo by Zak Prenger.

## Blouin faces fraud charges

By Mark Arike

A woman who was hired to manage Nomi Resort in Harcourt is facing fraud charges for her dealings with a private lender.

Susan Elizabeth Blouin, 47, turned herself in to police in Oshawa on Jan. 26, according to Det. Doris Carriere of the Durham Regional Police major fraud unit.

Blouin has been charged with fraud over \$5,000, fraud under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000. None of the charges have been proven in court.

Oshawa resident Anna Argante filed a complaint with police in June, which led to an investigation. Argante alleges she was duped out of \$27,000 after providing construction loans for two projects that never came to fruition. This includes \$5,000 to build a new home in Port Perry and \$22,000 for a similar project in Oshawa, she told *The Highlander*.

Blouin is scheduled to make her first court appearance in Oshawa on Feb. 27.

To read *The Highlander's* investigative report from December, visit [thehighlander.ca](http://thehighlander.ca).

# Dysart allowing bylaw infractions

## Living Libations continues its business in residential zone on Calico Road

By Alex Coop

Almost a decade ago, Bruce and his son Ross Lemon, both licensed mechanics, were forced to shut down their shop on Calico Road just outside of Haliburton because of zoning infractions.

The property was zoned residential, not commercial, and even though some residents on the road were pleased to have a nearby auto shop, the Municipality of Dysart shut the operation down.

Bruce says it was for the best, since his son purchased a garage outside of Minden where he now operates Ross Performance & Motorsports Ltd.

There were no hard feelings.

"They came in and closed us down, which I can understand," Bruce told *The Highlander*.

A concert venue belonging to musician Johnny Burke, who used to live on Calico Road, was shut down as well once the township realized it was breaking zoning bylaws.

Today, it's Living Libations, a family-owned business on Calico Road, that is breaking zoning bylaws and causing confusion and concern among residents.

Ron Macleod has become the residential street's spokesperson. He's lived there for 12 years.

"I think it's great that a new business has come to Haliburton," Macleod said about the Internet-based company that produces natural, organic, botanical beauty and oral care products.

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## Owners planning move from Calico Road

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However, the lack of answers surrounding Living Libations' yet-to-be-built facility off Harburn Road, in addition to the township's inconsistencies with its own bylaw regulations, is what has spurred strong reaction from residents, who were also under the impression that the temporary set-up was going to last a few months, not years.

"We don't want to be categorized as anti-business, but we feel like the residents have been treated as second-class citizens at the altar of a few jobs," Macleod said.

In August of 2013, a fire destroyed the home of Nadine Artemis and Ron Obadia, owners of Living Libations, which employs 25 people. The home, which was located off Harburn Road, also served as their business headquarters. Their entire inventory was destroyed.

But thanks to the generosity of Johnny Burke and his wife, who offered the couple a temporary space at their home on Calico Road, the business was able to sustain itself.

"We were in survival mode," Artemis said. "We lost everything, but we still had our online business and we still had our clients."

Aside from Burke's offer, alternate space for the business was limited, even on Industrial Park Road, says Artemis.

They were aiming for a smooth and quiet transition to Calico, she adds.

In 2015, Artemis and Obadia purchased the home from the Burkes, while construction on their new 7,000-square-foot manufacturing facility on Harburn continued.

In an email to *The Highlander*, the township's chief building official Dan Sayers said the rezoning to permit the use of a manufacturing facility was passed last May. A building permit was issued Nov. 29, 2016.

"The basement and part of the first floor are complete. I am not sure when the building will be completed but the construction is in full swing," Sayers wrote.

Haliburton County's planner, Charley White, says the county is waiting for the business owners to submit some documentation for a right-of-way entrance into their property.

Libations has until Aug. 11 to submit those requirements.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey says concerns from Calico Road residents first reached the township's ears last



Construction on the Living Libations facility on Harburn Road is underway. *Photo submitted.*

summer. Homeowners cited increased truck traffic and environmental concerns.

Fire and septic inspections were performed by the township, and the business was given the green light to continue operations.

"I wasn't aware they [Living Libations] were there for four years," Murray said, while confirming that the business was violating zoning bylaws.

An order was issued for the zoning infractions on Calico Road May 27, 2015 Sayers told *The Highlander*.

"So now the question is, do we shut them down now or can we try to find a way of accommodating everyone until their new building is up? I quite frankly thought that had happened," Murray said.

Zoning issues have been frequent on Calico Road, Fearrey adds, referring to the auto garage and Burke's concert shows.

Providing steady, good-paying jobs in Haliburton is integral to their business' identity, says Artemis.

There was minimal communication between the business and Calico residents prior to last year, she says, but she

promises that within a few months, the business will move to its permanent location on Harburn.

"This is definitely our last winter on Calico ... we did not set out to be a nuisance to the neighbours and we are so thankful that they have been this patient. We promise we're going to get out of there."

*I wasn't aware they [Living Libations] were there for four years.*

**Murray Fearrey**  
Dysart Reeve

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# Highlander news

## Former Minden councillor questions landfill decision

By Lisa Gervais

A former Minden Hills councillor is questioning a council decision to change the way it charges for compactor bin loads at its landfills.

The township has been charging \$50 per cubic yard for a contaminated, or dirty, load. A dirty load contains six per cent or more recyclable or diverable material. If there is less than that, the charge has been \$25 per cubic yard. However, a flat rate of \$35 per cubic yard will soon be charged for all loads.

*If they can't afford to drop the material for the set fees within the bylaws, or adhere to the municipal requirement to meet six per cent of sorted material, why would the municipality allow a reduced rate to commercial haulers?*

**Brigitte Gall**  
Ratepayer

Ratepayer Brigitte Gall wants council to reconsider, saying in a letter to councillors that the change has "significant implications for the municipality, both financially and environmentally"

Director of environmental and property operations, Ivan Ingram, brought the recommendation to council Jan. 26.

"Staff is experiencing differences of opinion between contractors and landfill attendants regarding the amount of material in compacted refuse loads and whether the loads are considered to be a contaminated load," Ingram said in a staff report.

He thought the new rate would eliminate conflicts at the gate and create a level playing field.

"Council staff recognizes that some compaction loads that come into the landfill are contaminated," Ingram told councillors. "Ninety-nine per cent of the time there is contamination." He said there are things such as compostable material, oil containers and toasters. "It's very hard to manage that."

Ingram said he had spoken with the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and concluded it is not illegal to put contaminated loads in the dump.

Ministry spokesman Gary Wheeler told *The Highlander* this week that Highlands

Environmental, the contractor that operates the Scotch Line landfill, raised concerns about 'unsorted loads' (waste mixed with recyclables) of waste being delivered to the landfill Jan. 16.

"We have reviewed these concerns with the municipality (on Jan. 26) and at this point, we have no evidence to indicate that this is happening. We have a proactive inspections approach program for waste management/disposal facilities. We anticipate that the Scotch Line landfill site will be inspected again in the near future," Wheeler wrote.

*The Highlander* contacted Highlands Environmental but they deferred questions to Ingram.

"The onus on recycling rests first with the township," Ingram said in his report. "But homeowners, businesses and contractors are expected to do their best to encourage family, employees and visitors to recycle – all to extend the life of the landfill."

But in her letter, Gall urged councillors to go to Scotch Line to view contents of the last compacted load that was dumped.

"Black plastic bags (banned since 2008), windshields, plastic piping, plastic sheeting etc. This load is an example of the loads that have come in to Scotch Line within the compactor trucks for the past year. Photographs have been provided to staff with regards to this ongoing concern," she wrote.

She went on to say, "I take exception to this resolution to subsidize commercial haulers. If they can't afford to drop the material for the set fees within the bylaws, or adhere to the municipal requirement to meet six per cent of sorted material, why would the municipality allow a reduced rate to commercial haulers?"

Gall said that under the provincial blue box program, commercial haulers with compactor bins are required to keep household waste and recycling materials separate to ensure the health and longevity of the landfills.

At the meeting, Reeve Brent Devolin said it was subjective. He was agreeable to the change "as long as there is no spike in contaminated waste."

The township "has the last right of refusal on any load where it's deemed excessive," Ingram told *The Highlander*. "If they are turned away or billed accordingly, and the action is disputed, it would be addressed by township staff who are responsible for managing the landfill sites. The township continues to encourage and educate contractors and ratepayers about recycling."

The new fees are set to come into effect Apr. 1.

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To encourage Highlanders to believe in  
themselves, in our community, and in their  
power to make our place in the  
world better every day.

## Councils must appear to be fair

Our front and page three stories in today's *Highlander* show how local councils can expose themselves to complaints of favouritism.

The first is about how a local business, Living Libations, has been able to run its operation on Calico Road, just outside of Haliburton, despite the property being zoned residential and not commercial.

The second is about how some in Minden Hills believe some contractors are getting favourable treatment, after council last week changed the way they charge for compactor bin loads.

Let's look at the first issue.

Calico Road resident Bruce Macleod had had enough when he called *The Highlander* last week. He expressed his and other residents' frustration with the ongoing situation: why were an auto shop and concert venue forced to close while Living Libations continues to operate on their residential street? We were sent pictures of large trucks driving up and down the road.

Macleod said residents were not anti-business, not even anti-Living Libations, but how could Dysart council allow a business to operate in a residential area for four years?

We put the question to Reeve Murray

Fearrey and were a little surprised when he said he wasn't aware they'd been there for four years. The reeve confirmed they are violating existing bylaws, adding that Living Libations is moving to Harburn Road; the town is just giving them time to move.

You don't have to be anti-business to see something is wrong here. The fact two businesses got kicked out while one has been allowed to remain appears unfair on its face, and sends a message that some businesses in this county can get preferential treatment. It also sends the message that zoning bylaws can be broken without consequences.

We understand why council is doing it: they want to help a business that supports 25 jobs locally. But at what cost to public confidence?

