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TUNED TO PERFECTION: Amanda Rheaume, an award-winning Métis artist from Ottawa, tunes her guitar at the Minden United Church April 22. See page 26 for more photos. Photo by Mark Arike.

### Heat bank has busiest winter ever

#### By Alex Coop

Heat Bank Haliburton County responded to one heat or hydro-related emergency per day this winter, resulting in the busiest season on record.

The alarming statistics indicate of the 238 clients who were assisted, more than 20 per cent were seniors. Nearly 35 per cent of cases involved children.

"It still gets a little cool out there ... we're still getting calls for help," said

John Teljeur, president of the Central Food Network, a not-for-profit organization that serves as a regional food hub for the eastern part of the county.

It also oversees Heat Bank Haliburton County.

"It's a never-ending thing," Teljeur said, adding the organization delivered more wood than ever before, doubling last year's

During the winter of 2015-16, the heat bank helped deliver 42 truckloads of

firewood to households for hydro. In 2016-17, that number jumped to 88.

Help was provided county-wide, but most clients were from Minden Hills (31 per cent) and Highlands East (37 per cent).

Meeting the increased demand has been a challenge, says the heat bank's coordinator Tina Jackson, who attributes the higher call volumes to increased referrals, a greater awareness of their programs and the chillier winter.

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### Health unit threatens students with suspensions

By Mark Arike

The health unit has sent suspension orders to 750 students across the region it serves—and Haliburton County amounts to almost 20 per cent of that.

Despite warnings earlier in the year, 135 students at local schools were included on the list of those who have outdated vaccination records. High school suspensions began on Monday and elementary students will follow on Friday, said Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease control, evaluation and epidemiology.

As soon as families update their records or complete an exemption form, students will be able to return to class.

Under the province's Immunization of School Pupils Act, the health unit must ensure all students are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease. If any of these vaccines are missing, they can be suspended from school. But exemptions are available for medical reasons, and issues of conscience and religious belief. A form is available on the health unit's website.

Last year, only six students in the county ended up being suspended. Across the City of Kawartha Lakes, 25 elementary and 11 secondary school students were prohibited from school. In many cases, students have been vaccinated by their family doctor or health provider,

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### Mom believes in some vaccines

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but the information hasn't been provided to the health unit. Minden resident Carolyn Allder is a mother of three girls, two of whom attend Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES). They have all their vaccines. Her third child is six months old and is in the process of getting vaccinated.

"Both my husband and I are vaccinated and so when the time came to vaccinate our daughters we didn't have to think very hard," Allder told *The Highlander*. "We look at vaccines as we do regarding all health as a precaution."

She believes "all children and adults who share a public space such as school or work should feel safe and comfortable."

Another parent, who wishes to remain anonymous, has three kids at ASES. One child is fully vaccinated, another is partially vaccinated and the youngest at five months old recently got a meningitis vaccine.

Although she isn't an anti-vaxxer (a person who doesn't believe in vaccination), she believes parents have the right to make informed decisions. For example, she isn't comfortable with the ingredients in some vaccines and the way they are delivered.

"I'm kind of that in-between person," she said in an interview.

She received notices from the health unit, but her children won't be affected because she has filled out exemption forms.

"They have vaccines in them. Now I just have to update the health unit with what they do have."

She is aware of a few parents who simply need to update records and those who don't get their kids vaccinated.

"As long as you fill in your forms, you're good," she said.

In January, the health unit began contacting families of students whose records were not up-to-date. Since then, staff has been in touch with many of these families to update records or ensure missing vaccines are administered to students, according to a news release. Families who have received an order should call the health unit immediately at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507.



#### Fire department gets new life-saving equipment

The Haliburton Firefighters Association with their recent equipment purchase. The two pieces of equipment are battery-operated special rescue tools called a Hurst Jaws of Life eDraulic spreader/cutter and a Rhyno Windshield cutter. The tools serve as a quick and efficient resource in extrication. The Firefighters Association purchased this equipment with funds donated by the annual Haliburton Forest Snowmobile Poker Run. The Firefighters Association receives funds through various donors and fundraisers throughout the year, such as the department's car wash event during the annual Home Show, Midnight Madness and Beef on a Bun. Dysart fire Chief Mike Iles says the new equipment has only been used in training so far. "The portability of the battery operated jaws will allow for very quick response to any emergency response where they may be required in the future," he said. *Photo by Sarah Bell, Sarah Bell Photography*.

