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Cec "Uncle Bill" Bailey, right, dances with Brenda Gallant while the church choir sings behind them at the 78<sup>th</sup> annual pancake supper at the Haliburton Legion Tuesday night. Hosted by St. George's Anglican Church, the event raised almost \$2,000 for the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. About 300 people attended, 60 volunteers helped and the choir, led by Bill Gliddon on piano, entertained. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

## Lack of provincial dental coverage a sore spot

### Nearly 500 dental-related visits to Haliburton Hospital in 2015

**By Alex Coop**

There were 472 dental-related visits to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital in 2015, costing the health care system \$513 per visit while providing little relief for patients, according to the Ontario Oral Health Alliance – Kawartha Haliburton Brock Chapter.

The statistics reflect a disturbing trend across the province, where about one in

five people don't visit the dentist due to financial barriers.

Local agencies such as the Volunteer Dental Outreach for Haliburton County (VDO) have absorbed more than 700 patients who qualify through a financial screening process, amounting to about \$1,930,277.79 in free dental care since 2011.

But more needs to be done at a provincial

level, says Anna Rusak, oral health promoter for the HKPR District Health Unit.

"I've worked here for about 12 years and it's always been a problem," Rusak said. "We've been lucky to have the VDO ... and low-cost dental care in Lindsay, but at the same time, I don't see much improvement."

Government spending on oral health services represents only 1.3 per cent of

all health spending in Ontario, the lowest among Canadian provinces, according to Public Health Ontario.

Trips to the hospital do little to solve patients' dental problems, says Rusak. Antibiotics to minimize the pain are usually the only item doctors can provide in those situations.

The signatures of 1,050 people in the

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## Scott taking petition to Legislature

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Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton and Brock area have been collected on a petition that's been making its rounds around the area since last fall.

It asks for publicly-funded dental programs to be expanded to adults and seniors.

Local MPP Laurie Scott is planning on presenting the petition to the Ontario Legislature in the near future.

*There's no question that dental health is imperative to your overall health, and even confidence in yourself.*

**Laurie Scott**  
MPP

"There's no question that dental health is imperative to your overall health, and even confidence in yourself," Scott said, adding she had several in-depth discussions about the lack of public dental programs for adults and seniors with local health and social service agencies, including SIRCH. "I heard some very moving stories."

Ontario has two provincial oral health programs and services for adults, some of which can also be accessed by children.

Adults over 18 receiving Ontario Works benefits are eligible for basic dental coverage, in addition to children of adults receiving Ontario Works benefits.

Adults receiving income support through the Ontario Disability Support Program, as well as eligible family members such as

a spouse or child under the age of 18, can receive basic dental coverage as well.

Children 17 years old and under from low-income households can turn to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program, a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services.

But VDO director Lisa Kerr says there is a serious gap in Ontario's healthcare system that fails to address adults and seniors with pain and infections from dental-related issues.

Adding government-funded dental programming for low-income adults, however, would be highly complex, and dentists will have to be consulted and compensated fairly or many will not be willing or able to participate, says Kerr.

"If the money being spent on hospital visits for dental emergencies could be redirected to provide preventative care like checkups and cleanings, as well as emergency care for low income adults, there is no question that our tax dollars would be being used more effectively," Kerr said.

VDO has patients ranging from 18 to 90. Last year alone, VDO provided 1,105 appointments to patients, amounting to \$415,011 in free dental care provided by volunteer dentists.

In 2015 there were almost 61,000 visits to hospitals by people with dental problems, according to the health ministry, costing the province approximately \$31 million.

Visit [dental-outreach.com/contact.html](http://dental-outreach.com/contact.html) for information.

## The Highlander up for four awards

The Highlander is a finalist for two Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) Better Newspaper Awards and two Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards.

For the OCNA's, the first category is General Excellence (circulation 6,500-12,499) and the other is Best Editorial (under 9,000). Alex Coop's editorial, titled "Room for informed discussion," made the top three.

"We're very proud to have reached this level of industry recognition after just five years, thanks to the professionalism and dedication of our team and the continued support of our readers and

advertisers," said publisher Bram Lebo.

The winners will be announced at the OCNA Spring Convention and Awards Gala in Toronto on April 7.

The OCNA is a non-profit industry association made up of 300 member newspapers throughout the province.

Meanwhile, the paper is also up for two Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards.

It is nominated for customer – first and innovation and creativity.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual business and community achievement awards' gala is March 11. (Mark Arike)

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# Highlander news



Abby Xerri and Angie Horner-Xerri of Quantum Passivhaus stand in the passive house they are building as their family home at 9 Highland Gate Blvd. in Minden. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Passive House moves to Minden

By Lisa Gervais

A Passive House business is moving into a larger space near Minden's downtown.

Council gave Quantum Passivhaus the green light at its Feb. 23 council meeting to set up its design and building company at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Peck Street.

Abby Xerri and his wife, Angie Horner-Xerri, along with two business partners, Chip Robinson and Pete Kuehni, are the project's backers.

*We had the opportunity to take this to a lot of different communities but we really want to be part of the growing community in Minden.*

**Abby Xerri**  
Project backer

Passive house (German: Passivhaus) is a rigorous, voluntary standard for energy efficiency in a building, reducing its ecological footprint. It results in ultra-low energy buildings that require little energy for space heating or cooling.

Quantum Passivhaus is an offshoot of Xerri's original business, Xerri Construction, which has been operating in the area since 2007. In 2015, they branched into Quantum Passivhaus.

The couple is currently building a passive

home at 9 Highland Gate Blvd. in Minden but have been planning to take the business to a different level for a couple of years now.

Xerri said they want to make Minden a hub of passive house activity.

They'll have a showroom, light manufacturing plant, and plan to use the rest of the property as an area for training and education ... and could potentially rent out to artisans, such as glass-blowers.

Xerri said they could eventually employ up to 20 people.

"We had the opportunity to take this to a lot of different communities but we really want to be part of the growing community in Minden," Xerri said.

Township planner Ian Clendening recommended that council approve a rezoning (from Village Commercial (C4) Zone to Village Commercial Exception Two (C4-2) Zone. He also recommended an amendment to the Official Plan (OP) which would have to be applied for at the county level.

There was an open house Jan. 24 with more than 20 people attending. A Feb. 9 council meeting was a further public meeting.

Clendening said there were a few concerns about noise, traffic and site alteration and one person wrote about the potential for four proposed trailers on the site in future.

But Xerri said they were very mindful about being good neighbours.

He said that with the township's blessing they are hoping to begin work in April.



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themselves, in our community, and in their  
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world better every day.



By Lisa Gervais

## Province has to address dental care

There were 472 dental-related visits to the Haliburton Hospital in 2015. Those visits cost Ontario's health care system \$513 per visit. That is \$242,136. Yes, almost a quarter-of-a-million dollars.

These statistics come from the Ontario Oral Health Alliance – Kawartha Haliburton Brock Chapter.

The group told us that all of that money was spent while providing little relief for patients.

At the hospital, there isn't much that can be done for teeth and gums allowed to deteriorate because the patient hasn't been able to afford regular dental checkups because they have no or low income or benefits.

Therein lies the problem.

It isn't a new. Calls for denticare, similar to medicare, have been voiced for years.

Local MPP Laurie Scott has been circulating a petition in hopes of pushing the issue yet again. So far, more than 1,000 people in the riding have signed it. She plans to present it in the Ontario Legislature soon.

In Ontario, it's estimated one in five

people don't go to the dentist because they can't afford it. It would seem Haliburton county mirrors, if not exceeds, this stat.

After all, the Volunteer Dental Outreach or VDO has seen 700 patients since 2011. Patients are screened for the service. Had they paid out of pocket it would have been close to \$2 million.

The VDO does great work, but it isn't the answer.

The province has to step up. The oral health promoter for the local district health unit said the situation is as bad as it's been in her 12 years.

The government spends only 1.3 per cent of its health budget on oral health services.

The government pats itself on the back over its dental coverage for Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients as well as its Healthy Smiles program. It's not enough.

As the VDO's Lisa Kerr says, imagine if that quarter-of-a-million dollars spent on those hospital visits in 2015 were redirected into preventative dental care for adults and seniors, or treating emergencies before necessitating a trip to the hospital.

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care admits to funding more than \$30 million province-wide for dental

problems – from 61,000 hospital visits. Surely it knows this isn't a good use of taxpayers' money?

## Hydro Fiasco

Meanwhile, a reader passed on a letter she received from Scott's colleague, Progressive Conservative MPP Randy Hillier.

He's going after Premier Kathleen Wynne for her government's "Hydro fiasco."

He says if you're as outraged as he is about the cost of electricity, photocopy your bill – with a note to the premier asking when you can expect a substantial reduction – and send them to him. He promises to put them in Wynne's hand.

Wynne announced a 25 per cent reduction in Hydro costs this week. His Perth office is at: 1-105 Dufferin St, Perth, Ont., K7H 3A5. The Toronto office is: Room 207 North Wing, Legislative Building, Queens Park, Toronto, Ont. M7A 1A8.

Oh, and in case you're wondering, yes, the next provincial election will be held on or before June 7, 2018. It appears the Conservatives are beginning to campaign in earnest.

## Where do we go from here?

So, if we learned anything from the recent rejection of a proposal by developers to put a gas station beside the Tim Hortons in Haliburton it's this: we're running out of room. As funny as that might be to hear in an area such as the Highlands with so much perceived ample space, it's true. While there were a number of conditions that weren't met by the developers, it's essentially the lack of space that's the main problem. The property was just too small and congested to have that kind of development on it. When's the last time you heard about space being a problem in Haliburton County?

The thing is, this is going to become more and more of a problem for us going forward. You're likely aware of how crowded the area's lake frontage is getting and the same goes for most commercial property in the bigger centres such as Haliburton and Minden, although to be fair, Minden faces a different sort of problem.