Over in Minden Hills, there is grumbling that contractors got a break when council approved a new flat rate for contaminated loads of \$35 per cubic yard. It used to be \$50 under the bylaw, making the reduction appear to some as if the township and its ratepayers are subsidizing some contractors to the tune of \$15 per load.

Former Minden Hills Councillor Brigitte Gall spoke out about that decision in our

page 3 story.

She told us she takes exception to the resolution to subsidize commercial haulers.

Councils must not only be fair to all parties when it comes to creating and enforcing their bylaws, but appear to be fair to all as well.

On Calico Road, Dysart needs to engage local residents and communicate why the current situation exists and how long they expect it to last.

In Minden Hills, council might have another look at its recent decision to alter commercial tipping fees

We can hardly fault either Living Libations or Minden Hills contractors if they are indeed getting a break. But we're all equal under the law. Predictability and consistency in the rules are factors important to businesses anywhere. When councils selectively enforce bylaws or offer sweetheart deals, whatever good intentions they may have, public faith in the system is undermined. That's not an environment likely to attract and retain the businesses we all need to support our economy.



By Lisa Gervais

## Volunteerific

I spent last weekend split between two first-class events that were being hosted in Haliburton County. The first was the International Federation of Sleddog Sports World Championships at Haliburton Forest and the second was the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships that were being held at Pinestone Resort. The mere fact that both of these were being held in Haliburton should make people consider what we're actually capable of in these parts.

Obviously a big part of the success equation is having large enough facilities that can handle such events. Without these you can't even begin to entertain the thought of welcoming the world. Another big part – perhaps the biggest part – is having enough people to man these events. And while it would be nice if you had a large enough staff to adequately manage this stuff we all know that the most vital secret ingredient is the invaluable support of local volunteers. While it might sound like a hollow platitude to thank volunteers 'for making this possible' it's an actual, unavoidable fact that without volunteers these things simply don't happen.

Thing is, Haliburton County does this volunteer thing pretty darned well. Not just in numbers but in the quality of the product. Those who work these events are true ambassadors for the area. It's like each person in each role has a college degree in local promotion. They are as responsible for the high-quality end products as the facility that hosts them.

So, why are we so great at doing this up here? I think it comes from two major reasons. First of all, the enormous pride people feel for the area. Not just those who live here but from those who used to live here. I met countless volunteers this weekend who drove in from their adopted home to help the area put on a good show. Even though they may rest their head somewhere else, their heart still lives in Haliburton County. They're there when the county needs them. Part sense of duty, part undying love.

The other reason we do volunteering so well is that we fully appreciate how badly it's needed. Almost nothing of any importance or magnitude up here gets done without huge input from the volunteering community. There simply aren't enough

resources available. Big events aren't possible without volunteers playing a major role. This isn't lost on the event organizers who will tell you time and again how impossible it is to pull something like this off without the invaluable contribution of volunteers.

What makes them extra special is the inherent extra value they bring to their roles. They don't just work the events, they wear numerous hats. Worker, guide, host, liaison and ambassador. Ask any visitor (and I did) to the area what they took away from being here and overwhelmingly it's the quality of the event, which can be traced directly back to the quality of the people working said event. Without the one you can't have the other and we're all a little better off – financially and emotionally – because of the incredible job they do.



By Charlie Teljeur

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# Editorial opinion

## Quit demonizing Trump already

Dear Editor

I am not really surprised that the Haliburton Highlander, in a page five column January 26, continues to flog the Trump phenomenon (by now, the Trump Presidency).

Did not the same editorial opinion page heap on Trump a shameful deluge of invectives even before the U.S. electorate chose him as leader? This week, your flamboyant page five commentary on the Washington anti-inauguration Hate March has piled absurdity upon absurdity trying to give some sense to the senseless.

The absurdity of the anti-homosexual bias charge put forward at the sinister March had already been displayed when the nascent Trump administration named a public homosexual bureaucrat as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The parallel absurdity of false misogyny accusations was brought in sharp relief when the spotlight was turned three days ago on a U.S. Big Media female “journalist” who had the cruelty to attack on Facebook 10-year-old Barron Trump, by painting the angel-faced innocent as a “homeschooling shooter”. And the kid is even attending a good Washington public school! The U.S. president, whose worldwide and diverse employees at a time when he was directing his whole attention to his business enterprises, have repeatedly come forward to testify to Mr. Trump’s fairness and sense of compassion. Why, then would the Feminist Marchers insist that the man is hate-filled and racist (refrain picked up in your page five)? Some hate! Some racism!

Equally outlandish balderdash was recorded for all to see on YouTube of Trotskyite anti-inauguration Marchers, masked and armed with blunt weapons, berating calm and polite street police personnel as they chanted in unison, hitting the sidewalk with their bludgeons: “This is now a police-state! This is now a police-state!”

Charles Lutz  
Haliburton

## A memorable day to forget

Have you ever had ‘one of those days’?

No, really, one of *those* days. The kind of day that delivers up so many obstacles and surprises that eventually you are at a loss as to what to expect next.

You see, my boss sent me and my colleague, Joey, to finish off a renovation job at a cottage on Redstone Lake. We were only minutes out of Haliburton when he called and asked that we turn around, go pick up a trailer-full of furniture for the client, and take it to the cottage. That’s when everything started to unravel.

First, the trailer hitch didn’t fit the ball of the truck. No matter, drive to the workshop and swap out the ball. Trouble was the ball was rusted in. After an hour of kicking, bashing, heating up with a blow torch and finally yanking on via a chain and a nearby tree, we got the ball out.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Sinclair Russell and members of Minden Pride committee stand outside Minden council chambers during a meeting Jan. 26. They are proposing week-long Pride celebrations in August including a float parade on the Gull River. See next Thursday’s *Highlander* for the full story. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Our Airbnb is not a ‘party pit’

Dear editor,

Guests have come to honeymoon, a grandmother with her four grandchildren came to ski and snowboard. Our guests have been quiet, respectful and polite. This is related to our “house rules” illustrated in our Airbnb listing. We are careful in choosing our guests, always checking their reviews and references prior to booking. As five-star Airbnb hosts, we would like to demonstrate the economic impact of our guests: 40 used Sir Sam’s Resort; 50 went to Rhubarb Restaurant; 20 went dog sledding; 70 per cent went to the Haliburton Forest; 95 per cent purchased groceries, gas and alcohol at Eagle Lake Country Market. Many have visited local

artists (our suite is decorated exclusively with local art); three attended the art college; 50 per cent are “very likely” to return to the Highlands in the coming year.

We employ housekeepers and local tradespeople to service our property. Were we not Airbnb hosts this is not something we would have need to do.

Our service is extremely personalized and has a vibe that is far different from a hotel. We offer use of kayaks, canoes, snowshoes and bicycles; provide our guests with expert advice on the region, recommend activities and places to shop. If Airbnb is impacting the hotel industry perhaps they should look at themselves and raise the bar on what they have to offer.

Technology and the “sharing economy”

are evolving and becoming the norm. We can either embrace what these advances have to offer or be left behind losing out on the economic opportunities that they provide. In a county that struggles with jobs any resident wanting to improve their income and provide more for themselves and their families whilst promoting the beauty and diversity of the Highlands should be encouraged and supported. If there are those that fail to do so they should be dealt with individually, sparing those who are hosting responsibly.

Cory & Steve Good  
Dysart et al

## The Outsider



By Will Jones

right, and as if to prove his point, we were no more than 10 minutes into the Boyce Bradley when we came upon a pickup tipped precariously into a ditch. With no chance of pulling it out, we helped the elderly driver by phoning a tow truck and went on our way.

Getting to the cottage was no blessed relief because I slid straight past the driveway and into another snow bank. Half an hour of cursing helped get us unstuck. It was noon, almost five hours since we’d originally set out from Haliburton.

At the end of the day, Joey opted to drive because he had grown tired of my antics and wanted to get back quickly to take his son to hockey. That wish evaporated as we saw a convoy of sled dog team trucks, dogsled teams and mushers and finally an SUV roll past us as we were about to

pull onto the Boyce Bradley. We trundled along behind them at about 20 km/h for 10 minutes or so, before they realized we were there and pulled over to let us pass.

Trouble was, this generous action turned into a farce as the SUV took a nosedive into the ditch. This time Joey swore, while I got the chains and hooked up the car to our truck. Ten minutes later, the car was back on the road and we were the local heroes, who’d rescued the Norwegian dog sled team.

Hockey was missed but by now Joey and I were giggling deliriously at the insanity of the day that truly was, ‘one of those days’!



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: How do you think Donald Trump is doing so far in his presidency?



**Helen Mykytuk**

Haliburton

He's still arrogant isn't he? I think all of these executive orders won't go through.



**Mike Herrington**

Newcastle

He's doing everything he said he would do.



**Richard Bradley**

Moore Falls

In my opinion, if Minden can survive Barb Reid and Toronto can survive Rob Ford, then the U.S. can survive Donald Trump.



**Sandi Bradley**

Moore Falls

I'm a person of faith. I believe if it's not the time for something bad to happen, it won't.



**Susan England**

Eagle Lake

My biggest concern is his friendliness to Russia.

Photos and interviews by Lisa Gervais

## County in brief

### Craig Jones no longer EMS director

By Mark Arike

With files from Lisa Harrison

After three years with the County of Haliburton, Craig Jones is no longer the chief and director of emergency services.

His last day was nearly a month ago, on Jan. 9, but the circumstances surrounding his departure have not been revealed.

"I can confirm that Craig Jones is no longer employed by the County of Haliburton," said Mike Rutter, the county's chief administrative officer. "As I am sure you can understand, it [is] not our practice to discuss human

resources related issues."

As for who is taking on the former director's duties, Rutter said, "It is kind of a team effort." However, "it is primarily Jim Young," the deputy chief.

Before joining the county in January 2014, Jones served as the deputy chief of operations for the EMS department in Northumberland County. He was their deputy chief of quality assurance prior to that.

The county will undertake a recruitment process soon, said Rutter.

"It is our hope to have someone in the role as soon as possible," he said.