### Wood depots in county nearly depleted

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Wood depots located in Minden, Haliburton, Stanhope and in Highlands East, were heavily used all winter. The two in Highlands East were almost depleted.

"Just before Christmas, we responded to a call involving a family with four kids who were without propane for a week," she said. The children were wearing layers of

clothing, Jackson adds.

"Most of the time, the little kids don't understand what's going on ... the parents are doing their best to shield them from the situation and heat their home."

Falling behind on bills is often why families lose the ability to heat their homes, says Teljeur.

"A lot of the clients are so far behind catching up on their bills from previous years, it doesn't matter if it wasn't too tough a winter," he said.

In these cases, members of the heat bank and Central Food Network will set up a payment system or offer appropriate referrals to help families get back on track. The 4C's Food Bank in Haliburton, assists

with the development of these plans.

"Together we'll write a grant application, write a proposal and ensure our partners know what needs to be delivered," Teljeur

The heat bank is also seeking someone with a chainsaw license to help cut wood.

"We're looking for someone to come to the Highlands East site in order to plan a cutting day," Jackson said, adding the organization can work around that volunteer's schedule.

"We would like to have our first splitting day before the end of May."

Seniors, who make up a sizeable portion of their clients, are often unwilling to come forward and ask for help, Teljeur says.

"It's usually not in their DNA to ask for help," he said. "We might be delivering help to a client and their neighbours might not even be aware of that client's challenges."

Teljeur encourages residents to stay

informed about their neighbours.

"Just go over and talk to them sometimes, see if it's warm ... get a feel for how they're doing. If you can't, get someone else to do it on their behalf."

A negative stigma still exists when it comes to asking the food and heat banks for help.

"People sometimes think asking for help somehow means they failed at life. That's simply not the case," Teljeur said.

Clients under Ontario's Disability Support Program, he says, find it extremely difficult to bounce back. But many clients who use local social assistance programs end up volunteering for them.

"These are good people who are looking for a break."

Heat Bank Haliburton County is also becoming an intake agency under the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP). For more information about the Central Food Network and its various programs, visit centralfoodnetwork.org.



### Wynne's fair housing plan won't affect Haliburton

#### By Alex Coop

The Government of Ontario's Fair Housing Plan, announced Monday, which includes a 15 per cent Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) on home prices in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) won't have a direct impact on the Highlands, says Anthony VanLieshout, broker for Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton.



We have a much different story than Toronto, our prices are quite reasonable.

### Anthony

**VanLieshout** broker, Royal LePage

There were whispers of sweeping changes coming to the GGH's housing market, mirroring Vancouver's own foreign-buyers' tax, says VanLieshout, but the market in Haliburton County remains vastly different.

"We haven't seen many non-residents purchase property in Haliburton County ... the majority are residents," he said.

Average house prices in the Toronto region reached \$916,567 in March 2017, up 33 per cent from a year earlier.

This is after two consecutive years of

In the meantime, Haliburton has seen its own share of price increases, but they haven't matched the same spike seen in the city.

"We have a much different story than Toronto," VanLieshout said. "Our prices are quite reasonable."

Linda Baumgartner, broker and team leader of The Haliburton Real Estate Team, says the Highlands has a robust housing market that is still susceptible to some of the trickle-down effects of the

"We get the trickle effect six to eight months later," she said.

Ontario's Fair Housing Plan, however, will have a minimal effect on the county, if any, she says.

"If they're imposing a 15 per cent tax in that area, foreign buyers who spend a lot of money in the GTA might reach beyond the horseshoe into Halibuton County. Is that going to happen, however, I don't know."

If it did, that would be a problem, says VanLieshout.

"Some of these foreign buyers are buying these homes and leaving them vacant ... not cutting the grass and leaving the houses to rot. It would be a shame to see that happen here."

In the meantime, Baumgartner is expecting an active market this summer.

"There's a very high demand from buyers," she said, adding there's an increased demand for rental units, something the fair housing plan also addressed.

Students attending the Haliburton School of Art and Design and young families moving to the Highlands are among those searching for affordable rental units.

"I think we need more," Baumgartner said.

VanLieshout says the Municipality of Dysart has done a good job acquiring Crown Land, some of which has been allocated towards senior housing.