Let's look at Haliburton first. Regardless of how you slice it, the basic problem is

not the lack of space downtown, it's the lack of commercial space downtown. If you look at how the village is spread out you see pockets of businesses starting east of West Guilford all the way west of Haliburton. If you don't think it's kind of odd you probably have never been asked by a tourist for directions to Sears or the Beer Store. It's almost like a bomb went off and the businesses were blown to different sides of the village. No one is really to blame for the current malaise, it's just that businesses are opening up faster than commercial property is. Case in point: the "other" gas station development set to take place out near Pinestone. Needed? Probably. Convenient? Hardly.

Minden on the other hand, has a different problem. Fortunately they have ample room. Highway 35 has seen to that. Minden's problem is that it's essentially two towns. You have your downtown core and then you have the enterprises lining the highway, which has caused a sizable migration of businesses out that way.

Essentially you rob Peter to pay Paul. One area develops while the other area suffers meaning that fewer travellers are driving through the Minden bypass into the village. Why would they?

All of this goes to highlight how the various municipal councils need to have intelligent long-term plans on how to absorb future business development. Minden has the tenuous balance of making both roadways viable while Haliburton pretty much has to look at expropriating land or at least encouraging some of the village residential areas to be converted to commercial space. While some of us out there might consider this notion to be ruining the inherent charm of the area, we really have no choice if we want to encourage commerce in the area. Either that or you're going to be driving for 20 minutes just to get a milkshake.



By Charlie Teljeur

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# Editorial opinion

## weeWisdom Music can change the world, part 2



By Anabelle Craig

We all know how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area of Canada, surrounded by more than 600 lakes and nestled in the rocks and trees of the Canadian Shield. But, did you know we are also a community overflowing with musicians and music lovers? We are home to a great number of marching bands, ensembles, choirs, rock musicians, teachers, festivals, busking opportunities, music camps, house concerts, drum circles, opera, theatre groups and much more. Not to mention our very own radio station. This gem of a music scene is not a typical small town occurrence. We have worked hard to achieve our status as a music mecca. They say it takes a village to raise a child but it takes music to bring us all together.

The big question I've been asking myself this week is how can music change or shape a community? Can music bring people closer together? Is music the social glue that holds people together in times of trouble? Is it the bond that helps us express our deepest emotions without words?

Have you ever felt that overwhelming wave of pride when you stand with strangers in a cold arena before a hockey game or at the eleventh hour on Remembrance Day? Our voices wobbling at the start yet growing stronger as our collective voices sing our national anthem? So nervous and self-doubting in the beginning but turning to pure confidence as the song progresses. This shared experience is an example of how music can bring the most unlikely groups of people together.

Studies show that when people sing or play music together it releases oxytocin; a hormone nicknamed the "love hormone" because it is released when people snuggle or bond socially together. This hormone makes us feel closer by improving our trust and respect for each other. We learn to listen, absorb and pay attention more to our feelings and our fellow musicians.

When I spoke to my fellow performers, I wanted to know if they felt the same way I do about music. That when I play in a group I feel alive. It is a rush of joy, nerves and an unspoken feeling of connection. As a member of the audience can you sense this bond?

Over the last two weeks I interviewed various musicians, teachers and music facilitators in our county to find out how they feel music has shaped them and our community. Unanimously, each said that music has allowed them to travel to new places, meet and engage with people and for some, turn that love into a career. My cello teacher, Bethany Houghton, said that if it wasn't for music she wouldn't have moved to Haliburton County, met her partner and bandmate, Ernie Demuth and had their daughter. For bagpiper, Andrew Mansfield, it has become part of his identity, enabling him to connect with his history and culture. Playing at funerals and weddings, allows him to connect with the community during extremely emotional events in people's lives. For some, it is the reason we have Canoe FM and the various events and venues to play in. These music lovers have made it possible for budding and professional artists to share their talent within our community.

Music is a powerful tool that can help give a community an identity. This visceral art form can bring people together and I think, possibly change the world.

**Please stay tuned for part three: How music can change your soul. Do you play? If not, why? What made you stop? What piece of music makes you emotional? Do you think music has a role in changing humanity? Please email your answers and your music stories or adventures, your favourite song and overall comments to [weewisdomhighlander@gmail.com](mailto:weewisdomhighlander@gmail.com)**

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maggie Lawrence snapped this photograph at the bridge in Fort Irwin, as a storm approached. Submitted.

## Refugee all stars

I'm thinking about changing the name of my column. And possibly getting my mug shot retaken while wearing a Blue Jays ball cap. And starting to say 'eh' a lot. And wearing more plaid shirts. And buying a crappy old truck. Oh, hold on, I already have one of those.

I'm nervous, you see, of the current global furor about immigrants. Back in Blighty, they voted to get out of the European Union (EU), basically because the debate was twisted into an anti-immigration rally. In France, Germany and the Netherlands, right wing groups are on the rise, demonstrating, remonstrating with and often attacking poor innocent folks who they see as 'not belonging'. In South Africa, the long mistreated black majority is marching, looting and being violent against other black Africans, just because they are

migrants. And, south of Canada's border, the great orange behemoth, President Trump, is redrafting his exclusion order for folks from countries that don't currently have a Trump Tower; and, he's still harping on about building that wall. Now, Canada is a little more tolerant of its immigrants and our blue-eyed Justin has even invited the folks who are struggling elsewhere to come on over here. I applaud him for that because he sees that we need people to work the all-night shift at Tim Hortons. We need folks to drive our buses and taxis. We need workers to collect our garbage and sweep our streets, because the more well-educated majority of Canadians are not prepared to do these jobs. But there's another upside, too. Canada's inclusive attitude (along with our prime minister's obvious good looks) is perfect bait to attract the highest of minds

and most qualified of professionals. While (not so) Great Britain and the (less than) United States of America battle it out to see who can be the biggest ignoramus when it comes to dealing with the inevitable global phenomenon that is a multicultural society, Canada can be scooping up all the folks most eager to learn or pass on knowledge, excited to bring their skills to work and happy to be accepted into a land where everyone gets an equal chance.

And that's why I'm thinking about changing the name of my column and wearing a baseball cap. I'm not worried that some crazy politician will start some racist campaign to get immigrants, like me, kicked out. I'm not thinking of doing these things to disguise myself, make me more 'Canadian normal'.

No, I'm gonna' get myself a Blue jays cap

because the top three homerun hitters come from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

As for changing the name of the column, how about we change it from 'The Outsider' to 'The English Chap Who Likes Living in a Foreign Land and Likes Other Folks Who Live There Too No Matter What Their Race, Colour, Gender, or Favourite Baseball Team'? Hmm, not too catchy is it. Let me get back to you on that one.

Now, the plaid shirt and 'eh' thing. This is in celebration of country folk the world over. We have to take back our rural dress and quirky colloquialisms from those damn city slickin' hipsters. Deport 'em, that's what I say!



By Will Jones

## TheOutsider



# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: What road is in the worst condition in Haliburton County?



**Candy Robinson**

Haliburton

Definitely Glamorgan Road.



**Arlene Quinn**

Haliburton

I think Glamorgan Road is by far the worst.



**Peter Zahn**

Haliburton

The Boice Bradley Drive south of Redkenn Road.



**Tim Curry**

Haliburton

Blairhampton Road for sure, just ask my car. I drive it every day.



**Logan Percy**

Haliburton

Riverside Drive was horrible in the winter, and it's very narrow at the bottom corner.

*Photos and interviews by Alex Coop*

## County in brief

### Residents appealing biochar decision

Four separate appeals opposing the passing of a zoning bylaw for the construction of a proposed biochar facility on Kennaway Road are heading to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for a hearing.

During a Feb. 26 council meeting, Dysart councillors disagreed with the appeals filed by Catharine Gonnson, Laurie Wheeler, Larry Lowenstein and Douglas Buchanan.

All four indicated identical reasons for appealing the passing of the zoning bylaw, including the suggestion that the plant is a waste processing plant with a noxious use, and that the zoning bylaw fails to conform to the County of Haliburton Official Plan (OP) or the Dysart et al OP.

The proposed 13,000 square-foot building on Kennaway Road, which was first introduced to the public last November, will store a large chamber that will convert purchased sawdust into biochar using pyrolysis (high temperature burning without oxygen).

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

Dysart's director of planning and development, Pat Martin, cited her report to council, which noted the biochar project is supported by a site evaluation report and the applicant has submitted an application to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for the

appropriate Environmental Compliance Approval for air and noise emissions.

"The project will be regulated by a supplementary site plan agreement and it will bring needed jobs to the area," Martin said. *(Alex Coop)*.

### Woman charged with domestic assault

A 27-year-old woman from Highlands East has been charged with assault, domestic mischief and nine counts of assault with a weapon after Bancroft OPP responded to a complaint of a domestic dispute Feb. 15.

The woman, who has not been named, was arrested and held for a bail hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Belleville ON, on Feb. 16, 2017. *(Alex Coop)*.

### YWCA fundraiser on Saturday

When Georgia Shank read about the Minden YWCA being forced to close its doors for five months in 2015-2016 due to a lack of funding, she said it really bothered her.

"I lost sleep over it," she told *The Highlander*, adding that she was fearful "somebody might need somewhere to go immediately in the area and might not have that."

She also read about the YWCA's ongoing fundraising campaign, which includes

a matching dollar donation from locals Susan and Keith Hay. Shank talked to a group of people she knew – asking, "what can we do as a community to make sure this doesn't happen again?" and the result is a music concert being held this Saturday, March 4 with proceeds going to the YWCA for the HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace) shelter in Minden.

The Two-Bit 3some and Friends with special appearances from other local musicians will be help between 2 and 5 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church at 10 George St. Admission is by donation. There will be a bake sale at the intermission and a necklace will be raffled.

"We're hoping to see a really good turnout," Shank said.

For more information, contact Georgia 705-306-9694. *(Lisa Gervais)*

### International Women's Day shelter fundraiser

An International Women's Day (IWD) event is slated for next Wednesday, March 8 with the theme 'be bold for change.'

Bonnie Roe said they will not only be celebrating IWD, but also fundraising for the YWCA HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace) shelter.

She said the Lions Club of Haliburton has already pledged \$1,000 to be handed over on the night. The event is being held in the Great Hall at the Haliburton School of Art and Design from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

"Music will be provided by Zoe Chilco, Cassidy Glecoff and Sage Christiano," Roe said.