### Highlands East sees small tax increase

By Mark Arike

Highlands East residents are going to have to pay a bit more in taxes this year.

Based on a draft of the 2017 budget, ratepayers can expect a 2.4 per cent increase over last year's tax levy. This is an extra \$10.60 for every \$100,000 of assessed property value.

This is less than the increase in 2016, which was 3.9 per cent from the previous year.

"It's a realistic budget," said Deputy Reeve Suzanne Partridge, who chaired the meeting in Reeve Dave Burton's absence. "There are some really important things in here ... I think all the staff have done a great job."

The municipality will receive an additional \$239,000

in funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF), which will be used to offset policing costs. The OMPF is the province's main transfer payment to municipalities.

When it comes to policing, this is the third year of a five-year phase-in under the revised OPP billing model. This year's increase is \$156,000, or 2.99 per cent of the budget. The total cost for the year is more than \$1.24 million.

At a recent meeting, department heads presented their five-year capital forecasts. As a result, some money is being set aside, such as \$170,000 for various items for municipal operations and \$324,000 for the overhaul of Cardiff's water system.

The budget is expected to be passed at the Feb. 13 council meeting.

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## Foundation director leaving on a high note

By Mark Arike

Over the past 18 years, Dale Walker has taken the lead on many successful fundraising campaigns for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

While she has been credited with raising more than \$13 million for both of the county's hospitals, Walker says none of it would have been possible without the support of the community, a dedicated board of volunteers, staff and a few passionate visionaries.

"It's all about having the right people in the right place at the right time," said Walker in a recent interview.

And she will definitely miss working with those people when she leaves her position on June 1. Foundation chairman Peter Oyler announced Walker's impending retirement in a press release last Friday.

Walker, who lives in Haliburton with her husband, Jerry, first joined the foundation as a board member when it formed more than 20 years ago. She then became its executive director.

"I didn't really think about retirement," said Walker in response to her plans. "It was more about what was happening in our life."

She will help her husband run their Home Hardware business in Haliburton, which will be relocated from the downtown core to the corner of County Road 21 and Industrial Park Road. The couple purchased the business in June 2014.

"I was thinking I'd like to do that, and be part of that," she said.

While Jerry oversees the construction of a new building, she will look after the operation and its staff.

When it comes to leaving the foundation, Walker calls it bittersweet.



Dale Walker, centre, has announced she is retiring from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation effective June 1. *File photo.*

"In fundraising, it's continuous and it never stops," she explained, listing several projects currently on the go.

"As a fundraiser you keep thinking about ideas ... and we steal ideas," she laughed.

Some of her successful initiatives include the Believe in the Magic of Giving Christmas campaign, the Making Moments Matter campaign for the new palliative centre and the annual Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic.

Her first major undertaking was the Building Our Future capital campaign in 1998. The foundation raised \$6 million in six years for the construction of the hospitals in Minden and Haliburton.

"Dale has always displayed the ultimate professionalism in her approach to the foundation's business, and the uncanny ability to deal with each and every potential donor on a very personal one-to-one

basis," said Oyler. "It is this approach that has earned her the respect and the trust of the different commercial, industrial and residential sectors of Haliburton County."

She looks back fondly on the past two decades.

"My time here has been thoroughly enjoyable. It's really an honour to work in the community like this."

Walker intends on volunteering for some foundation fundraisers, such as the golf classic in July.

Oyler and the rest of the foundation board wish her the best in her future endeavours.

"Dale will definitely be missed and it will be difficult to find an individual with her credentials to fill the position," he said.

The foundation has begun a recruitment process and hopes to fill the position in late spring.

## More provincial dollars for local health care

By Mark Arike

Local health care services are getting a financial boost from the province and Local Health Integration Network (LHIN).

An extra \$282,000 will benefit Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) and its Community Support Services division, as well as Extensicare, a long-term care facility in Haliburton.

The funds are part of a \$2.66 million investment, with the lion's share going to health services in the City of Kawartha Lakes. In addition, more than \$15.7 million will be distributed to the Central East Community Care Access Centre.

Hospital representatives and politicians gathered at the Haliburton hospital on Jan. 26 for the announcement.

"I'm very excited to bring this news to you today," said Marg Risk, vice-chair of the Central East LHIN board of directors.

Risk said the LHIN and government are committed to supporting patients, hospitals, community-based providers, local residents, patients and caregivers.

As outlined in the 2016 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review,

the new investments for HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay are part of a commitment to increase base funding to hospitals by at least two per cent this year. A portion is due to the Pay-for-Results program, which "supports both hospitals to reduce wait times in their emergency departments," states a report from the LHIN.

Most of this is new money for HHHS and will be incorporated in the budget, HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told *The Highlander*.

"HHHS is thrilled to be the recipients of this funding increase," said Plummer.

The organization's overall base budget is about \$24 million. More than \$88,000 will go there to support health care needs. While this is actually a one per cent increase, HHHS previously received a one per cent increase.

A total of \$125,000 will make it possible to send a nurse along with patients "who need to be transferred to larger hospitals when there is a need for urgent/emergency tests, procedures, or other services that aren't available in Haliburton County," said Plummer.

Close to \$35,000 is going to the Community Support Services division, which runs programs that help seniors and adults with disabilities.

About \$7,300 will enable HHHS to provide assisted living services to one additional client.

And finally, \$26,000 is for more nursing support at Extensicare for behavioural supports initiatives.

While HHHS is not directly receiving money from the large \$15.7 million pot, this will have an indirect benefit, said Plummer.

"For example, it will help the CCAC [Community Care Access Centre] continue to provide home care services to patients who are ready to be discharged from the hospital, which helps keep hospital beds available to meet the needs of the community."

One area that was left out is long-term care. Plummer points out there is a shortage of beds across the region.

"Investment in long-term care infrastructure is needed," she said.

The province's plan is to increase funding to the health sector by more than \$750 million over three years.



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## YWCA gets its money but not without controversy

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council approved \$5,000 in emergency funding for the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton Jan. 26 but not without controversy.

The YWCA runs a two-family shelter in Minden and provides a raft of services, including counselling and a 24-hour crisis line.

However, they were forced to close the shelter doors for five months over 2015-2016 due to a lack of money. They are about \$30,000 short to maintain operations at existing levels beyond 2016-2017.

At the meeting, Jennifer Cureton, the director of philanthropy and communications for the YWCA, said a generous community member has pledged to match community donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000, which could mean an influx of \$20,000. However, she said they

still needed municipal support.

"We are grateful for the provincial government support available (61 per cent of funding), and to the many donors, supporters and granting agencies that support our work. However, it is not enough to meet the current, and growing, need as women and their children move to escape violence," she said.

She stressed it was one-time funding to move forward while the YWCA works with partners on a long-term sustainability plan.

However, Reeve Brent Devolin said he was "disturbed" to only find out last December that the shelter had been closed for five months. He said it would have been helpful for council to have known in advance. But Cureton said, "We didn't want people to think we were closed."

"I beg to differ on your strategy," the reeve said.

However, Coun. Pam Sayne, a former

board member of the YWCA, said "a lot of people in need would not have been calling the YWCA for assistance." She asked that the \$5,000 request be included as soon as possible in the budget.

Devolin said his other concern is base funding cuts to provincially-support organizations ... "a death by a thousand cuts." He was worried the YWCA request was the "beginning of an avalanche of worthy groups showing up in this chamber."

But Cureton said provincial government downloading is hardly new, having started in the 1990's for their organization.

As Sayne talked about her experience with the board, an impatient Devolin suggested she use her time to ask questions.

"Just be careful with what you say," he interjected, to which Sayne responded, "I guess I've been told."

Coun. Jeanne Anthon said the "province enjoys when municipalities offer financial

support ... and ultimately reduce their portion even more." She called it a "Catch-22 dilemma."

Cureton answered, "a Catch-22 with people's life on the line." The matter was deferred to the budget committee and it was only when CAO Lorrie Blanchard raised the YWCA request that it came back before council.

Devolin was leading council towards deferring the matter to see what other councils will do, when Coun. Lisa Schell said, "I'm personally prepared to move it forward today. It seems like a time sensitive issue." Coun. Sayne backed her.

"It's not that much money for people's lives on the line in our community," Sayne said.

Councillors approved giving the YWCA \$2,500 this year and \$2,500 next year. It still must be approved with the finalization of the 2017 budget.

### Public input on budget Feb. 9

Ratepayers of the Township of Minden Hills can have their input into the 2017 budget during a public meeting next Thursday (Feb. 9).

Council passed the third draft of its proposed budget at its Jan. 26 meeting.

"The current 2017 draft budget additional levy requirement is \$387,975, which represents a 5.621 per cent increase over the 2016 tax levy," CAO Lorrie Blanchard said in a report. Of that, 1.517 per cent is for policing.

While he does not like raising taxes, Reeve Brent Devolin said "on balance, I think it's a great outcome." He said it was prudent, responsible and sustainable in terms of maintaining the township's assets. (Lisa Gervais)

### Council says no to ranked ballots

The Township of Minden Hills will not be adopting a ranked ballot system for the 2018 municipal election.

The item came up for discussion at the Jan. 26 council meeting.

Ranked balloting would allow an elector to rank their choices instead of picking one candidate. For example, if there were three candidates, the voter could rank each candidate by preference 1, 2, or 3. A system then eliminates candidates from the bottom.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he thought ranked balloting was a better option in municipalities with multiple candidates.

He said it was just not practical to make the necessary changes in time for 2018 due to time constraints and resources.

He said he would like to see election

results from the last 30 years analyzed to determine if it would have affected the outcome of those elections.

"I'm not afraid to look at the results."

He would like a couple of municipalities to act as guinea pigs in 2018, and they could observe the process, he said.

Coun. Jean Neville said Australia uses the ranked ballot system and it can take months to formalize results. "First past the post is best."

Coun. Pam Sayne said it was awkward as a councillor who might be seeking re-election to be discussing future voting methods. She said there wasn't time to consult voters either.