"Fifteen or 20 years ago, many seniors were comfortable with moving to the city ... but now a lot of them are finding more reasons to stay in Haliburton. There are more activities here for them, they've formed more friendships and want to stay closer to family," he said.











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### Dahl family recognized for property donation

#### By Lisa Gervais

The Dahl family, who donated the Dahl Forest to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), has been officially recognized for its contribution to habitat conservation by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) as part of Canada 150 celebrations.

The Dahl Forest is one of only 150 properties chosen nationally to be recognized with this honour.

Peter Dahl and his sister, Nana McKernan, gifted the beautiful property, now known as Dahl Forest, to the HHLT in 2009.

Their mother, Peggy Dahl, hoped that the family property could be conserved and enjoyed by others who shared her love for nature.

A donation, through the federal EcoGifts program, fit perfectly with her vision.

Today, HHLT owns and provides stewardship for this property. The Burnt River quietly meanders for 2.7 km through the treed 500 acres. Peter and his wife Jan MacLennan live in a house overlooking the river for much of the year.

Marked trails, managed by the HHLT, wander through the forest and are wonderful for walking, snowshoeing or just enjoying the peace and quiet of the forest.

The family has been recognized for its contribution in Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday year.

"It's an honour to be so recognized for our family's gift," said Peter. "The piece of land we nurtured throughout my lifetime is now in the hands of the Haliburton community, and it will be preserved as a fine example of local ecosystems for all time."

The Dahl family planted more than 120,000 trees on their property in the 1950s and 60s. This effort helped transform the property into the forest it is today.

The HHLT board is thrilled that this special property and amazing donation has been recognized at a national level. The HHLT is honoured to provide continued stewardship for the Dahl Forest.

Chris Whittemore is the chair of the Dahl Forest Committee. "The Dahl Forest is a very special place that all of us are able to enjoy thanks to the generosity of the Dahl family. We have a team of volunteers that monitor the forest every two weeks. I thank them and the members of the management committee for their continued support and dedication."

A formal dedication and the installation of a plaque of recognition will take place this fall. The HHLT also owns and provides stewardship for three other properties in Haliburton County: "The partnering between land donors and recipient organizations such as the HHLT is key to ensuring that we work together to build an environmental legacy for future generations. This recognition of the Dahl Forest may motivate other land owners to consider a similar donation as a way to ensure that their land will be conserved and protected for generations to come," said Joan Duhaime, HHLT board member.

Detailed information about all the HHLT's properties, and how to join the organization or donating land yourself, can be found at haliburtonlandtrust.ca.



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#### Lions club suggests garden for anniversaries

The Haliburton and District Lions Club asked Dysart council for permission to plant a garden in Head Lake Park during a regular council meeting April 24.

To help usher in the 150th anniversary of Haliburton and the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), Jim Frost, a member of the local branch, pitched the idea of a commemorative garden filled with serviceberry bushes to councillors Monday.

His letter to council, which says "serviceberry bushes are excellent for the environment," also explains how all costs and future maintenance of the garden would be done by the lions club.

"The size will depend on how many shrubs we put in," Frost told councillors.

A commemorative plaque signalling the aforementioned anniversaries would accompany the garden as well.

Council was receptive to the idea and tasked Andrew Wilbee, the municipality's director of public works, to help select a suitable location at the park. The garden is slated for completion by June.

Council also approved a proposal by the lions club to hang their flag on one of the masts at the A.J LaRue Arena June 7 to celebrate Lions International's centennial anniversary.

"You've supported this community in so many ways, why wouldn't we support you in retur?" Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told representatives of the lions club who were present Monday.

Since its founding in 1968, LCIF has awarded more than 13,000 grants totalling over \$1 billion. (Alex Coop).

#### Residents want winter maintenance on Cruiser

During a regular council meeting Monday, Lynne Tate, a resident of Cruiser Lake in Dysart, asked the township to plow snow on their 1.5 km stretch road just off County Road 7.

"Things have changed a lot in that area after 23 years," Tate told councillors, pointing to several newly-erected buildings and the additional residents that have moved to that area. A private enterprise has been plowing the snow for them for several years, Tate explained.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told Tate council was very familiar with the road.

"We will look at it ... we have to make sure we have time to get to that road without putting another truck on the road," he said, adding council would have a final response by September or October.