She added, "As well, we will learn about the supports HERS offers, hear inspirational stories and enjoy refreshments donated by local individuals and businesses."

She said it is a community event and all are welcome. If you can't attend but want to donate call Roe at 705-286-2414. *(Lisa Gervais)*

### New county GIS system hits the web

A new and improved interactive Web Geographic Information System (GIS) is live on the County of Haliburton's website.

Located at haliburtoncounty.ca, the system includes new tools and features not previously available, such as a local road direction tool that allows users to obtain step-by-step directions for addresses across the county.

"It does include municipal roads, MTO [Ministry of Transportation] roads and private roads," planning director Charley White told county council at a recent meeting. "What we've done is tie it in to our 911 addressing system."

In the future, the county plans on incorporating data from the Ontario Road Network, which would allow users to plan trips further afield.

"You could then go from Niagara Falls to 11 Newcastle St., Minden," she said.

The system is mobile-ready. *(Mark Arike)*

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Tipping fees are displayed at the entrance to the Scotch Line landfill. Photo by Lisa Gervais

## Proposed fee change at landfill coming back before MH council

By Lisa Gervais

A proposed change in the tipping fees for compaction trucks and bins is coming back before Minden Hills council.

During a Feb. 23 meeting, councillors said they would reconsider a rate of \$35 per cubic yard at their March committee of the whole and regular council meetings. The next COTW meeting is March 9 and the next regular council meeting is March 23.

The reconsideration came before a public meeting on the item. During that meeting, Brigitte Gall, a consultant to Highlands Environmental, which has the contract at the Scotch Line landfill, opposed the change. A letter from resident Jim Davis, also in opposition, was also tabled.

Reeve Brent Devolin said there would be “more discussion in this chamber,” when asked by Gall what the outcome of last Thursday’s meeting had been.

The change would see the fee dropped from \$50 per cubic yard.

During the public meeting, Gall asked, “What is the rationale for providing a lower fee for unsorted material coming in, when one company will benefit only?”

She said it was “a tax subsidy to a company that was doing what we all do” – which is respecting the municipality’s goal of diverting waste and recycling to extend the life of the landfill. She said it was a case of “asking all users of the landfill to do the right thing.”

Davis agreed in a letter read out by Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager.

“I am writing to express my opposition to the use of a flat rate fee of \$35 for compacted truckloads of waste,” Davis wrote.

He said it is “entirely unfair and discriminatory” for residents to pay \$40 for a pickup load of material taken to the landfill while allowing “a private (mostly sole source) contractor” to deposit tons and tons of material for a flat fee of \$35 per load.

“My pickup truck is a 1500 Dodge Ram with a broken spring and yet I am charged up to \$40 for a level box load of sorted waste (sometimes it is fiberglass insulation). I paid these fees because waste is waste and needs to be dealt with and not deposited along roadsides as is the fairly common practice, he continued.

“The company that is benefiting from this pricing policy is primarily a monopoly. They do not need a municipal subsidy to be successful.

“The people who pay taxes and do their best to sort and deliver waste in an environmentally-friendly manner will be unduly penalized. If you want to level the playing field, charge the compacted loads \$100. The compacted loads still need to be shredded and/or chipped and often some of the material in the load should have been sorted and recycled in the first place. The compacted loads are not necessarily the best or wisest use of landfill space,” the letter stated.

Ingram brought the recommendation to council Jan. 26. At the time, he said in a report that, “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.” At the time, he said he thought the new rate would eliminate conflicts at the gate and create a level playing field.

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## Dorset transfer station creates savings for township

By Alex Coop

In addition to boosting awareness surrounding Algonquin Highlands' recycling programs, the Dorset landfill's transformation into a transfer station last January has helped the township save more than \$10,000 during the one-year period, just from reduced trucking costs alone.

The savings were more than what township staff expected, allowing them to buy eight more solar panels for about \$9,000, complementing the existing six that came with last year's site upgrades, and likely opening the door for additional savings in the near future.

The new panels were installed last month, each producing up to 300 watts.

Ryan Sisson, the township's environmental coordinator, says the switch to a transfer station has positively influenced every facet of the little site, which sits on top of Maple Ridge Drive, a short drive from Dorset.

"We were able to take the savings we realized from the transportation costs and reinvest them into the project, which are now going to generate savings through fuel costs. It's really a win-win," he said.

Annual monitoring reports show the landfill reached its capacity - 40,000 cubic metres of solid, non-hazardous municipal waste - October 2015. The landfill first opened in 1980.

A successful application for a \$69,000 Continuous Improvement Fund (CIF) opened the door to an exit strategy for the

Dorset landfill.

The project costs for the recycling portion of the Dorset Drop-off Transfer Site Solar Compactors was about \$156,000 and included the purchase of the two compactor units and its bins, a remote monitoring system, a generator, a storage container, a solar PV power system and general site preparation.

The total project costs, including fees related to the waste compactors, was approximately \$237,000.

And the investment was worth it, says Sisson.

After a full year of operating as a transfer station, trucking costs have gone down thanks to the larger bins and automated compaction. In 2013, the township's 20-cubic-yard bins were lifted 105 times, costing the township more than \$27,400. (A lift is every time Bracebridge's Progressive Waste picks up a fully-loaded bin containing recyclable material).

In 2016, the new 40-cubic-yard bins were lifted just 27 times, costing Algonquin Highlands about \$7,000.

"That's a considerable savings in trips," Sisson said.

It's also a considerable reduction in the site's ecological footprint.

When return trips to the hauler and site are considered, the reduction is about 13 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

The township's operations manager Mike Thomas says Dorset's transfer station is unlike anything in Haliburton County.



Algonquin Highlands operations manager Mike Thomas, right, and environmental coordinator Ryan Sisson stand next to the one of the transfer bins at the Dorset Transfer Station. Photo by Alex Coop.

"It's also a whole new ball game for us," he said.

Since much of the transfer station is automated, only two staff members are required to be on site. Manual compaction is no longer required either, says Thomas, as prior compaction methods involved a backhoe pressing down on the material inside the bins.

Each bin is carefully labelled with the appropriate type of recyclable material or waste it allows, and as residents make their way around the site, they are exposed to an e-waste bin, an empty bottle collection centre sponsored by the Dorset Lions Club

and a reuse centre filled with miscellaneous items.

The public has embraced the township's attention to recycling, says Thomas.

Sisson agrees.

"The way it's [the site] set up, it's essentially a number of stations, so source separation is the key here. The public is essentially helping us divert different types of material to different locations."

Landfill hours for all of the township's sites, in addition to this year's hazardous waste collection days, can be found at [algonquinhighlands.ca](http://algonquinhighlands.ca).

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Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, stands with Jillian Hawley at Queen’s Park. Scott tweeted “Wonderful to welcome @jillianhawley99 from my riding [Haliburton] to Queen’s Park as she takes part in the #daughtersofthevote day at the Legislature!” Photo submitted.

## Haliburton law student inspired at Queen’s Park

Jillian Hawley one of dozens at Daughters of the Vote delegations

By Alex Coop

Haliburton’s Jillian Hawley, who is well on her way to becoming a human rights lawyer, still couldn’t help but underestimate herself when applying to represent the local riding at this year’s Daughters of the Vote delegations in Queen’s Park.

She wasn’t alone, she says, recalling that many of the young women from ridings across Ontario, with backgrounds ranging from engineering to environmental science, felt they were inadequate during the application process.

“I was baffled to hear this, because, to me, they are the epitome of what Daughters of the Vote delegates should be,” Hawley told *The Highlander*.

Those feelings of self-doubt were washed away during a day-long program Feb. 21, as the Ontario Legislative Assembly event brought the delegates together at Queen’s Park and gave them an opportunity to speak with their MPPs and discuss women’s roles in politics.

The Daughters of the Vote initiative was launched by Equal Voice, a national, bilingual, multi-partisan organization dedicated to electing more women to all levels of politics in Canada.

The event commemorated the 100th anniversary of women’s political participation in Canada and brought together 121 young female leaders ages 18-23.

“It’s so easy to count yourself out before you even try,” Hawley said, pointing to a conversation she had with Premier

Kathleen Wynne.

“When I asked her what was one of the greatest challenges she faced throughout her career as a woman in politics, even she [Kathleen Wynne] confessed that it was doubt; doubting whether she was good enough, whether she had what it takes.”

Today, only 26 per cent of elected members in Canada’s national Parliament, the House of Commons, are women.

Canada is placed 50th in the international ranking of women in parliaments.

But all of Canada’s political parties are striving for better representation, says Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton—Kawartha Lakes—Brock, who met with Hawley in Toronto.

“Since I first started, the system has changed greatly and it’s not the barrier it was,” she said. “Today, all political parties want more women to get involved.”

Scott was impressed with the young delegates and their achievements, and says they were excited to learn about the ins and outs of Parliament.


“For many of them it was like trying to drink water from the fire hose,” she laughed.

Hawley’s dream is to work for the United Nations (UN) and advocate for human rights across the globe.

This summer, Hawley will have front row seats to the UN headquarters in Geneva, where she will also speak to delegates and watch the human rights council sitting.

The experience will be a part of a field research course she’s taking at the University of Ottawa.


The national event for Daughters of the Vote will take place March 6 in Ottawa, where every delegate from across Canada will take a seat in the House of Commons as well as participate in a series of other events throughout the week.



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# Highlander health

## HHHS CEO says few infections at local hospitals

By Mark Arike

Two unions are calling on the provincial government to do something about the high rate of preventable deaths attributed to hospital infections.

"About 3,200 people will be admitted to Ontario hospitals in 2017, and will die there because they had the incredible misfortune to pick up a hospital-acquired infection," said Louis Rodrigues, first vice-president of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions (OCHU), during a recent press conference at the Dysart library.

"To put those deaths in perspective, 800 people will die in Ontario in 2017 in car crashes and another 800 will die by suicide," he said.

But in Haliburton County, hospital-acquired infections aren't as prevalent, according to Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

"I am proud to say that we rarely see hospital-acquired infections at HHHS; our rate is significantly lower than other hospitals in the province, which speaks to the hard work and dedication of our amazing housekeeping team, as well as all the infection prevention efforts of all staff at HHHS," said Plummer in an interview.