"If we want community input how do you do all of that before May?"

Council would have to pass a bylaw no later than May 1. Before that, it would have to provide 30 days' notice of an open house and then hold an open house. (Lisa Gervais)

### Minden Hills in brief

#### Lochlin Hall rental rates increasing

The cost of renting the Lochlin Hall is going up.

The Lochlin Hall committee requested the increase.

The centre rental rate (minimum up to four hours) will be increased to \$48 and the centre rental per additional hour will be increased to \$12.

The increases come into effect Mar. 1.

Committee chair Jean Neville said, "I don't think we've ever raised the rate." She said they are spending as much on maintenance as what they are bringing in on rentals.

She said when people call to inquire about hall rentals, they often say, "My God ... that's too cheap." (Lisa Gervais)

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#### NOTICE – Budget Standing

##### Committee Meeting February 9, 2017

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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#### NOTICE – Public Meeting Draft

##### 2017 Budget February 9, 2017

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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#### Requests for Tender

**Tender #BBP 17-01** - The Building/Bylaw/Planning Department is accepting submissions for the Purchase of a 2016/2017 SUV/Crossover Style Vehicle. Deadline for Submissions is **Feb 15, 2017** by 12:00 noon.

**Tender #RDS 17-07** - The Roads Department is accepting submissions for the Supply & Delivery of Liquid Calcium Chloride. Deadline for submissions is **Feb 13, 2017** by 12:00 noon.

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#### Employment Opportunities

The Community Services Department is seeking the following positions:

**Summer Students – Parks Position**

**Summer Students (Heritage Interpreters)** for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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## County doctor shortage getting worse

**By Mark Arike**

With resignations and pending retirements this year, the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is faced with a doctor shortage.

Six out of 10 physicians working at the team's office in Haliburton are over the age of 50 and plan on retiring soon, according to a report by county CAO Mike Rutter. The county will need to recruit at least two doctors this year, and up to five over the next few years.

To fill the soon-to-be void, the county is changing its recruiting approach. After receiving Rutter's recommendations, council voted in favour of disbanding the current Haliburton Highlands Health Professionals Recruitment and Retention committee on Jan. 25.

Staff have been tasked with developing a revised terms of reference with a suggested

mandate from the health team organization.

"Ultimately, when I reviewed this I thought it's such a dramatically different role than had been envisioned in the past," Rutter told council. In meeting with physicians, they indicated that the efforts of the committee, "while appreciated, have resulted in little success attracting physicians." Most of their success has come from activities with medical residents and locums.

"Our primary successes in recruitment as I understand it, has been when physicians doing their residency or locums on short-term stays, stay in the community for a short time, enjoy their colleagues and fall in love with our community," said Rutter.

"Then they decide to stay."

"It's the end of a chapter and the beginning of the next chapter," said County Warden Brent Devolin.

Councillor Carol Moffatt used the term

"party planners" to describe the future focus of the committee.

This group is "linking the new doctors who are spending time here deeper in the community," she said.

Rutter also recommended committing additional funds for recruitment, including \$75,000 this year for an extra \$100,000 and \$50,000 in 2018. As of next year, a total of \$125,000 would be spent on physician incentives.

"The new levy combined with a contribution from reserves would meet this requirement," he said.

Council chose to include \$75,000 in this year's draft budget. They will consider the rest at a special budget meeting on Friday.

In an interview, Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) and member of the committee, said "recruitment strategies are evolving

as medical practice and the health care landscape are evolving."

"It is becoming increasingly rare to find physicians who will practice in both a family health clinic as well as an emergency department," said Plummer, adding it makes sense for the health team, the Family Health Organization and HHHS to team up this way.

"I am pleased that the county is continuing to support recruitment of physicians to the area in this way," she said.

"I think it goes a long way in demonstrating the commitment of the community as a whole to ensuring residents of Haliburton County continue to have access to adequate health care."

The Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team became a corporation in 2006, according to its website. It is "committed to a healthy community."

## Donation to help families 'sleeping in snow suits'

**By Alex Coop**

Canoe FM's \$11,700 donation to Fuel for Warmth Jan. 26 will help families struggling to heat their homes and resorting to "sleep in snow suits," says Fuel for Warmth's Marilynne Lesperance.

"Our biggest problem now, bar none, is people coming in who have never been in our building before," Lesperance said after the cheque presentation at the radio station in Haliburton.

People are finding it hard to balance rising hydro and grocery costs, forcing them to choose one over the other.

"It was a little slow to start because we had a warm fall, but it's picking up now," she said.

Fuel for Warmth has also been receiving calls from outside of the county, specifically from organizations around Gravenhurst, which are looking for extra help assisting

clients struggling with heating needs.

Lesperance and Fuel for Warmth's founder Joanne Barnes have had to turn down those requests.

"The money we receive heats people's homes in Haliburton County," Lesperance said.

Barnes says a lot of their clients, especially the new ones, are working families.

"It can just take one thing going wrong to set you off course," Barnes said.

Fuel for Warmth won the not-for-profit category of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Community and Business Achievement Awards for 2015.

Station manager Roxanne Casey says the money raised came from bingo nights that took place between July 2016 and January 2017.

Half of the money raised during that time



From left to right: Barry Willhelm, Bob Stiles, Roger Dart, Roxanne Casey, Marilynne Lesperance, Marilyn Frost, Joanne Barnes, Tim Hagarty, Bev Warner, Ron Evans, Lee-Anne Goodal and Kevin Shea. Photo by Alex Coop.

went towards the donation.

Between January and June of this year, half of the proceeds raised from bingo will go towards Places for People.

"We are a community radio station, and we try to do the best we can," she said. "It

is hard deciding which not-for-profit gets that money each time."

Canoe FM president Ron Evans says Fuel for Warmth was chosen to be the recipient of the cheque because "they give to the good of the community."

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# Highlander business

## Adventure company to open office in Wilberforce

By Mark Arike

Deep Roots Adventure, a recreational outfitter business, will be able to set up shop in a building that once housed the Wilberforce library and was a temporary space for the food bank.

Highlands East council approved a zoning bylaw amendment on Jan. 23.

"The purchase of the [former] library is going to allow me to have a headquarters and an adventure hub," said business owner Corina Mansfield.

Visitors will also be able to rent canoes, kayaks and other gear needed to explore the outdoors.

Mansfield started the business with a friend about five years ago. It has been fairly low key because Mansfield's focused on raising her two young children.

"I couldn't jump in 100 per cent," she said.

Her company serves the entire county, and specializes in wilderness training and guided adventures. It started with a focus on



This space, located on Loop Road in Wilberforce, will soon be home to Deep Roots Adventure. Photo by Mark Arike.

team building exercises.

The municipality owned the property, located at 2307 Loop Rd., and put it up for sale for \$60,000. Mansfield wouldn't disclose how much she got it for but admits it was lower than the asking price.

A public meeting was held two weeks

before council made its decision. No one was opposed to the location, but local resident Hilda Clark raised concerns about parking availability.

The lot measures 3,000 square feet and a lot frontage of 42 feet. The building is 667 square feet.

Municipal planner Chris Jones expressed his support of the application in a report to council.

"In our opinion the nature of the proposed use would be compatible in what could be characterized as an existing mixed-use area of the settlement," said Jones.

He added the amendment would "need to recognize the existing lot area setbacks and parking for the building."

Mansfield, who lives in Cardiff, believes the property is an ideal location.

"It's kind of between Bancroft and Haliburton," she said. "Highlands East is gorgeous and it's not saturated. Nothing else like that is there."

She hopes to open May 1, and plans to hire at least one full-time employee and a couple of summer students.

"I'm really hoping it's going to be a big positive for the community."

To learn more about the business, visit [deeprootsadventure.com](http://deeprootsadventure.com).

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#### Employment Opportunities

##### 1. Summer Students - Minden Hills Cultural Centre "MHCC"

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student (Heritage Interpreters) positions for a 16 week period from effective May 9 to August 26, 2017.

These positions provide support and assistance to the Curators of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, enacting time period activities and delivering children's activities, supporting the Art Gallery, Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place programming.

This position is based on a 35-hour work week, Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00am-4:30pm, ½ hour unpaid lunch. The rate of pay is \$11.40 per hour, pending 2017 budget and grant funding approval.

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in art history, museum studies, environmental studies or museum/gallery administration or related combination.

##### 2. Summer Students - "Parks"

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for two (2) summer student positions effective from May 8 to August 25, 2017.

These positions provide support and a variety of maintenance operations for the Community Services Department.

This position is based on a 40-hour work week, involving variable shifts. The rate of pay is \$11.40 per hour, pending 2017 budget and grant funding approval.

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in lawn care, gardening painting, cleaning, or related combination.

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# Highlander arts

## Home Routes returns to the home of the Gages

By Mark Arike

Minden residents Don and Marie Gage invite you to get comfy in their home with about 40 other concertgoers for an intimate musical experience.

On Feb. 10, American folk artists Sam and Joe Hermann will perform in the Gages' living room as part of the Home Routes concert series.

"We love doing it," said Don in an interview. "It's a fun way to meet some musicians."

They got involved with the series because of his connection to the Haliburton County Folk Society (he is a member of the committee). They've hosted different artists for one show annually for the past five or six years.

*It's a fun way to meet some musicians.*

**Don Gage**  
Concert host

Home Routes was launched by the founders of the Winnipeg Folk Festival and the West End Cultural Centre, according to its website. It was incorporated as a non-profit arts organization 10 years ago to "create new performance opportunities for French and English speaking musicians and

audiences in rural, remote and urban communities across Canada, hosted by volunteers in their homes and other community venues."

Some of the artists who have visited the Gages have become "lifelong friends," said Don.

"Our first performer five or six years ago was Spook Handy and he returned last year as part of the Haliburton County Folk Society Concert Series. Another was Linda McRae who returned for a non-Home Routes house concert at our place a year or so ago when she was in the area."