Tate suggested it would be a simple matter for a snow plow to take a brief detour down their road and plow it.

"I don't think it would take very long,"

Tate said residents on the road would

### County in brief

like a response before October in order to make arrangements with a private snow plow, should the township decide not to plow it. (Alex Coop.)

#### **Economic development** job in Highands East

Four months after Curtis Tighe's departure, the Municipality of Highlands East is on the search for a part-time community economic development and committee coordinator.

The one-year contract position was posted to the municipality's website April 21. It was first posted internally for seven days, but no applications were received. The responsibilities include helping oversee community economic development through advisory committees of council, promoting tourist activities, marketing the area and assisting with the management and supervision of the information centre.

The deadline to apply is 1 p.m. May 2. Tighe resigned last December after threeand-a-half years with the municipality. He was hired for a similar job in southwestern Ontario.

The municipality is also looking for an information centre labourer. It's a part-time, seasonal position. The chosen applicant will assist the coordinator with the operation of the information centre.

Tighe was instrumental in launching the centre, which is inside the Wilberforce Curling Club. For more information or to apply, visit highlandseast.ca. (Mark Arike)

#### **Changes at Dorset** transfer station

A report presented to council April 20 suggests the removal of several monitoring wells from the Dorset Transfer station's monitoring program, and a reduction in annual sampling and

The report from Cambium Inc. cited stable groundwater quality at the site for reasons to reduce its monitoring wells. The site reached capacity in 2015 and reopened as a transfer station early January 2016.

Water sampling should be reduced to once per year in the spring only, the report suggests, adding surface and groundwater wells should be minimized as well.

Mike Thomas, the township's operational manager, pointed to the report's recommendation that minimal sampling should continue.

"If problems arise in the next year, the other wells would be reopened," he said. Cambium's report suggests the township continue to complete quarterly site condition inspections.

The Dorset landfill's transformation into a transfer station has helped the township save more than \$10,000 during the oneyear period, just from reduced trucking costs. (Alex Coop.)

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To reflect and promote pride in the culture, people and landscape of The Highlands

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

### Poverty not just a winter problem

Summer is drawing closer, and townships across the county are working hard to make sure they achieve that summer glow our seasonal (and permanent) residents expect.

Roads are being swept, grass is being cut, and those ugly piles of grey snow that always overstay their welcome are finally melting away.

But before we flip that switch, let's talk about one of the county's biggest and ongoing challenges: poverty.

A recent report from Heat Bank Haliburton County says the not-for-profit organization responded to one heat or hydro-related emergency per day this year, resulting in the busiest winter on record.

Of the 238 clients who were assisted, more than 20 per cent were seniors. Nearly 35 per cent of cases involved children.

Not only is this unacceptable – the decision to buy groceries or heat a home is nearing scary-levels of normalization for dozens of families in the county – but the numbers aren't getting any better.

Nearly 16 per cent of Ontario adults aged 18 to 64 were living in poverty in 2014, according to Statistics Canada. We expect the 2016 census numbers, when released, to show little change.

Poverty isn't just a winter problem, and while the howling winds and icy temperatures pose a greater challenge for people already struggling to make

ends meet, the need for adequate support systems and well-supplied food banks is a year-round priority.

People living in poverty require more than a band-aid to their problems, and while our food and heat banks provide an invaluable service to the county, thanks to the hundreds of passionate volunteers who work within them, we must explore more permanent solutions.

Our county's poverty reduction strategy is an important document that highlights the need for better transportation, housing and access to Internet, among other critical items that require our townships' – and province's - attention.

Progress, unfortunately, is moving at a snail's pace.

Ontario's basic income pilot project, which will launch in Hamilton, Lindsay and Thunder Bay, could be a step forward in creating a system that helps people lift themselves out of poverty.

The current complexities of our social assistance programs are difficult to navigate, and public servants overseeing these programs often emphasize monitoring and policing rather than helping and advising.

The three-year pilot project aims to "explore the effectiveness of providing a basic income to people who are currently living on low incomes, whether they are working or not," Kathleen Wynne told

reporters in Hamilton Monday, adding it will apply to people making less than \$17,000 per year.

It's too early to tell what kind of results this project will yield and disappointing



**By Alex Coop** 

that Haliburton wasn't selected for a pilot project of this kind – but it's something the province and municipalities can hopefully build upon in the next several years.