More than 200,000 patients get infections every year while receiving health care in Canada, according to a report by the Public Health Agency of Canada in 2013. More than 8,000 of these people will die because of it.

Infectious micro-organisms can spread through air or water or food; by direct physical contact or indirect contact with a contaminated object or surface; and via insect or animal or another person.

Last fall, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) conducted a survey of 421 hospital housekeeping staff from more than 60 Ontario hospitals. Seventy-eight per cent of respondents report more duties being added to their workload; 76 per cent are working at a faster rate; and more than



OCHU representatives Louis Rodrigues, left, and Nicholas Black have delivered their message to 20 cities across Ontario, including during a recent visit to Haliburton. Photo by Mark Arike.

half believe the situation is unsafe.

In addition, 70 per cent are working "short." This occurs when staff who are off work for vacation, sick leave, training or other reasons are not replaced.

Nearly 40 per cent of Canadian hospital infection control experts believe their hospitals are not clean enough to prevent the spread of these infections, reveals a 2014 national study by the American Journal of Infection Control.

"Clearly, cleaning needs to improve in our hospitals," said Nicholas Black, a hospital cleaner and regional vice-

president for OCHU. "But after many years of real funding cuts, there is an intense pressure on hospitals to not only cut costs but cut staff as well."

To reduce the death rate, Black made a few recommendations such as reducing overcrowding in hospitals, performing a thorough clean and intensifying regular cleaning, and redesigning patient spaces.

In order to maintain its good record, HHHS is in the midst of replacing flooring in its hospital unit, emergency departments and main common areas.

"Ensuring our health care facilities are

kept clean and safe for all patients, clients, residents, staff, and visitors is of the utmost importance," said Plummer.

Both unions will continue to put pressure on the government, said Rodrigues. They are encouraging the public to phone their member of parliament about the issue.

None of the staff at HHHS are represented by CUPE.

A report, titled "Hospital-Acquired Infections: Stop Preventable Deaths," will be available online at ochu.ca.

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# Highlander health

## Whistle-blower policy needed at health services

By Mark Arike

Although Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) already had a whistle-blower policy in place for its two long-term care facilities, it didn't have one for the organization as a whole.

To address this gap, the organization's quality committee is working on a draft policy, with the hopes of it being approved at the next board meeting.

"We wanted to ensure that we are meeting industry best practices," HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer told *The Highlander*.

"We are committed to transparency, and to practices that promote a culture of honesty in which individuals and/or groups feel supported to voice concerns about wrongdoing, without fear of reprisal, in order to ensure appropriate actions can be taken to address identified issues," she said.

A whistle-blower is "a person who calls attention to questionable or illicit activity

in an attempt to have it brought to an end," according to the Oxford Canadian Dictionary.

Plummer was unable to share the draft with the paper because "it is still undergoing revisions." But at a recent board meeting, director Andria Cowan provided some feedback on the current draft.

"I think the issue of anonymity in these types of investigations or situations is critical, to ensure that if somebody feels they need to report this that they're insulated from reprisal," said Cowan.

The committee looked at a number of pre-existing policies, including those of other health care facilities, to develop its own, said Plummer. However, the most comprehensive policy belonged to the City of Toronto.

Once the policy is approved, it will be implemented and staff will be informed about it, she said.

## HHHS plans to help those seeking doctor-assisted death

By Mark Arike

The passing of Bill C-14 last June made it legal for Canadians with a "grievous and irremediable medical condition" to apply for physician-assisted death.

Since then, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has been working on a policy to support patients who plan to go down that path at home or in a long-term care facility.

Local physician Dr. Karl Hartwick has been reviewing the University of Toronto's joint ethics guidelines, as well as the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's guidelines.

"He has done a lot of work around this," said Dr. Kristy Gammon, the new chief of staff, during a board meeting on Jan. 26.

A small subcommittee of clinicians in long-term and palliative care will finalize a policy for HHHS, said Dr. Gammon.

"I think we'll be able to have something

pretty quickly."

HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer doesn't know if any local residents have requested assisted death.

"I don't have any way of knowing ... as it would usually be something that would go through a family physician or nurse practitioner," said Plummer in an interview. "Having said that, if I were to learn of a request, I would not be able to share this information as it would be considered 'personal health information' – which is confidential under the Personal Health Information Privacy Act."

The law enables Canadians 18 and older to make a voluntary request for assisted death. However, health care providers may refuse for reasons of religion or conscience.

The National Post recently reported that a study by the University of Calgary suggests medically-assisted death could save the country as much as \$139 million annually by avoiding expensive end-of-life care.

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## The county is turning blue

Well, you've got your bluegrass festivals, the Canadian Blues Legends series at the Dominion Hotel, Pat Monahan's 'Buckslide Blues Cruise' on Canoe FM, more blues at the Winter Folk Camp with the return of Rita Chiarelli; and now, for the first time, blues at the Haliburton County Fair.

But bluegrass is one thing and the blues another. Bluegrass music has its roots in English and Scottish jigs and reels, as well as the jazz and blues music of rural African-Americans. But somewhere along the line there was a separation of the African American influence in bluegrass music and the genre, named after Bill Monroe's Blue Grass Boys, became more associated with country music.

While I appreciate the consummate skills of bluegrass musicians, my own preference is for the blues, initially popularized by the great bluesmen like Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, and BB King. Not to forget those great blues divas like Besse Smith, Billie Holliday and Etta James. During the British music invasion of the 1960s the blues became more popular to white audiences in North

America due to musicians such as John Mayall, and Eric Clapton, and bands like the Bluesbreakers, the Rolling Stones and the Animals.

The torch was passed in Canada to groups like the Cameo Blues Band, Powder Blues, Downchild, and to musicians like Jeff Healey, David Wilcox, Dutch Mason, Jack de Keyser Colin James, Harrison Kennedy, and Cheryl Lescom, to name a few. The Blues was slow in getting to the Highlands however, because until fairly recently this was a bastion of country and folk music.

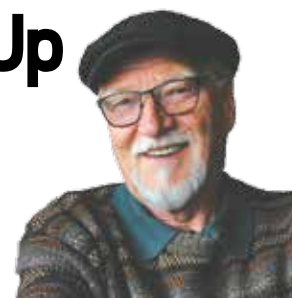
Blues singer Zoe Chilco and Canoe FM, were both instrumental in promoting the blues in the Highlands. For years Chilco was the host of 'The Blue Canoe' program at the station. Lee MacLean then took over as local queen of blues programming at Canoe. Nowadays it's Patrick Monahan's turn with his excellent Tuesday evening show.

There are still not many local blues bands, but Ragged Company performs occasionally, and a few years ago, if memory serves, they opened for both Downchild and David Gogo. Those great

concerts at the Pinestone were organized by local promoter Alex Bell. My love of the blues started with the Rolling Stones, and in the 1970s and 80s I spent most of my hard-earned money in Toronto night clubs, listening to American and Canadian blues legends. When I moved to the Highlands I went through serious withdrawal until the opportunity to promote the Canadian Blues Legends series at the Dominion Hotel came along, six years ago. There will always be roots, folk and bluegrass in the Highlands, and that's as it should be, but for the first time in its 153-year history the Haliburton County Fair will be featuring the blues.

I won't divulge who's coming, because it hasn't been finalized, but I will say that on June 10 the fair will be rocking with uplifting instrumentals and soulful singing from some major talent. Yes, the Highlands promises to be a little bluer this year, and that's a good thing.

## What's Up



**By George Farrell**



HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, centre, is all smiles as she joins Sally Moore, left, and Jan Clarke, owners of Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast, for a photo-op. The two have donated a total of \$10,000 in shares to the foundation to date. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

## B&B owners donate shares to hospital foundation

**By Mark Arike**

Sally Moore and Jan Clarke, owners of Sunny Rock Bed & Breakfast, have given a special gift to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

On Monday, they donated shares currently valued at \$5,000 to HHHSF executive director Dale Walker. It's the second time in the past year-and-a-half they have donated this amount.

"We've chosen to keep these for a while," said Walker, who explained this type of donations goes through the

foundation's Special Gift Program.

"Many of the stocks that we have pay excellent dividends and returns. This is one of them," she said.

In addition to publicly traded shares or securities, other special gifts can include a bequest in one's will or life insurance policy.

There are tax advantages for the donor, said Walker.

Overlooking the Drag River in Minden, Sunny Rock is in its 22nd year of business. Moore knew she wanted to donate to the local health care system

during their 20th anniversary.

"I made a choice to make a significant donation because of the palliative care [centre] and that kind of stuff," she said.

Since launching the Making Moments Matter campaign nearly three years ago, the foundation has raised close to \$1,080,000 for a new palliative centre. It is currently under construction at the Haliburton hospital.

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# Highlander events

## Still buzzing over beekeeping in the Highlands

More than 30 people attended the Haliburton Highlands Museum's beekeeping workshop Feb. 25.

It came as no surprise to museum director Kate Butler, who pointed to the fact that people from as far as Peterborough came to participate in the day-long workshop, led by local apiarist Ron Lofthouse.

"There were so many people who were interested," she said, adding the enthusiasm behind beekeeping hasn't waned since last year's workshops, which were also led by Lofthouse. Bee producers from Port Hope and Orillia are getting many calls thanks to the rising interest in Haliburton, Lofthouse said after the workshop.

"Those producers are getting backlogged," he said, adding there are 25 beekeepers in Haliburton County. The benefits of harvesting bee hives are aplenty, Lofthouse said. From improving the welfare of plant life through cross-pollination, to beautifying the county in the summer, the positive effects are wide-ranging.

"I think people are more aggressively looking at beekeeping as a lucrative hobby," he said. "The trick is to keep them around year-round." (Alex Coop)



Local apiarist Ron Lofthouse talks to an enthusiastic group of people about beekeeping at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Photo by Alex Coop.