McRae is returning to the Highlands in March as one of the artists in residence at Winter Folk Camp. The four-day event is hosted by the folk society.

For more than 40 years, the Hermanns have brought traditional American music to audiences throughout the U.S., Canada, Ireland and Scotland. Their arsenal of instruments includes the fiddle, hammer dulcimer, banjo and guitar.

In a press release, Don describes them as "multi-talented musicians with the ability to play a great many instruments."

Tickets are \$20 cash at the door, with all proceeds going to the artists. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Snacks and refreshments will be available.

To reserve your spot, call 705-286-5085 or email [mariegage1626@gmail.com](mailto:mariegage1626@gmail.com).

More information about Homes Routes is available online at [homeroutes.ca](http://homeroutes.ca).



Sam and Joe Hermann, pictured, will perform at the home of Don and Marie Gage on Feb. 10. *Photo submitted.*



### Camera club winners

Here are the top winning images from each category in the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club's latest competition.

"Assigned" images must have been taken in the last year. All competitions are adjudicated by trained judges from all over the province.

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club meets the third Wednesday of every month, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. Next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m., at the Haliburton Museum. There is no charge for attendance and everyone is welcome. See the website at [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca) for details. (Alex Coop)

Far left: First Advanced and overall winner: Trouble by Kathy McKelvey-Brown of Gelert. Top left: First Novice: Foreman Oversight by Jaan Luubert of Haliburton. Left: First Intermediate: Piano Tuner by Wendy Evenden of Haliburton.



# Highlander people



Hank Logan and his team in last year's race, taken by Tanya McCready at Circle Checkpoint, Alaska. *Photo submitted.*

## Haliburton mushers compete in Alaska

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton musher Hank Logan is in Alaska today preparing for the start of the 2017 Yukon Quest on Saturday (Feb. 4), while son Logan will run the Junior Iditarod later this month.

Hank's wife, Tanya McCready, said Hank will have a GPS tracker on his sled that everyone can follow in real time at any moment of the race.

The link isn't live yet but *The Highlander* will post it to Facebook once it is available this weekend. Meanwhile, yukonquest.com

is where the link will be.

McCready said that when Logan begins his race Feb. 25 he will also have a GPS on his sled. McCready will also post updates to Winterdance's Facebook page.

Today (Feb. 2), she said Hank would be involved in meetings and the start banquet,

"which is also a big event. Friday we will be speaking to Quest fans and a last training run then the start Saturday."

Log onto: [facebook.com/winterdancedogsledtours/](https://facebook.com/winterdancedogsledtours/) to follow Hank and Logan.

## Longtime community volunteer will be missed

By Mark Arike

June White made a difference in many local organizations.

One of these organizations, Point In Time, even named a building after White to recognize her contributions.

"She did a spectacular job of overseeing a lot of the building construction," recalled executive director Marg Cox.

"She was there with her hard hat, overseeing contractors and keeping things on track in terms of budget."

It was around 1998 when White, who was the board president of what was then known as Family Services of Haliburton County, volunteered her time while workers completed major additions to the main office building in Haliburton and erected a new building.

Known as the June White building, it houses meeting space for staff and clients.

"She provided really strong and compassionate leadership to the board,"

said Cox.

Prior to becoming president, the Haliburton resident also served as vice-president. She left the board in 2004. White passed away on Jan. 9 at the age of 83.

Those who knew her were saddened to hear the news.

"I'll miss her very much," said Kelly Harrison, intake worker and clinical secretary for Point In Time. Harrison echoed Cox's comments, describing White as "a driving force" in the construction of the office building.

"No small task," she said. "When it came to naming the building, our then executive director Fay Martin felt no one more deserving than June White."

Harrison said White was "always professional, enthusiastic, driven and after spending time with her, you were inspired to be like her."

Other groups she volunteered with included Places for People, Highland



June White in an undated photo. *Photo from Haliburton Community Funeral Home.*

Games, Haliburton County Pool Initiative, Girl Guides of Canada and her church, St. Anthony of Padua in Haliburton. As

expressions of sympathy, donations to St. Anthony of Padua or Places for People would be appreciated by the family.



# Highlander people

## Where are they now?

From NHL to RBC, former Haliburtonian Ryan Bottum knows all about power-plays

By Jennifer Hughey

Ryan Bottum is juggling some very noteworthy acronyms.

The former highlander is operations coordinator for the National Hockey League (NHL) Situation Room, has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Queen's University and now, most recently, an associate in the Royal Bank of Canada's (RBC) leadership program.

Bottum told *The Highlander* about life since Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), his goal of playing in the NHL and the moment when he realized he likely wouldn't.

Skating with homegrown talents like Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson, Bottum said he knew they were on a different level in terms of skill.

He said it was pretty clear to him in high school he wasn't going to be a pro, but he didn't give up. Instead, he started looking for other ways to be involved in the sport.

Bottum graduated from HHSS in 2006, enrolled at Brock University, and graduated with degrees in political science and sport management.

"The problem is that if you haven't played in the NHL, it's very difficult to get to a leadership level within hockey operations," Bottum said. This led him down a path towards an MBA, which he felt could get him the best of both worlds.

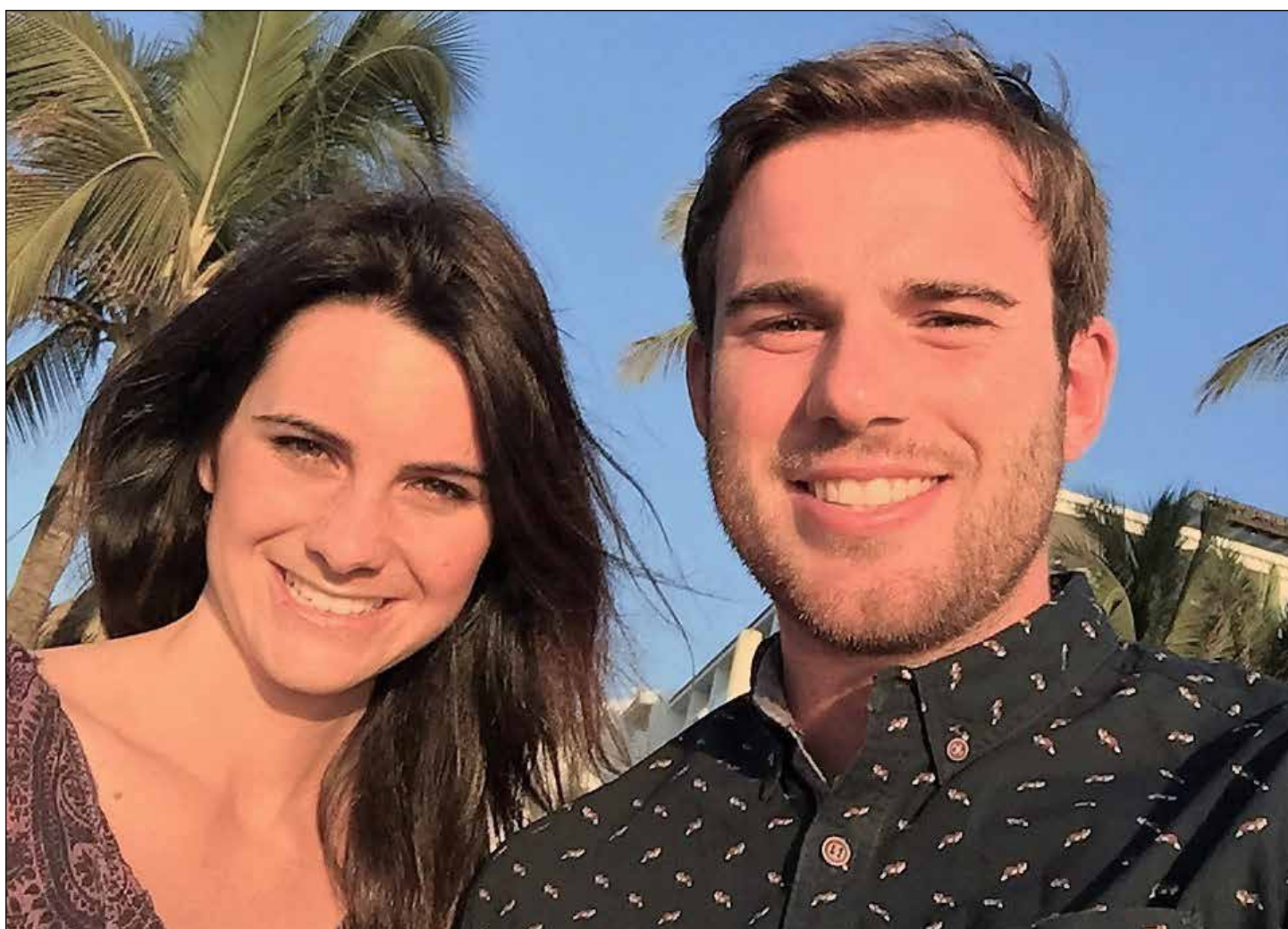
Co-op with the Creative Artists Agency, which represents sports professionals around the world, gave Bottum hands-on experience with a major sports organization in Denver — and allowed him to live with Duchene.

The two have known each other since they were young and Bottum is Duchene's best man this summer.

"He and I got to know each other really well in high school and the rest is history," the Colorado Avalanche centre said.

Bottum went on to work for the Belleville Bulls for two years before landing the job in the Situation Room, a hockey hub filled with televisions connected to 30 NHL arenas.

"Our department is in charge of anything that affects the game," he said. Bottum and his colleagues watch every goal from each scheduled game. He's responsible for a team of NHL employees, at whichever rink



Ryan Bottum and girlfriend Katie McCarthy are all smiles in Mexico, a trip they took after Bottum finished his MBA. *Photo submitted.*

across the league he's assigned, to make sure the game goes off without a hitch.

On top of the NHL gig, Bottum is an associate in RBC's leadership program, which recruits a few of the top MBA graduates each year, from the top MBA schools.

"It is a very competitive program to get into," he said.