In the meantime, let's do our best to, at the very least, not forget about poverty in the Highlands this summer.

#### What you can do

Support our food banks and heat banks year-round. Attend those wood-cutting sessions to build fuel stores for next winter. Buy locally when you can, to support local jobs and families.

Resist the impulse to judge. Unforeseen circumstances can quickly change someone's life, sometimes for the worst. No doubt, there are people who abuse the system, but having a strong support system for those who do truly need it is part of what makes us a responsible and compassionate society.

### Down in the dumps

People have expressed concern that I am cultivating an unhealthy relationship with the dump. My sanitary landfill de choix is Minden's Scotch Line site just north of the village, and I know each of you likely has your own favourite. Mine makes me feel,

I spend a lot of time thinking about it ... I remember, long before recycling, when the dump was down in a deep valley and one had to descend a circuitous route, like at an open pit mine, to reach the point where you could toss your garbage at a pile. There were no cards to show, no separating items by gender (source material) and the place was open 24 hours a day. You could visit any time of the day or night. The night trips were always the most interesting as long as it didn't bother you just to hear the bears and not see them.

The dump was often smoldering, (stove ash that wasn't quite out) with nasty smelling plumes of oddly coloured smoke curling out of the mountains of trash. Occasionally, it would turn into a raging inferno with the fire department called out to try to find the heart of the blaze and firefighters wondering, as they raked open  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$ the stinking bags, if this is really what they volunteered for.

But all that is long buried now. The pit is gone and the drive in is almost level, as visitors cruise over decades of accumulated trash and wonder if somewhere deep below their feet is the missing wedding ring from years ago or that wad of cash they always thought would be secure in the cookie jar that someone threw out.

Now it's all ID cards and separating your recyclables and toxic waste and e-waste and fluorescent tubes and batteries and tires and fridges and stoves and that monstrous construction waste pile. That last one drives me berserk.

I look at the pile of furniture, fiberglass boats, lumber, windows and doors and so much other stuff and see a monument to our consumer society. I rarely contribute to that part of the dump, but when I see it, I feel a twinge about how we have evolved to become such a throw-away society. In that pile of debris, which I am told is destined

for the chipper, I see pieces of lumber that could be salvaged, windows and doors still in good shape, plywood, items that could be usefully



By Jack Brezina

repurposed. There must be some way of rescuing the useful from that which has met its end and put it to another use.

I am not referring to new building construction, that is likely illegal, but to sheds and chicken coups and walkways and ... I don't know what. People with greater carpentry skills than mine could probably suggest hundreds of things that could be done with the material that is in that pile. But instead, the signs warn "no scavenging" and the useful material awaits its ultimate fate with the chipper. It then gets turned into material to be spread over the rest of the garbage.

When will it end? Likely not soon. The answer to that question when I am at the dump is right under my feet.



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# Editorial opinion

#### **Eye on the street:** Why are volunteers important in Haliburton County?



Dave Walker
West Guilford

Because we don't have anybody here to do the job and nothing is funded.



**Devin Wright** 

#### Haliburton

I think the upside of volunteering is that you meet some pretty cool people and get a feel for the community.



Karen London

#### Minden

We need them. They help our community survive.



Laura Post

#### **Algonquin Highlands**

They're all wonderful and they're everywhere. I want to be a volunteer soon.



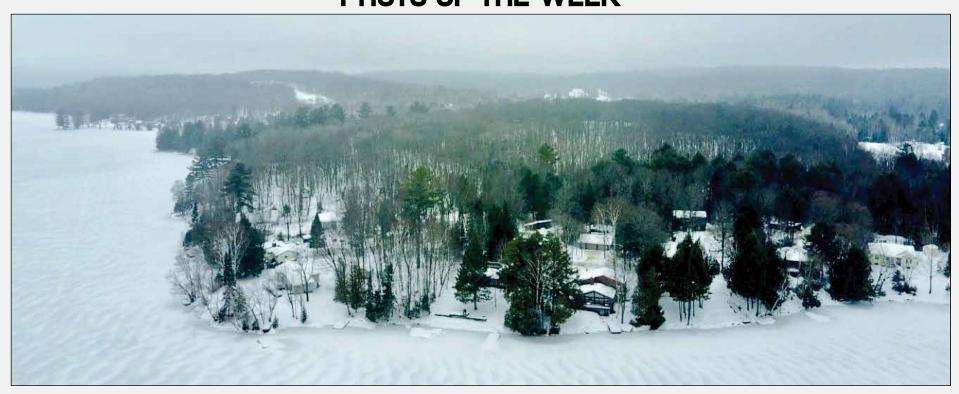
**Lynn Cox** 

#### Minden

Because we have lots of needs and it's a great feeling to volunteer.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Chris Porter took this photo of Kashagawigamog Lake with his drone. Submitted.