## Snowshoeing with a side of pizza

Several people from as far as Pickering came to visit Abbey Gardens last weekend to participate in some outdoor activities and enjoy wood-fired pizzas made from scratch. Some of the visitors had been to Abbey Gardens before, but a few first-timers, who were staying at an Airbnb, were encouraged to check out the workshops there. Pictured left, a group from Pickering wraps up a guided snowshoe tour with Irene Heaven (fourth from right). Photo by Alex Coop.

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The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, March 9, 2017** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, March 30, 2017**.

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# Highlander events



Top left: Robbie Hall was the second performer of the night. Top right: Mark Arike, AKA Whippz, wows the crowd with his smooth hip-hop flow. Above left: A row of flashy skateboard decks. Above right: Cassidy Glecoff, left, and North Born take the stage. Photos by Alex Coop.

## Performers shine at Battle of the Bands

By Alex Coop

A diverse group of performers sang their hearts out during the Battle of the Bands event Feb. 24 at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

The event raised \$800 for the proposed Junction Skate Park, which is slated for construction next to the Dysart township office later this year.

Dysart's recreation coordinator Andrea Mueller, who is also on the township's

skatepark committee, said two separate donations came in since Friday, one for \$1,000 another for \$100.

The committee has been working with various volunteers and organizations across the county for more than a year and has raised \$70,000.

The minimum cost of building the skatepark is \$100,000, but the committee decided the best way forward was to raise more than that to build a park that will last.

Dysart's Deputy Reeve Andrea Roberts announced the \$100,000 in 100 Days campaign to help accelerate the fundraising.

Roberts said she would donate \$1,000 to get the ball rolling.

"It's an ambitious goal, but this is a generous and caring community," she told the audience.

Committee member Pasi Posti, who was at the event, pointed to concept drawings of the park, and said it's time to finally make

the concept a reality.

"We need to go above and beyond," Posti said.

Winners of the event Friday were as follows:

First place - Citizen X and North Born, featuring Alex Petnie and Cassidy Glecoff

Second place - Whippz (Mark Arike)

Third place - It was a tie between Mike the Drifter and Robbie Hall.

## Pickin' and playin'

The Bluegrass in the Highlands Festival at the Pinestone Resort Feb. 24 and 25 attracted multiple award-winning talents that played for excited crowds for hours on end. Performers included Hard Ryde, Winterline, Davis & Grant, The Tebworth Boys, Sweetgrass, Jim Hayward & Willowridge, Northland Ramblers and The Benttree Bluegrass Band. A separate bluegrass festival takes place at the Minden Fairgrounds in the summer. Pictured left: The Tebworth Boys perform a final song before dinner on Saturday. Photo by Alex Coop.





# 2017 Chamber nominees

Advertorial

## Local win 'sweeter' from the community

The TD Canada Trust branch on Water Street in Minden has been nominated for a 2016 Business and Community Achievement Award from the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

It's the branch's second nomination in the Customer First – Business category in the past two years. If the staff win, it won't be their first customer service award – they've already been recognized at the national company level. But a local win will be all the sweeter because it comes from the community, according to branch manager Carol Patrick.

"It's definitely an honour," says Patrick. "TD is a huge organization, I'm sure more than 85,000 people work here in one form or another, but it's nice to be recognized by your own community for what they think is outstanding customer service, so I couldn't be prouder. I don't think large organizations get nominated very often. We like to make it feel like we're part of the community."

Patrick believes there are several additional reasons the branch has been nominated.

"We're very proud of our branch, and we're very proud to give our customers the best possible service we can," says Patrick. "We try to ensure everybody feels welcome into the branch regardless of how much business you have with us."

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Left, Erin Fearrey, manager of customer service, and Heike Roome, customer relations coordinator at a TD fundraising barbecue for the Toronto Sick Kids Hospital.

customers can make a big difference, says Patrick. "I think that goes a long way to making people feel welcome into the branch...you know, sometimes there's a big lineup, or it could be pension day...there's nothing worse than coming into a place where nobody looks up at you."

She says staff also focus on helping customers manage their banking as well as possible.

"We're always looking for ways to help the customer save money or earn money or save time.

Some things could be as small as changing their account package, some things could be larger [such as] changing their mortgage rate or changing how they invest, but always putting the customer first, and what's best for them."

It helps when staff are happy in their work, adds Patrick.

"I think everybody here enjoys working here. I think that shows when you come into the branch. Everybody's in a good mood ... everybody gets along with everybody. I try and be out of my office as much as possible ... I like meeting new customers, talking to old customers ... just keeping customer-focused for sure."

Staff also host an annual fundraising barbeque and participate in local and TD events such as Tree Days, when TD staff volunteer to plant trees in their communities.

The Minden branch first opened in a trailer 37 years ago and the company eventually built the current structure. Patrick's first day on the job at this branch, in April 2013, happened to be the first day it closed temporarily due to the Gull River flood. Despite that challenging start, Patrick says she loves it here. Her parents and sister had already retired to the area, and Patrick is glad she and her husband decided to make the move as well.

The branch now has 16 staff, including casual support. It draws dedicated customers from as far away as Bobcaygeon, Gooderham and Fenelon Falls, despite the latter being closer to the Lindsay branch.

Each year TD Canada Trust awards a staff trip to the "best of the best" in terms of business and customer service achievements, according to Patrick. These staff become part of the bank's Champions Club. A past winner, the Minden branch recently

won again and received a trip to Mexico for 10 staff (which meant bringing in outside staff to run the branch for the duration). Patrick herself received the managers' award, which featured a trip to Miami.

"I think it works out to about the top eight per cent [of staff] in TD Canada," says Patrick. "They [TD] make you feel very special, and these guys totally, totally deserved it. They worked very hard at helping out customers and making sure of course that they [staff] follow bank policy and are compliant with rules and regulations as well ... I'm so proud of them."

A final reason for the branch's outstanding customer service?

"There are so many nice people in the community that it's hard not to like them!" says Patrick with a laugh.

The Minden TD Canada Trust branch is one of 95 nominees for the Chamber awards. The winners will be announced during the 11th annual awards gala on March 11 at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre. Tickets are sold out, but those interested can call 705-457-4700 to be placed on a waiting list.





# Highlander events



## Health care bonspiel raises \$4,000

Thanks to a few rocks and several generous donors, the Making Moments Matter campaign for the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre got a big boost on the weekend. The ninth annual Todd's Independent Curl for Care Bonspiel raised \$4,000, bringing the total raised from the event to \$33,499. Winning teams were skipped by Jessica Byers, Mitch Stephen, Ed Cyr, Don Critchley, Lynn Bartlett and Mackenzie Tidey. Don Popple and Lisa Tompkins, co-chairs of the Making Moments Matter Campaign, said \$1,075,000 has been raised so far for the new palliative centre. The target is \$1,250,000. Dale Walker, executive director for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, said the bonspiel had a great turnout and would like to thank all the donors, volunteers and curlers who participated in the event. *(Alex Coop)*

Pictured left: Mackenzie Tidey, Lena Haase, Dustyn McCready Debruin and Destiny Wilson take a break from the action.

## A colourful ballet

The latest Razzamataz Kids' Show was a colourful spectacle that wowed the crowd at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Feb. 26. Titled "Saraka," the contemporary dance mixed with African and Caribbean music was a hit with the audience. People in attendance were also encouraged to participate by the group's artistic director Patrick Parson, who is a native of Trinidad and Tobago. Parson has been a dancer and musician from the age of 10. The next show will be "Terzetto," by L'Aubergine on April 9. The show will be a unique blend of contortion, music and creativity. Razzamataz Kids' Shows are made possible in part by grants from the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Ontario Arts Council.

Pictured right: A Saraka performer dances against the backdrop of live African and Caribbean music. *(Alex Coop)*



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	4:00-5:00 SHINNY (ages 14-17) <i>Protective gear required</i>	3:00-4:00 SHINNY (ages 8-13) <i>Protective gear required</i>	4:00-5:00 SHINNY (ages 8-13) <i>Protective gear required</i>	
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# Highlander sports



Top: A Red Hawks player attempts a shot on goal. Above: Owen Patterson-Smith tries to get the puck in a faceoff. Photos by Mark Arike.

## No 'puck luck' ends Red Hawks' season

By Mark Arike

Despite a tight battle with the Crestwood Mustangs, the Red Hawks hockey team was unable to overcome their opponents in the quarter finals of the Kawartha playoffs.

The Mustangs won 3-2 in overtime at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Feb. 23. It was their second victory in a best-of-three series to advance to the championship round.

"The players were disappointed with the loss as expected," said coach Ron Yake. "They played a great game. Both team's goalies played well and with a little 'puck luck' the Red Hawks could have come away with a win. The effort and team play was as good as we have had all season."

Owen Smith scored both of the team's

goals.


The core of the group was made up of senior students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

When looking back on the season, Yake said his team "played in a very competitive and balanced high school league."

"[They] gave every team a challenge this year and displayed some great hockey. Throughout the year the Red Hawks developed a team approach on the ice that was noticeable in the last few games of the season," he said.

Crestwood defeated the Hawks 4-2 just two days before the do-or-die game. They participated in the championships March 1.

The Red Hawks would like to thank the community and school for their support during the season.