Geoff Coons, associate director of the Queen's MBA program, said Bottum balances a sustained, appropriate confidence with a refreshing humility.

"Ryan Bottum is going to be successful in whatever he undertakes," Coons said, adding any team with him at its nucleus will be a successful one.

Having two jobs can be quite demanding,

so Bottum has cut back on the NHL hours.

"It may seem like I veered off my original path," he said, "but to me this is exactly where I envisioned myself if you had asked me when I was 20."

He said he has the unique opportunity to keep his foot in the door at the NHL, but also the opportunity to excel elsewhere and really grow as a person and be more valuable to any business.

Does Bottum miss Haliburton? Every day he is working toward having his own place up north.

"I love nothing more than getting back to Haliburton to spend time with family and friends," he said. "The high points for me during the year are just those days on the water with friends in the summer."

Bottum said growing up in the Highlands definitely shaped him. His parents, Norm and Janet, agree and are proud of the upbringing he received.

"Ryan has learned how to dedicate himself and how to work hard," Norm said, adding he's the "humble, quiet guy that can launch into competition when need be".

Duchene said he has rarely seen anyone outside of hockey that has the drive and dedication Bottum does to get where he wants to be in life, and that the hard work is paying off.

"It was a long road and he stuck with it and never wavered. He's a really bright guy."

## Gord Kidd named 'Voice of the Ocean' in competition

By Mark Arike

A familiar voice in the Highlands is now a legend of the seas.

Gord Kidd beat out several other singing hopefuls last month to emerge as the winner of *The Voice of the Ocean*.

Kidd, who performs at a variety of local venues with his band, was aboard a Princess Cruise Lines ship for 10 days with his wife Kathryn.

They travelled to Panama and Costa Rica.

While on the trip, he entered the singing competition, which is similar to the popular television hit *The Voice*. It includes auditions, mentor rehearsal sessions and judging.

As one of three finalists, Kidd sang "Mustang Sally" for about 1,000 people on the final night of the cruise and won over the crowd.

*I was really impressed actually because there were a couple of professional singers.*

Kathryn Kidd

"Gord got 76 per cent of the votes," Kathryn told *The Highlander*.

"I was really impressed actually because there were a couple of professional singers."

A video of his performance on his wife's Facebook page had 1,200 views as of Jan. 30.

Kidd received a trophy for his talent and showmanship.



# Highland Storm



A Highland Storm Novice player lines up with a Newcastle opponent in anticipation of a faceoff during Sunday's playoff game at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The Storm scored an impressive 10-1 victory. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Atoms

On Jan. 27, the Highland Storm Atoms hosted the Durham Crusaders for their first playoff game. The first period was fast with both teams playing hard. The Crusaders scored the first goal halfway through the period but the Storm quickly came back as Kadin Card scored a goal at the front of the net. Soon after, Card scored a stellar breakaway goal, giving the Storm a 2-1 lead.

The second period was quiet until with two minutes remaining, Austin Boylan scored, to make it 3-1 going into the third.

An intense third period started with a hat trick by Card, followed by a second

goal from Boylan. The Crusaders got their second goal right after, followed by a Logan Tripp slapshot which Aiden Perrott tipped in for a goal. Next, Boylan scored two goals back-to-back making it four on the day and giving the Storm a 8-2 lead. But then things started to fall apart and the Crusaders scored four goals in four minutes and the lead was reduced to two. The Storm had to pull themselves together and keep the lead. They managed to do this when Perrott recorded the empty net goal securing the 9-6 victory.

The following day, it was off to Whitby for game two. The first period started off slowly but with 25 seconds left, Boylan scored the first goal of the game.

The second period started with Perrott dangling the puck past the goalie, making it 2-0, quickly followed by a wraparound goal by Addison Carr. With only a second

left in the period, Boylan scored his second and the score was 4-0 going into the third.

The third started with Card sending a pass to Perrott while getting tripped by a Crusader player. But, before the refs could make the call, Perrott scored his second goal and the score was 5-0. Carr scored two to give him the hat trick, and with three minutes left, the score was 7-0 Storm. It would remain that way, giving Taylor Consack the shutout, with an impressive 27 save performance.

Sunday's game three eliminator match was a nail-biter. The Storm were the first to put one on the scoreboard with a goal by Card. But, the Crusaders answered back to end the period 1-1. Both teams did not let up in the second. The Crusaders scored twice. However, the Storm weren't giving up. Carr scored twice to make it 3-3. The Crusaders broke

## Storm reports

the tie but the Storm wanted the win. With five minutes left, Avery Degeer wound up and shot the puck from the blue line, and scored right top corner to tie the game. And, with only a minute left, Carr scored his hat trick goal to win the game and advance his team into the next round of playoffs. Aaron Neave had a good game in net. (Submitted by Amber Card)

## Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Novices

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the team rolled into Newcastle to take on the Stars in game three of the playoffs. The Storm scored in the first minute of the first period, setting the tone. By the end of the first, the

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# Highland Storm



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Storm were on top 4-0 due to excellent passing, skating and offensive pressure. The Stars came back with two goals in the second but the Storm answered with another of their own. The Storm played an excellent defensive third period with strong checking, solid positional play and superb goaltending sealing the deal and earning the Storm a 5-2 road victory.

On Sunday, the novice team hosted the Newcastle Stars for game four of playoff action at the A.J. LaRue Arena. The Storm were looking to end the series with a win on home ice. From the opening puck drop, the Storm were relentless in their offensive pressure and attack, scoring first and often. Excellent defensive pressure minimized the scoring opportunities of the Stars and led to more turnovers for the Storm. The final tally was 10-1 for the Storm, sending them on to round two of the playoffs. A strong offensive performance by McLean Rowden helped the Storm seal the deal. The team will face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder in round two with dates and times to be announced. *(Submitted by Janice Scheffee)*

### Tom Prentice & Sons Tykes

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Tykes split themselves into two teams of seven and played in a 3-on-3 tournament in Parry Sound. Playing six games each in such a short timeframe allowed every player to demonstrate their spectacular stamina. Each team had five wins and

one loss at the end of the tournament. Goaltending was shared between Taylor Mullock, Evan Perrot, Vanek Logan and Leighton Nesbitt. Every member on the team contributed 100 per cent of their effort and the parents couldn't be more proud. Each Storm tyke entry came out as winners of their division and had to play each other in the finals. Luckily, the finals resulted in a tie, leaving each team a winner for the Highland Storm. Awesome day Tykes! Make sure to come out Sunday, Feb. 5 for the Tyke game in Haliburton at 10 a.m. *(Submitted by Tamara Bain)*

### The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Storm Midget A team travelled to Parry Sound for game two of the first round of the playoffs Jan. 27. They knew this was an important game to win and they played their hearts out.

Both teams went head-to-head and sent the game into overtime. Sadly, the Shamrocks took the game 3-2 with five seconds left on the clock. It was one of those moments, as it could have gone either way and the loss spread emotions throughout the arena.

It was an aggressive, action-packed game from the start. The first period was scoreless.

More than halfway through the second, Owen Patterson-Smith grabbed the puck and manoeuvred his way up

ice. His magical hands and tenacious effort got him to the net and the first goal for the Storm. Shortly after, the Shamrocks answered back. Later in the second, Jacob Haedicke made a pass from deep in the Storm's end. Greg Crofts picked that up and made his way along the boards, pushing hard to the net. He took a great shot, Nolan Flood was there to pick up the rebound and

easily chipped it in. That ended the second period 2-1 for the Storm.

Midway through the third, the Shamrocks were dominating in the Storm end. A shot came from behind the net and snuck in. That tied the game and sent it into overtime. Everyone played to win and Parker Smolen made some outstanding saves. *(Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)*



The Newcastle Stars goaltender stands his ground during Saturday's game against the Novice Highland Storm. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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# Highland Storm



## The Highlander's 3-Stars of the Week



Stats    GP   W   SO  
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### Taylor Consack ATOM

The Highland Storm Atoms are riding high as they patiently await the beginning of the second round of the playoffs, after sweeping the Durham Crusaders in three games this past weekend. Taylor played a huge role in the series, recording two wins, including a 7-0, game two drubbing, where he recorded his first shutout of the season. The Storm are set to face the Wasaga Beach Stars when round two begins.



Stats    GP   G   A  
          3    6    3

### Addison Carr ATOM

With a combined 21 goals for the Storm over their three-game series, it's no surprise to see some of the offensive numbers put up by the Storm forwards. Addison, who's been an offensive threat throughout the season, continued his superb play as he recorded hat tricks in both the second and final game of the series, giving him six goals and three assists over the series.



Stats    GP   G   A  
          2    2    2

### Austin Latanville NOVICE

The Highland Storm Novice team battled the Newcastle Stars in their first-round playoff series, also advancing to the next round after eliminating their opponents this past Sunday at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Austin was able to record a goal and assist in both games over the weekend, as the Storm beat the strong Newcastle squad 5-2 and 10-1 respectively. The Storm are set to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder when the next round gets underway.