### The joys of spring

Damn it! I knew there were a couple of things that I hated about the end of winter and this weekend has seen both of them materialize. Two necessary evils that can be guaranteed to raise their ugly heads during the first sign of a warm spring day. Like the one we had this weekend. The kind of day that makes you feel good to be alive. Until, that is, my dual nemeses struck.

The first of these annual blights on my spring joy is the row with my neighbour from across the river. He's a funny little fellow who, while perfectly amiable for the most part, has certain ideas about what is fun and what is not when it comes to a sunny spring day. And these ideas do not match mine.

As such, no sooner had I fired off a couple of rounds to pattern my shotgun for the

turkey season than I heard my neighbour calling from across the river.

Not calling on the phone, but rather yelling from across the river.

Soon we both stood in my backyard grimacing and moaning at each other, our hackles raised, our weapons drawn. Quite literally. He was brandishing a canoe paddle, me a shotgun. I felt like I had the upper hand. The scene was quite comical when I think about it; albeit, it could have looked a tad menacing to an innocent bystander.

An hour later and we'd both had our say, raised voices had simmered down and we were each back on our respective sides of the river. The result? Nothing had changed other than an hour out of both of our first sunny spring afternoons had been wasted.

And then, to add insult to injury, my lovely wife put a total kibosh on my day by bringing out my other worst spring nightmare. The trampoline!

If there's one thing that I truly hate about the coming of spring, and the end of fall for that matter, it's dealing with this godforsaken monstrosity of a garden toy. I loathe it for multiple reasons, the main one being that I have to look at it whenever I turn to gaze wondrously at my perfect piece of rural Canadian heaven.

There it is, front and centre, a massive, stupid, pool noodle-clad frame, pad and net, ruining my view.

"But your son loves it," I am reminded every time I moan, "can't we get rid of that @#\$%^\*& thing?"

He loves Pokemon, too, but we don't have

to have a giant yellow Pikachu in the garden! And then there's the

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laborious task of putting the damn thing up (and taking it down). So many parts — nuts, washers, screws, bolts, legs, frames, net, pad, pool noodles, posts, post tops, string to tie the net down, springs, so many springs, and the bouncy bit, too. Plus, a selection of tools to assemble said pieces, a guarantee that a couple of small parts are missing, and, a sure fire bet that I'll pinch a finger in a spring and give myself a blister. Oh how I hate that trampoline.

So, that was my weekend. I hope yours was better. Here's hoping this coming weekend is more fun. Ah, but there's the veggie garden to contemplate. Bugger!

# HHSS wait-listed for grant program

#### By Mark Arike

Every year for the past nine years, Grade 10 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School have researched local charities and presented their findings to their peers and teacher. It's been a civics class assignment, and the top groups have earned a shot at winning \$5,000 for their charity from the Youth Philanthropy Initiative (YPI).

But due to the recent restructuring of the program, 80 schools, including HHSS, have been put on the wait-list.

"It broke our hearts to put the school on the wait-list," said Holly McLellan, executive director of YPI Canada.

Students are still doing research projects this year but there is no money invloved.

YPI was founded by the Toskan Casale Foundation in 2002. The foundation was formed by the same family that co-founded MAC Cosmetics and established the MAC AIDS Fund in the mid-90s.

YPI is intended to connect students to social issues, local charities, philanthropy and their communities. Since launching, more than \$14 million in grants have been distributed by youth worldwide.

A total of \$45,000 has been distributed to nine local organizations in Haliburton County and more than 1,400 students have participated. Community Living Haliburton County received the money last year and used it for renovations.

The program has continued to be in high demand, resulting in a decision to launch



Brittany Pott of the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, left, hands over a \$5,000 cheque to last year's YPI grant winners, from left, Sam Longo, Madeline Hopkins and Emily Klose. File photo.

YPI Canada, an independent charity.