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# Highland Storm



The Bantam Highland Storm's Braeden Robinson chases the puck in the neutral zone against the Bancroft Jets Feb. 25 at the A.J LaRue Arena. *Photos by Alex Coop.*

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

On Feb. 25, the Highland Storm peewees hosted the Penetang Flames in game two of the series. With the Storm down 1-0 in the series they were looking to tie it. The first period saw both teams battle back and forth with Darian Maddock keeping his team in the game. The period ended

with no score. In the second period, the Flames scored to put them ahead 1-0 going into the third. The Flames scored again halfway through the third to put them up 2-0. The Storm tried everything they had, pulling the goalie to try to get back into the game, but the Flames scored the empty netter. With the goalie back in net, the Storm took the rush back up the ice, with Kyan Hall scoring, assisted by Colin Glecoff and Dylan Keefer. With less than a minute left in the game, the Storm pulled the goalie again, trying everything they could with every last second, but fell short when the final buzzer rang with a 3-1 loss. Great season

guys, hold your heads high! *(Submitted by Ron Hall)*

## Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novice

On Friday, Feb. 24, the Storm Novice team travelled to Wasaga Beach to take on the Stars in game one of the All-Ontario semifinals. The Storm were slow to get going but managed to play even with the Stars for the first period. But, shortly into the second, the Stars began to dominate the game with their relentless pursuit of the puck and scoring

## Storm reports

opportunities. The Storm were unable to respond and were kept off the scoreboard. At the end of the game, the Storm found themselves on the losing end of this one and dropped the opening game of the series.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, the team hosted Wasaga on home ice for game two. The Storm skated much better and battled hard for puck control. Jace Mills scored the first goal of the game giving the Storm an early lead. The Stars responded with a goal of their own tying the game at one. Brechin Johnston scored another goal for the Storm with an assist by Caleb Manning resuming the lead for

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### Friday, March 3/2017

A.J. LaRue Arena- Haliburton

5:00PM	TIMBITS #1		
6:00PM	TIMBITS #2		
7:00PM	6	vs.	5
8:00PM	11	vs.	12

### Saturday, March 4/2017

8:00AM	9	vs.	10	@Haliburton
8:00AM	5	vs.	8	@Minden
9:00AM	1	vs.	4	@Haliburton
9:00AM	2	vs.	3	@Minden
10:00AM	12	vs.	9	@Haliburton
10:00AM	8	vs.	7	@Minden
11:00AM	11	vs.	10	@Haliburton
12:00PM	6	vs.	7	@Haliburton
1:00PM	1	vs.	3	@Haliburton
2:00PM	2	vs.	4	@Haliburton
3:00PM	5	vs.	7	@Haliburton
4:00PM	11	vs.	9	@Haliburton
5:00PM	TIMBITS #1			@Haliburton
6:00PM	TIMBITS #2			@Haliburton
7:00PM	6	vs.	8	@Haliburton



### Teams

#### Junior

- 1 BANCROFT -Team Canadian Tire
- 2 STORM -Team TD Canada Trust
- 3 STORM -Team Rotary
- 4 STORM -Team Pharmasave

#### Senior Division #1

- 5 Storm -Team Home Hardware
- 6 Wilberforce Rockets
- 7 Bancroft- Canadian Tire WHITE
- 8 Storm -Team Mckecks

#### Division #2

- 9 Bancroft -Canadian Tire RED
- 10 Bancroft -Canadian Tire BLUE
- 11 Wilberforce Rockets
- 12 Storm -Team Canadian Tire

#### Initiation TIMBITS #1 TIMBITS #2

### Sunday, March 5/2017

A.J. LaRue Arena- Haliburton

8:00AM	3	vs.	4
9:00AM	1	vs.	2
10:00AM	10	vs.	12
11:00AM	JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP		
12:00PM	JUNIOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP		
1:00PM	'D' CHAMPIONSHIP- 4TH IN DIV. 1 VS. 4TH IN DIV. 2		
2:00PM	'C' CHAMPIONSHIP- 3RD IN DIV. 1 VS. 3RD IN DIV. 2		
3:00PM	'B' CHAMPIONSHIP- 2ND IN DIV. 1 VS. 2ND IN DIV. 2		
4:00PM	'A' CHAMPIONSHIP- 1ST IN DIV. 1 VS. 1ST IN DIV. 2		

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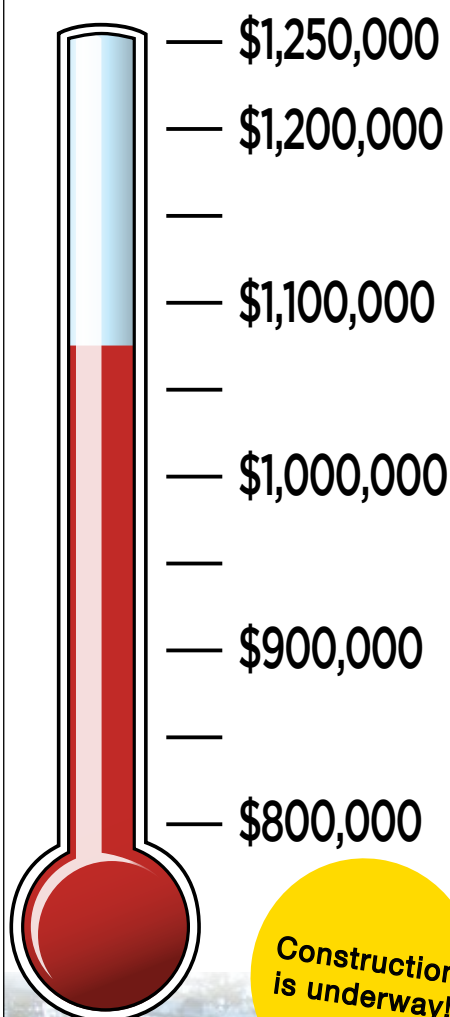




# Highland Storm



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the Storm. It was end-to-end action for three periods and both teams put forth a strong team effort. The Stars took the lead late in the second period and the Storm just couldn't respond. The Storm dropped game two 6-2 and were put in a must-win situation for Sunday. Great team effort and a much better performance on this day for the Storm.

The team travelled back to Wasaga Beach on Sunday, Feb. 26 for game three. The Storm came out strong and were relentless in their pursuit of the puck in both the offensive and defensive

zones. Solid defense and excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm in tight. The Storm put forth their best team performance of this series but unfortunately could not contain the firepower of the Stars. A late goal by Johnston brought the Storm closer but it was not to be on this day. The Storm dropped their final playoff game 3-1.

Congratulations to the team on making it to the All-Ontario semifinals. All players should be extremely proud of their hard work and dedication all season long. It was a privilege to watch these boys improve and develop as a team throughout the season. You made us all

proud. To the coaches – Darryl Winder, Greg Scheffee, Jamie Johnston and Justin Rowden – thank you for all your time and dedication. To our manager, Amanda Manning – a huge thank you for all the time spent planning and organizing team events. It was a wonderful season, be proud of your accomplishments. Way to go Storm! The novice team members are: Brady Burtch, Liam Harrison, Brechin Johnston, Evan Jones, Austin Latanville, Caleb Manning, Jace Mills, MacLean Rowden, Josh Scheffee, Parker Simms, and Chase Winder. (Submitted by Janice Scheffee)

## Storm reports continued

## Jets reports

### Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers Pee wee girls

After having the weekend off, the pee wee girls travelled to Cobourg Friday night to take on the West Northumberland Wild. The Jets picked up where they left off and dominated the game, keeping the play in the Wilds' end. The Jets picked up the two points with a 6-0 victory. Goals scored by Peyton Armstrong (3), Emma Tidey (2) and Ava Smith. Assist going to Chloe Billings.

On Saturday, the girls were in Otonabee to take on the Wolverines. The girls skated hard and made some great passing plays to win 3-0. Goals scored by Trista Young, Billings and Ryan Rupnow. Assists going to Armstrong (2), Mackenzie Hudder, Tidey and Billings.

On Sunday, the girls played at home, taking on their division rivals, the Peterborough Ice Kats. In what was proving to be a great game, the girls finally opened the scoring early in the second period by a squeaker scored by Armstrong and assisted by M. Hudder. With only a one-goal lead going into the third, the fans were on the edge of their seats until late in the third when Tidey, unassisted, scored the insurance goal. Armstrong potted one more before the period ended, assisted by Hailey Hudder, to give the girls the 3-0 important win over the Ice Kats. Bella Smolen turned away all shots she faced on the weekend for her fourth shutout of the playdowns.

The girls take on the Ennismore Eagles at home in Bancroft Saturday, March 4 at 4 p.m. (Submitted by Melissa Armstrong)

### Parkview Dental/ Canadian Tire Bantam girls

The Bantam girls' Jets hosted the Ennismore Eagles Sunday afternoon. The game was fast-paced with both teams exchanging chances at both ends of the rink.

Early in the first period, Haley Goulet started the scoring with a top right corner shot assisted by Mackala O'Connor. The

Eagles evened the score 1-1 with 48 seconds remaining on the clock.

Ennismore scored early in the second period, taking the lead 2-1. Despite their efforts, the girls were unable to put one past the Eagles' goalie and were scoreless through the second.

Determined and wanting the win, the Jets persevered and added two to the scoreboard halfway through the third.

Kennedy Croskery had a single, assisted by Paige Billings, and Beth Brownlee found the net with a backhanded goal assisted by Marissa Cannon. It was now 3-2 Jets. Both teams continued to skate and work hard but it was Ennismore that would score and once again the game was even at 3-3.

With the crowd on the edge of their seats, with two minutes left, Hannah McMann pumped a top left corner shot into the net securing the win for the Jets. Cannon assisted.

Final score, Jets 4, Eagles 3.

Courtney Semach had a solid game in net for the Jets.

The team will play on home ice this Thursday at 7 p.m. against the Peterborough Ice Kats. The weekend will see the Jets play back-to-back games against the top place Otonabee Wolverines. Saturday, the team will travel to Keene for a game at 7 p.m., and will play their first-place rivals again at home on Sunday at the NHCC at 4:30 p.m. (Submitted by Linda Goulet)

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

The midget b girls hosted the Cold Creek Comets on Saturday afternoon in Bancroft, in their continued bid to get to the all-Ontario provincial championship. It was a must-win for Bancroft to even their record with the Comets to a win each in their round robin provincial playdowns. The Jets came out flying and pressured Cold Creek from the opening faceoff. Bancroft's attack led to the opening goal midway through the first

period when Katie Funk's wrist from a sweet feed from Jules Croskery beat the Comet tender high glove. The 1-0 lead sparked the Jets, and late in the first period, Croskery finished off a focused and hard-working shift with linemates Tori Shpikula and Funk to give Bancroft a 2-0 lead.

Bancroft finished the second period with their third unanswered goal when Danielle Sunstrum tucked the puck home with just 19 seconds left in the frame, capitalizing on support from linemates Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden.

The Jets kept their focus, including Katie Hoover's clutch efforts to help secure the 3-0 shutout win. The must-win keeps the Jets' provincial hopes alive.