### Local League Weekly Schedule

#### Thursday, February 2

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

#### Saturday, February 4

Initiation 2- Practice- Haliburton @ 9AM-10AM  
Initiation 1- Practice- Haliburton @ 10AM-11AM  
Team Rotary vs. Bancroft Jets- Wilberforce @ 11AM  
Team McKeck's vs. Bancroft Jets- Bancroft @ 11AM  
Team Pharmasave vs. Team TD- Wilberforce @ 12PM  
Team Canadian Tire vs. Bancroft Jets- Bancroft @ 12:30PM  
Team Home Hardware vs. Bancroft Jets- Wilberforce @ 4PM



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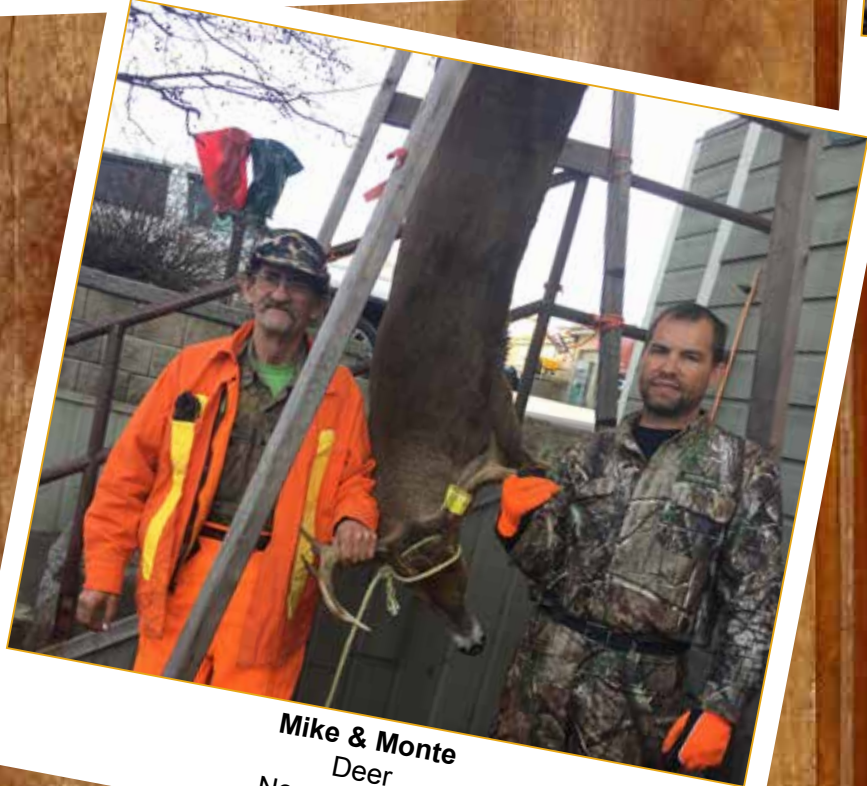
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# World championships



Above: Heather and Wayne Bennett watch the races. Below left: On-site project manager, Tegan Legge. Below right: The Halibana drummers try to warm things up with music.  
Photos by Lisa Gervais.



## Winter Sleddog World Championships a hit

By Lisa Gervais

Heather and Wayne Bennett live in Ottawa and cottage on Lake Kash, but the Haliburton Forest was a recent travel destination as the two decided to check out the 2017 Winter Sleddog World Championship.

"It just seemed like a rare opportunity. There were teams from so many different countries. And it had been since 2009 since the event was last held in Canada," Wayne said.

The two gathered around the start and finish line, camera ready.

And they weren't alone.

A number of locals ventured out to the Forest to check out the event that had been dubbed the Olympics of dog sledding.

Many more volunteered.

"It's been amazing," said on-site project manager Tegan Legge, dressed in an ATV helmet and bright orange, as she worked outside, as well as organized the event that ran until Wednesday (Feb. 1).

She said things had gone "really well," noting that her stress level dropped considerably once International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) officials showed up in person.

Competitors also gave the venue and event a thumbs up.

"Yes, I'm very happy," said medalist Angelica Saur of Sweden. She said her team thought the Forest was "very nice" although the snow is much different than at home. "It's strange snow. We have a big problem with waxing." The Swedes

said the snow is much drier here than in Scandinavian countries.

Saur, who gave birth two months ago and brought her child with her, added the Swedes had found people in the host country "extremely friendly" and "everyone (was) curious about them."

Closer to home, American competitor Rachael Bryar-Colbath, waxing skis, said it had been good. The resident of New Hampshire commented, "It's awesome. We've had a ton of fun."

Drake Collins, 14, of Michigan competed in his first championship. "I think it's going good for the most part," he said at the start of one of his races.

Tim Carey of Wisconsin and his family came because Tim's son was racing. "It's beautiful," he said of the Forest. As for the

championship, "it's been good."

While the family stayed in a cabin at the Forest, they did venture out. One night they ate at McKecks in Haliburton.

By all accounts, the event was helpful to the local economy during a traditionally slow time of year.

The Lions Club had a food stall set up.

At the West Guilford General Store, staff said competitors from Scandinavian countries, such as Norway and Sweden, were some of their best customers. They would come in to buy champagne every time a team member won.

There were 258 teams from 11 countries (Belgium, Canada, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.), not to mention some 1,200-plus dogs.



# World championships



Above: Teams compete in the Winter Sleddog World Championship at Haliburton Forest. Below left: Rachael Bryar-Colbath, with mom, Danae Bryar, waxes skis. Below right: Team Sweden medalist Angelica Saur. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



Above left: Jim Cunningham, gets the teams ready. Above right: Teams getting dogs ready to race in the Winter Sleddog World Championship. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*



# Pond hockey



## Game on

The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships are slated to return to the Pinestone this weekend for the old-timers, those 35-and-up. Last weekend saw the youngsters (19-34 year olds) take to the ice Saturday and Sunday. Friday's games had to be cancelled because of poor ice conditions. This weekend promises to be even bigger with more teams registered. For more, see [Canadapondhockey.ca](http://Canadapondhockey.ca) (Lisa Gervais)



# Hardwater festival



Top: Phoebe Stamp of West Guildford plays in the ice and snow kitchen designed by her mom, Brandon Jarvis, at the hardwater festival. Left: "Icechuk" Charlie of Ennismore works on his hockey playing polar bear ice sculpture at the hardwater festival at the West Guildford Community Centre. Above middle: Bethany Houghton provides the musical entertainment inside the West Guildford Community Centre. Above right: Parents Cory and Melissa with children Patrick and Isabella Valentini of Wilberforce try snowshoeing for the first time ever at Abbey Gardens as part of the Hardwater Festival. Right: Founder, system designer of Haliburton Solar and Wind, Brian Nash, provides a workshop on off-grid, sustainable living to Hardwater Festival goers. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



## Ice, ice baby

The inaugural Hardwater Festival was held Saturday in the West Guildford area.

The headquarters was the West Guildford Community Centre where children could play in an ice and snow kitchen designed by Brandon Jarvis.

Meanwhile, "Icechuk" Charlie of Ennismore and his assistant Chris Loughry of Bridgenorth carved iced sculptures.

Abbey Gardens got in on the action with snow tagging, in which participants used their snowshoe tracks to make art.

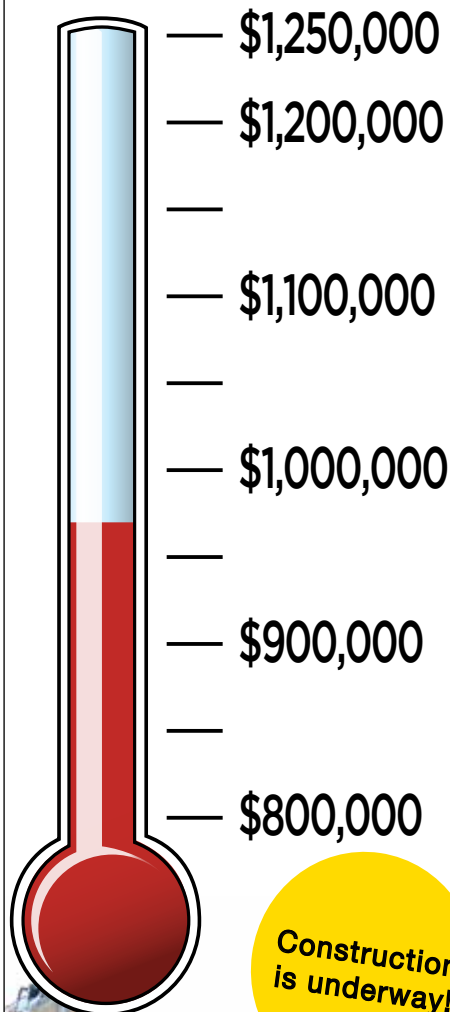
And, the ice wall next to the Medeba Centre, just up the road from the community centre, was put to good use by people wanting to learn about ice climbing. (Lisa Gervais)



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## Trout Fishing Derby

The Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, Jan 28. One hundred and twenty-nine tickets were sold and 30 fish weighed in. *Photo submitted.*

### Winners

1. T-Jan Drumm 3.77 lbs, Farquahar Lake
2. Ken Bowers 3.546 lbs, Farquahar Lake
3. Darren Musclow 3.207 lbs, Farquahar Lake
4. Don Meharrie 2.688 lbs, Farquahar Lake
5. Doug Musclow 2.223 lbs, Farquahar Lake



## Minden Skating Club wins three silvers

The Minden Skating Club had seven skaters compete at the Winterskate Competition in Oshawa on the weekend of Jan 27-29.

### Results:

Ava Allaire; Star 3 Freeskate: Silver  
Hannah Gartshore; Star 3 Freeskate: Silver  
Alexius Mills; Juvenile Freeskate; 8th  
Melanie Walter; Pre-juvenile Freeskate; 9th  
Abby Rosik; Star 4 Freeskate; 7th  
Cheyenne Lagace; Star 2 Freeskate; Silver  
Ruthie Parker; Star 5 Freeskate; 5th

Pictured left: Skaters, back row, Ava Allaire, Hannah Gartshore, Alexius Mills, middle row, Melanie Walter, front row, Abby Rosik, Cheyenne Lagace and Ruthie Parker.

*Submitted.*

## Thank You

We, the family of Leola Pacey, thank CCAC staff and PSW's for their many visits to Mom and, HHHS Community Support Services staff and volunteers for supporting Mom while she lived alone in Harcourt. A thank you, as well, to the ladies who took turns staying with Mom overnight and, a very special thank you to Gwen and Marlene who did this for years after Mom had her heart attack. Mom could not have remained in her home without those of you who helped her attend church, go to bingo, do grocery shopping, make it to various doctor appointments; those who picked up her mail, cut her grass, plowed her driveway, shovelled her walkway, fixed the tv remote, repaired her water pump, serviced her furnace along with so many other things.