Bancroft wrapped up their provincial playdowns on the road in Cobourg Sunday night against the Northumberland Wild. The Jets again needed a win to try and secure their bid into the all-Ontario championships in April. Little put the Wild on their heels early when she tucked home a short-side beauty on the first shift of the game to give Bancroft a 1-0 lead. The Wild battled back and tied the game late in the first period. The Jets continued their team-focused, pressured attack and took the lead back with Little's second snipe one-timer off the post from a sweet feed from Marsden. The Wild never quit and found another equalizing goal early in the second period. Both teams battled and pressured the rest of the game to try and find that next goal.

Midway through the third period, Shpikula scored the game winning 3-2 goal when she beat the Wild tender off a dandy dish from Funk. The Jets finished their provincial playdowns on a five-game winning streak and a goal differential of +7 against Cold Creek.

Bancroft will now wait to see the outcome between the Wild and the Comets to determine their entry into the April all-Ontario provincial championship.

The Jets take on Keene in their second round of league finals, beginning Thursday night. Game two is Saturday night, March 4, at 5 p.m. in Bancroft. Game three – if needed – will be Sunday afternoon, March 5, in Bancroft at 2 p.m. (Submitted by Dan Marsden)



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The Township of Algonquin Highlands Parks, Recreation and Trails Department is seeking Youth Rangers and a Team Lead for their 2017 Stewardship Youth Ranger Program. The ranger crew will assist with the maintenance of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, Algonquin Highlands Hiking Trails and Frost Centre Ski and Snowshoe Trails.

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### Casual Program Instructor

The Casual Program Instructor provides support to, and helps deliver a variety of after-school, March Break and Summer Day Camp youth workshops and programs at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for the Township under the supervision of the Cultural Centre Curator, Director of Community Services or designate(s).

This casual position is based on a maximum of a 24-hour work week, including variable shifts. Additional hours per week, to a maximum of 48 hours every 2 weeks, may be required for special projects.

#### Qualifications:

Experience in group management, in any environment, of up to 10 or more individuals, working with both children ages 4-12 and adults, is required. A minimum of two (2) year's experience teaching in a class room or cultural institution setting, including direct programming, is an asset.

Possession of a minimum of Grade 12 and valid standard First Aid & CPR/AED certification is required. A post-secondary education in Visual Arts or Education and the successful completion of a four semester (2 year) teacher education program are assets.

The successful individual will be engaging and versatile with an ability to work in a variety of mediums, as well as a basic knowledge of the arts and various art materials. Preference will be given to those with public speaking, presentation, planning/time management and organizational skills.

Prior to the final selection for this position, the applicant shall be required to provide, at their own expense, a background check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate Police Force.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon **Thursday March 9, 2017** to:

Casual Program Instructor Employment Opportunity  
Township of Minden Hills  
7 Milne St, PO Box 359  
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Detailed Position Descriptions can be obtained from [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) or by contacting the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant at [sprentice@mindenhills.ca](mailto:sprentice@mindenhills.ca).

If you are contacted by the Township of Minden Hills regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

Persons with a disability preventing them from applying on-line should contact the undersigned to discuss alternative solutions.

*We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*  
*Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**.*



## The Corporation of the County of Haliburton

### Requires

### TWO (2) ENGINEERING STUDENTS

For the period of May 1st to August 30, 2017

The County of Haliburton Roads Department is accepting applications from qualified candidates interested in obtaining a summer Engineering Student position. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE 1960 position is \$20.50.

The successful candidates must be familiar with AutoCAD software, proficient with Microsoft Office Suite, completion of "Survey Camp" following second semester of school, familiar with Total Station Surveys and have a valid G driver's licence. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are required.

Please note this position may be partly subsidized by the Federal Government: candidates must be students between 15 and 30 years of age, were registered as a full-time student during the preceding academic year, and intends to return to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year.

A detailed job description can be found on our website at [www.haliburtoncounty.ca/services/human-resources/](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/services/human-resources/)

Please submit a detailed resume indicating your skills and experience no later than **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 4:30pm**. Please send your resume to:

Michele Moore, Human Resources Generalist  
[mmoore@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:mmoore@county.haliburton.on.ca)

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

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

Send your help wanted to  
**[heatherd@thehighlander.ca](mailto:heatherd@thehighlander.ca)**



# Highlander classifieds

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## TRANSPORTATION

### Haliburton County Community Transportation Hub

Need to get somewhere? Don't have a ride? We can help.

To find transportation options:  
[www.transportationhaliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.transportationhaliburtoncounty.ca)  
 705-455-2665 or 1-844-771-RIDE (7433) toll-free

## IN MEMORY



### In Loving Memory of Lillian Marie Jackson (nee Rankin)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on February 24, 2017 at the age of 96.

Beloved wife of the late Fred Jackson. Dear mother of Bill, Janice and Craig. Sadly missed by granddaughters TinaMarie and Kathryn, and great-grandchildren Haydn, Piers, David and Hope.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at HHHS for their exceptional care.



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  - Housekeeping: Seasonal (April – October) with possibility of extensions

Bark Lake offers competitive wages, a supportive work environment and the opportunity to have fun while at work!

For more information about these positions and others: [barklake.com/join-us](http://barklake.com/join-us)

Please email or fax your cover letter and resume to:

Karen Gill-Dennie – Director of Operations  
 Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre  
 1551 Bark Lake Drive  
 Irondale, ON  
 K0M 1X0  
[karen@barklake.com](mailto:karen@barklake.com)  
 705.447.2475 (fax)

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



On Saturday  
 February 18, 2017 at 2:37am  
 we welcomed a healthy  
 10 pound baby boy.  
 Jacqueline Stewart and  
 Patrick Turcotte are the  
 very proud parents.

First time grandparents are  
 Tim and Lorraine Turcotte  
 and he is the fourth grandson  
 for Steven and Carla Stewart.

## NOTICE



## NOTICE

### ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby provided that Council proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for

Thursday, March 9, 2017

The meeting will be held at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall located at 1095 North Shore Road.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

Angie Bird, CAO/Clerk  
 Township of Algonquin Highlands  
 1123 North Shore Road  
 Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1  
 T: (705) 489-2379 Ext. 222  
 E: [abird@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:abird@algonquinhighlands.ca)

## IN MEMORY

### In Loving Memory Angus Macpherson

Passed away peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, January 31st, 2017, in his 91st. year.  
 He leaves behind his sister Audrey Macpherson of Minden, as well as family and friends in Huntsville and Toronto.

Friends are invited to attend a celebration of life to be held at St. Pauls Anglican Church, Minden Ontario on Thursday March 30th at 1 p.m. in the parish hall with reception to follow.





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# Highlander classifieds

## HELP WANTED

SEEKING PART TIME BOOK KEEPING ASSISTANT with experience in QB and excel Flexible hours, benefits. Apply with resume to assistinbookkeeping@gmail.com

LA LUNA DEL NORDO is accepting applicants for kitchen & wait staff. Minimum experience needed, we are willing to train the right candidate. Please send resume by email: lalunadelnordo@bell.net

SMALL LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY looking for Summer Students and Experienced Small & Large Equipment Operators. Must have AZ or DZ license. Compensation will be calculated on experience and ability. 905-434-9257.



We're looking for responsible, hard working, dedicated employees for general construction work. Must have own transportation to Haliburton. Full time (44 hours/week). Wages dependent on experience. Please send application to dbeachli@bellnet.ca.

BLISS IN THE NORTH Energy & Chakra Group, Thurs. evenings @ 6:30 p.m. Learn about chakras & how energy works. Call Denise 705-457-7827 for info.

EXHIBITION WINTER CLASS ART "Acrylic Meanderings" Meet the Artists, Saturday, March 11, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Finn Artists' Center 15 Newcastle St., Minden, 705-457-2404 finn@halhinet.on.ca

ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH at the Haliburton Legion, Friday, March 17th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Stew, coleslaw, dessert, tea/coffee, \$8/adult, \$4/kids 12 and under.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - WE CARE Meetings: Wednesdays, noon – 1 p.m., Sundays 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. St. Anthony's, 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900.

AL ANON- WE CARE, are you troubled by someone's drinking? Meetings: Tuesday 7 – 8 p.m., St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM – Haliburton Legion: Thursdays from Feb 23 to Apr. 20, 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Wilberforce Legion, Wednesdays from Feb. 22 to Apr. 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

LUNCH FOR THE BEREAVED, an informal get-together for those who are experiencing bereavement. Light lunch, no registration required. Fridays 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Haliburton: 1st and 3rd Friday at SIRCH, 2 Victoria St. Minden: 2nd and 4th Friday at Minden Legion on Hwy 35. For more info: 705-457-2941 ext. 2932

VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength, and flexibility. Minden on Wed. at 11 a.m. in the Hyland Crest Auditorium, and in Haliburton on Thurs. at 1 p.m. at Echo Hills. For more information, contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551.

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

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. - noon. Contact Lois Rigney 705-286-1765

JACK & JILL FOR ROB REID AND HEATHER ALLAN. Saturday, March 18th @ West Guilford Community Centre. Cash bar, door prizes and much more! Starts at 8pm, tickets \$10 at the door.

## EVENTS

### WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN

3325 GELERT RD. Minden ON

Open all weekends (Sat. And Sun) from March 4 to April 30.....9 am. To 4 p.m.

Early spring heralds the annual "Sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall in our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast, baked beans and complemented by our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products are available in our retail area along with our BBQ sauces, jams, jellies, preserves, mustards, fruit syrups, and hot sauces. Join us at 2 p.m. For a visit to sourdough Sam's cabin for "Maple Taffy". Call the Dawsons anytime at 705-286-3202 for more information. Cash or cheque only. We are taking orders for maple syrup for this season.