After sixty-nine years, Mom left her home in Harcourt and became a resident of Hyland Crest. Here she made many new friends - residents, staff and volunteers and was able to attend church, play bingo and shuffleboard and enjoy the crafts. She truly loved the music provided by the many bands and entertainers. She always enjoyed your visits and phone calls. She enjoyed the nutritious food. She received good medical care.

Unfortunately, on December 27th, her 95th birthday, Mom broke her leg and was transferred to the surgical ward of the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, where she was under the care of Dr. Noronha and the surgical staff. She passed away there, peacefully, on December 29, 2016.

We are extremely grateful to all of you who helped Mom, while in her home. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff members at both Hyland Crest and Ross Memorial Hospital, for all the help and kindness you showed to our Mom.

Sincerely,  
Doris, Donna, & Doug  
The Pacey Family



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### Jan 11, 2017

1. Casey Heley 1602
2. Jason Cochrane 1423
3. Andrea Austin 1364
4. Skylar Pratt 1295
5. Dawn Piercy 1276
6. Jason Kitchener 126

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Beloved wife of the late Allan Francis (2008). Dear aunt of Paul and Lisa, Linda, Brenda and the late Bill. Predeceased by her parents Bill and Olive Cowen and also by her brothers Eldon, Bruce, Christie and Walter. Survived by her sister-in-law Doreen Cowen, Molly Cowen, Anna Barry and Myrtle Walker. Fondly remembered by the Cowen and Francis relatives.

A service to celebrate Mae's Life was held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd. 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 1:00 pm.

A reception followed in the family centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

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Jim spent much of his youth out west planting trees and fighting fires, and earned a Bachelors of Forestry at the University of Toronto. He then went on to get his Masters in Education at Michigan State University and became a teacher of science and math specializing in guidance counselling. He is also a past Grand Master of the Sayer Masonic Lodge in Mimico. He loved singing and performing. Jim touched many lives in the classroom, at the church and at his true home, the cottage.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Jim's Life will be held at the Zion United Church, East Rd., Carnarvon, Ontario K0M 1J0 on Saturday, February 4, 2017 beginning at 11:00 am. Reception will follow in the Education Centre at the Church. Cremation has taken place.

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## OBITUARIES

### GRAESSER, Richard Eric Peter Maddock

At Peterborough Regional Health Center, on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the age of 74. Beloved husband and friend for 54 years of Carolynne (nee Berry). Cherished father of Cynthia "Tammy" (Bob) Pepper, Angela Fisher, and Richard "Rick" (Vicky). Predeceased by daughter Lisa. Much loved grandfather of Sarah, Heather, Conor, Kaitlynnne, and Racheal, he will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Son of late Frederick and Nora (nee Millen) Graesser. Brother of Mary Beattie, and the late Margaret Roberts. Richard's vast interest, curiosity and passion for life will be remembered by the numerous people whose lives he touched. Friends may call at the Turner & Porter Butler Chapel, 4933 Dundas St. W. at Burnhamthorpe Rd. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 7 – 9 p.m. and Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at 1 p.m. on Thursday February 2, 2017. Interment immediately following service at Park Lawn Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be held in Haliburton at a later date. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Hospital). Online condolences may be made through [www.turnerporter.ca](http://www.turnerporter.ca)

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## NOTICE



### NOTICE OF RENOVATION WORK

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) would like to notify the community that there will be significant renovation work underway from January 23 to March 31, 2017 at both the Haliburton and Minden facilities (excluding Hyland Crest and Highland Wood).

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Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, the Executive Assistant to the CAO/Deputy Clerk will be responsible for providing professional executive support and research assistance to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer while performing the statutory duties of the Deputy Clerk and assuming the responsibilities of the Clerk in their absence.

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If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications clearly marked "Application – Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk" may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0 Fax: 705-448-2532  
E-Mail: [shunter@highlandseast.ca](mailto:shunter@highlandseast.ca)

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at [www.highlandseast.ca](http://www.highlandseast.ca). We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter, C.A.O.

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### 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**

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

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## EVENTS

**SO GLAD 2 BE ME**  
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- Be required to work at least one evening per month;
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- 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](mailto: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.

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# What's on

## FEBRUARY 2017 EVENTS

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<b>EVERY TUESDAY</b> <b>Zumba Lite Classes</b> at Dorset Rec Centre, 3 – 4 p.m. Every tuesday until Mar 29. \$5/person/class, or \$60 for the entire session. Call 705-766-9968		<b>Adult Senior Skating</b> , Noon – 2 p.m. at SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden \$2/person.	<b>Free Chair Yoga</b> , 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Maple View Apartments in Wilberforce. Contact 705-457-2941 x 2922, or 705-448-3652 for more information.	<b>Taoist Tai Chi</b> – Haliburton United Church, 10 a.m. - noon. 705-457-5829	<b>Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships</b> (Masters Division), canadapondhockey.ca Feb. 3-5	<b>Après Ski Dinner &amp; Dance</b> , with the Carl Dixon Band, at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike, tickets \$45/person, must be purchased in advance. Over 19 years of age.
<b>Eurchre</b> at West Guilford Community Center 7 p.m. For information, call 705-754-2464		<b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Public Skating</b> at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$2/person.	<b>Public Skating</b> at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, Noon – 2 p.m., \$2/person	Don't forget today's edition of <b>The Highlander</b>		<b>Horticultural Society Potluck</b> , 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Minden United Church. minden@gardenontario.org.
<b>Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships</b> (Masters Division), canadapondhockey.ca Feb. 3-5					<b>Full Moon Series:</b> Snowshoe Under the Stars, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Abbey Gardens \$10/person. Snowshoes available to rent \$10/pair.	<b>Working on Ice Workshop</b> , a one day workshop introducing skills of being safe while working on or around frozen bodies of water. Barklake.com
						<b>Haliburton Forest Snowmobile Poker Run</b> , proceeds go to Haliburton Firefighters' Association, Fee: \$70 per person + HST, includes day pass to Haliburton Forest trails. Haliburtonforest.com
						
<b>REMEMBER TO WATCH FOR ANIMALS CROSSING ROADS THIS WINTER.</b>					<b>27th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival</b> , Family Skating (or Dance) Party. Admission by donation, contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca for details.	<b>Deep Roots Adventure Workshop Series:</b> Winter Camping deeprootsadventure.com/upcoming-events
						<b>Frost Festival</b> , Head Lake Park, Haliburton. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. dysartetal.ca/haliburton-frost-festival/

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

<b>HALIBURTON BRANCH</b> 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. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.	<b>MINDEN BRANCH</b> 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.	<b>WILBERFORCE BRANCH</b> Friday Pool 1:30 p.m. Ham & scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m.	Jam session 7:30 p.m. Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Thursday Youth league 6:30-8:30 p.m. Upcoming Event – Valentine's Day dance – Saturday, Feb. 11 – DJ Dale Allison – door prizes and spot dances – 9 p.m. to close. Saturday, Feb. 25, Ken McFarlane Lake Trout Ice Fishing Derby - \$15/person, one fish entry, Register at the branch before closing Feb. 24 or the Wilberforce Bait Shop by 10 a.m. Feb. 25. Participants MUST be present to collect prizes.
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# What's on

## Have fun and learn something new

By Lisa Gervais

If you'd like to be an animal track sleuth, hold snakes and turtles, listen to hooting owls or learn about wild edibles, this year's discovery days are something you won't want to miss.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has announced its 2017 events, thanks to funding from TD Friends of the Environment.

"We have an enthusiastic committee who are excited to provide unique and educational experiences for all ages and interests," said HHLT board member and discovery days committee chair, Joan Duhaime. She said the program is a chance for people of all ages to have fun and learn something new.

Most events will take place on a Saturday and most are offered by donation.

Duhaime said the public's generosity helps the HHLT continue programs such as discovery days and also helps their work as land stewards.

She urged people to check individual event listings as some have limited spaces and some have a fee.

*We have an enthusiastic committee who are excited to provide unique and educational experiences for all ages and interests.*

**Joan Duhaime**

HHLT board member

**Winter tracks and signs:** Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m. to noon at Nature's Place, Minden. Wildlife biologist Irene Heaven, the education coordinator at Abbey Gardens, will lead participants. They will begin inside Nature's Place where they will have a chance to observe and learn about various animal tracks. They will make their own animal prints in plaster, and have an opportunity to make animal track crayon rubbings and sponge prints. If the weather is good, they will go outside and explore a nearby path to find and identify animal signs and tracks. Register at

haliburtonlandtrust.ca as there are limited spaces and craft supplies for this workshop. Admission by donation.

**Reptile road show:** Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 a.m. to noon. The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles to see, touch, and learn about. It's a fascinating presentation, and a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles that most of us would never encounter in the wild. Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at the HHLT office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton. Cost is \$15 per adult, \$10 per child, family pass (up to two adults and two children) \$30 (pre-paid). The show is at the Haliburton Outdoors Association's Fish Hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd.

**Sounds of the night: owl prow!** Saturday, Apr. 8, 8-10 p.m. Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Participants will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which Plooard monitors for Bird Studies Canada. Owls are identified by their distinct calls. So listen and learn. Chances are good at this time of year that an owl or two might even be seen, as happened last year. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Admission by donation. Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd., Carnarvon at 8 p.m. Carpools will be organized and directions provided.

**Wild leeks, edibles and spring wildflowers:** Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. to noon. Explore the woods at Abbey Gardens and forage for wild edibles with food forester and wild epicurean Carolyn Langdon. Participants will hike the trails and learn about the sustainable harvesting of leeks. They will also learn about other spring wildflowers and their features. After the walk, people will come back to the kitchen to try some homemade potato and leek soup. (Other foods will also be available for purchase.) Register before attending to help with food preparation quantities at haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Cost is \$5 per person, including soup, payment online or in person on the day. This event is at Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton off of Hwy 118 W.



Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board member and discovery days committee chair, Joan Duhaime, joins HHLT board chair Mary-Lou Gerstl at Nature's Place in Minden to promote the upcoming Discovery Days. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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