[www.wintergreenmapleproducts.com](http://www.wintergreenmapleproducts.com) [dawson.wintergreen@sympatico.ca](mailto:dawson.wintergreen@sympatico.ca)

Ask for information at Wintergreen on the upcoming Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase on Sat. June 17th

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# What's on

## MARCH 2017 EVENT LISTINGS

### March 3-6

Winter Folk Camp 2017, at YMCA Camp Wanakita. 3 days and nights of musical community. For more info or to register, go to [winterfolkcamp.net](http://winterfolkcamp.net)

### Saturday March 4

Go Wild 4 Wildlife, Dinner & Concert to benefit the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, featuring Carl Dixon and special guest Jeff Moulton. Pinestone Resort, 5:30 p.m. – 11 pm

### March 4 – 5 (Sat/Sun)

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, at Pinestone Resort, [haliburtondogsledderby.com](http://haliburtondogsledderby.com)

### Friday March 10

Harcourt Chapel in Harcourt presents a free movie night, showing "Escape", at 7 p.m. Not recommended for kids under 12. [Harcourtchapel.com](http://Harcourtchapel.com)

### March 11 – 19

Maple Fest at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, [haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com/programs](http://haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com/programs)

### Saturday March 11

Fur and Flintlock, 2-hr hike on snowshoes with guide Mike Buss, to a trading post, a log cabin along Ten Mile Creek. 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. \$99/person, includes lunch, snacks, and 6 hours of activity. [Yoursoutdoors.ca](http://Yoursoutdoors.ca), 705-754-3436 or 705-457-7557.

Taste Spring at the Haliburton Highlands Museum!, maple syrup making, sweet treats, kids' crafts, and contests. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 705-457-2760, [info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

Highland Trio, in the Haliburton Legion's club room, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., \$5 cover for non-members, enjoy a Ladies' Auxilliary meal for \$6 more.

### Sunday March 12

Full Moon Series: Sound Bath Symphony, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., at Abbey Garden, \$10/person

Some Like it Hot!, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., glass blowing workshop at Artech Studio. [Yoursoutdoors.ca](http://Yoursoutdoors.ca)

### March 13, 15, 17

March Break at the Wolf Centre, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., \$12/adults, \$7/Kids 7-17, family pass \$25, includes admission to Wolf Centre, art/craft supplies and an afternoon of activities. [Haliburtonforest.com](http://Haliburtonforest.com)

### Monday March 13

Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., \$2/person

Broomball, at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., \$2/person

### March 14 – 18 (Tues - Sat)

March Break Children's Day Camp, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Registration at 705-286-3763.

### Tuesday March 14

Adults-only Skate at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., \$2/person

Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., \$2/person

Shinny (ages 14-17) at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., \$2/person. Protective gear required.



Victorian Games Afternoon at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., for kids 6-12, 705-457-2760, [haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](http://haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

March Break at Abbey Gardens: Where the Wild Things Roam, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., for ages 6-11. \$25/day or \$60 for all three days. [Abbeygardens.ca](http://Abbeygardens.ca)

Stanhope Soccer League Registration 705-766-9968, [recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca)

### Wednesday March 15

Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., \$2/person

Broomball, at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., \$2/person

Shinny (ages 8-13) at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., \$2/person. Protective gear required.

March Break at Abbey Gardens: Kids in the Kitchen, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., for ages 6-11. \$25/day or \$60 for all three days. [Abbeygardens.ca](http://Abbeygardens.ca)

Horses of South Algonquin Trails, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. 705-457-2760, [haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](http://haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

### Thursday March 16

Adults-only Skate at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., \$2/person

Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., \$2/person

Shinny (ages 8-13) at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., \$2/person. Protective gear required.

Shinny (ages 8-13) at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., \$2/person. Protective gear required.

March Break at Abbey Gardens: Outdoor Kids, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., for ages 6-11. \$25/day or \$60 for all three days. [Abbeygardens.ca](http://Abbeygardens.ca)

### Friday March 17

Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., \$2/person

Canadian Blues Legends Series: Chuck Jackson and Tyler Yarema, Dominion Hotel, 8 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. [dominionhotelpub.ca](http://dominionhotelpub.ca)

Life of a Leprechaun, at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Scavenger hunts, games, crafts and legends from the Emerald Isle. For kids of all ages! 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 705-457-2760, [haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](http://haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

### Saturday March 18

Deep Roots Adventure Workshop Series: Winter Survival [deeprootsadventure.com/upcoming-events](http://deeprootsadventure.com/upcoming-events).

Reptiles Road Show! with Scales Nature Park, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, at Haliburton Fish Hatchery \$15/adults, \$10/child, [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca)

### Sunday March 19

Taste Spring at the Haliburton Highlands Museum!, maple syrup making, sweet treats, kids' crafts, and contests. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 705-457-2760, [info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com)

### Thursday March 23

Babysitter Training Course, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Haliburton OEYC. 6 sessions, every Thursday from March 23rd to April 27th. Cost \$25/student. Must be 12 year old as of June 30, 2017. Space is limited, register at 705-306-9099 or [haliburtonoeyc@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonoeyc@gmail.com)

Food Handler Course, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Heath Unit office in Haliburton. \$40/person. 705-457-1391

### Friday March 24

The Art and Syrup of Maple, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., \$99/person, Call 705-754-3436 or 705-451-7557. [yoursoutdoors.ca](http://yoursoutdoors.ca)

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1 p.m.  
Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.  
Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.  
Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.  
Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC.  
Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards  
Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards  
Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.  
Upcoming events: Live entertainment featuring The Highlands Trio Saturday March 11th 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$5 cover charge for non-members.  
Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email [rc129@bellnet.ca](mailto:rc129@bellnet.ca) or visit [haliburtonlegion.com](http://haliburtonlegion.com) Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

### MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start  
Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.  
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.  
Fish/wings & chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.  
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.  
Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12  
Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.  
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m.  
Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also)  
Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.  
Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

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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  
At the Lloyd Watson Centre – Branch 624 presents Adam Graeme, Hypnotist. Tickets are \$10 each – show is 7-9 p.m. and the doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets available at the branch or can be purchased at the door. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.  
Monday Bid Euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome.  
Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30 p.m.  
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# What's on



Left: October Browne, left, and James Keelaghan perform at last year's Winter Folk Camp. Right: Concertgoers give performers a round of applause at last year's event. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Folk camp brings the best to Haliburton

By Mark Arike

Four days of music, learning and good vibes will return to Camp Wanakita in Haliburton this week. The ninth annual Winter Folk Camp starts on Friday evening and finishes on March 6.

"This is a jump start for some folks," said artistic director Thom Lambert, referring to the long winter break some have taken from music.

Hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society, the camp brings together music lovers of all ages and abilities with accomplished folk artists who will share their knowledge and talent. This year's five streams will include: blues guitar with Emily Burgess, mastering rhythm with Morgan Doctor, playing the blues with Rita

Chiarelli, singing with Treasa Levesseur, and songwriting with Linda McRae.

All of the artists-in-residence are new to camp except Chiarelli, who was in last year's lineup.

"Each year, assembling the talent is somewhat of a jigsaw puzzle," laughed Lambert.

"You always have a wish list of people you want," he said. "We've shot higher and higher over the last few years once we realized that fairly big names were willing to come to folk camp."

Participants will also get to enjoy workshops, jams, song circles and two evening concerts, which will be open to the public.

The first is on Saturday and will feature Levesseur and McRae. It will be similar

to previous years' ceilidhs, also known as a kitchen party, where the unexpected can happen. Sunday's show will showcase the skills of Chiarelli, Burgess, Doctor and Carlie Howell. They are part of a group known as Sweet Loretta.

"It's an all-female blues band," said Lambert.

Both concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

None of the streams are fully booked as of press time, but the total number is around the same as last year when 57 people signed up. About two thirds are returning participants, while the rest are going for their first time. The majority are from outside of Haliburton County.

Most people find out about the camp by word of mouth, said Lambert. There has been an increased emphasis on social media

advertising.

The staff at Wanakita will prepare three meals a day and participants have access to all of the available outdoor activities.

Winter Folk Camp appeals to a variety of people, said Lambert. For some, it's the first time they've done something like this. Others are seasoned performers with bands of their own.

"If there's a commonality, it's folks that really value community music. There's a certain energy that comes out of that, that you don't get any place else," he said.

For registration information, visit [winterfolkcamp.net](http://winterfolkcamp.net) or email Sue Shikaze at [sueshikaze@gmail.com](mailto:sueshikaze@gmail.com). Tickets for both concerts can be purchased on the website.

## Wildlife sanctuary hosting fundraiser for the birds

By Alex Coop

An endangered grouse that had just been shot by a stranger frantically circled the tree it had fallen out of.

The helpless animal was spotted by Helen Dixon during the summer of 2015, and she quickly took it to the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) in Minden where it died because of its injuries.

It was a sad moment, but Dixon and her husband Carl were so impressed with the work volunteers at the sanctuary did that they decided to support the WWS any way they could.

"I really admire the work they do ... I feel strongly about contributing to the community and the best vehicle I have is

my music," Dixon said.

The Carl Dixon Trio put together a successful show last year to help raise \$4,000 for the sanctuary, and this Saturday, the trio, alongside Jeff Moulton, will perform some rock and roll at the Pinestone Resort to help raise money for a new bird enclosure.

Located on 45 acres in Minden since 2008, WWS rehabilitates and releases a variety of orphaned and injured wildlife in the Haliburton Highlands. The volunteer-based organization takes in about 400 animals per year, some of which are species at risk, according to its president Monika Melichar,

"Each year we are growing and improving our facilities," Melichar said. "This year we

would like to put up a large raptor enclosure for birds of prey."

When the sanctuary rehabilitates birds of prey it's important that they are able to fly in a safe space to prevent loss of muscle mass, Melichar says.

"We can't release them in that condition," she said, adding she's noticed more hawks and owls getting injured.

Early concept plans estimate the octagon-shaped enclosure will cost about \$40,000-\$45,000.

The bird sanctuary would also be used by neighbouring organizations similar to WWS.

"We all work together and transfer animals when we need to."

The sanctuary is regulated by the Ministry

of Natural Resources and Forestry, but isn't strongly supported by the government.

"They don't seem to want to interfere much with the natural order of things, but they don't mind us doing it, it's just not in their mandate," Melichar said.

Tickets are selling fast, and Melichar suggests people purchase their tickets by Saturday.

"We want to accommodate as many people as possible."

The event will start at 5 p.m. and go until 11. It will also include a silent auction, a buffet dinner and several door prizes.

Tickets can be purchased at [woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca](http://woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca).





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