"A few years ago we realized that we're going to need to start bringing on more partnerships," said McLellan.

The majority of the money for these grants has come from the family, but now that will change. They are seeking funding partners, including organizations, businesses and individuals. Haliburton is in the seventh spot on the wait-list, which means odds are good that the program will be back for the

next school year.

"We're really confident. We're bringing in a lot of new interest," she said.

In the next three years, McLellan says they intend to distribute \$1 million in grants across the country and offer the program to more schools.

"All we want is to support local charities and get young people involved."

YPI Canada has three staff and costs \$350,000 per year to run. These expenses are subsidized by long-term national partners such as TD Bank.

Despite scaling back the program, YPI granted \$275,000 to charities through 55 schools this year. This is about half the amount they gave out last year.

Before becoming a registered charity, it distributed anywhere between \$700,000 and \$950,000 across Canada.

For more information or to become involved, visit goypi.org.

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#### **Employment Opportunity**

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Please visit www.mindenhills.ca for complete posting details, submission instructions and job descriptions.

#### **Zoning By-Law Update** Phase 1 Housekeeping

The Township of Minden Hills will be hosting the following Open Houses to give the public an informal opportunity to review and ask questions about proposed amendments to the Township's Zoning By-law.

> Wednesday May 3 & Friday May 12 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm Minden Community Centre 55 Parkside Street Minden, ON

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For more information please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

### Geese control now up to municipality

#### By Mark Arike

For the past seven years, local resident Leora Berman has volunteered her time to deter Canada geese from settling in Head Lake Park and leaving a mess in their wake.

But she recently decided to call it quits, saying it's time to pass the torch on to someone else. Berman is a firm believer in the continuation of the project, or utilizing plants to keep the birds away. Otherwise, the population "will rebound and return quickly again," she says.

"The continued benefits of a healthy, accessible and attractive park, and cleaner lake waters and fisheries will be lost if the planting is not maintained and if the spring nesting locations are not removed through either continued taping, but preferably through their permanent removal via plants," said Berman in an interview.

In 2010, the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association obtained a Cottage Life grant to install native garden beds at the south end of Head Lake to deter geese, according to minutes from a Dysart council meeting. Council passed a resolution allowing them to do so. No financial commitment was made by the municipality.

Berman recalls a major geese problem at the time.

"There were over 200 geese every year that were all over Head Lake and Head Lake Park," she said, adding there was feces everywhere. "It was gross."

One goose can produce more than one pound of poo per day. This waste has been known to carry E. coli and salmonella

Since only so many plants could be purchased with the grant, Berman said she came up with another way to further deter geese: flash tape.

"I tape off, strategically, the open water areas abutting natural shoreline," she said. Berman claims there has been an 85 per



Leora Berman finishes taping an area around Head Lake earlier this month. This is her last season putting up the tape to deter geese. Photo by Mark Arike.

The shiny, silver and red tape scares geese not only because of its visual impact but also the noise it makes in the wind.

Berman has a background in economics and environmental science. She is co-founder of The Land Between and a consultant. Goose control through planting is mentioned on her company's website.

Earlier this week Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said the municipality hadn't heard from Berman regarding her plans.

"Obviously it's had some impact," said Fearrey, referring to the taping project. He said the parks and recreation department will likely take over from Berman.

"Certainly council will look at it if she's

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not going to do it," he said.

The average Canada goose weighs 1.1 to 8 kg and has a wingspan of 127 to 173 cm, according to Canadian Geographic. They are found in most types of wetlands and

nest in the same region as their parents, usually in the same nest each year. They migrate south in the winter and head north in the spring.



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# Haliburton realtor one of top in Canada

#### By Mark Arike

Linda Baumgartner has been named one of the top real estate agents in the country by Real Estate Professional (REP) magazine. She made the 2017 Top 200 Agents list for "elevating the entire industry by going above and beyond" for clients.

"Myself and my team are pretty proud and excited about it," said Baumgartner in an interview. "It's a demonstration of the hard work and high level of service we provide our clients."

> My love for the Highlands certainly does shine through to my clients and the way I market. You have to believe in what you sell.

#### Linda Baumgartner

broker, Haliburton Real Estate Team

With more than 29 years of experience, she is broker and team leader of The Haliburton Real Estate Team, which is part of RE/MAX North Country Realty. It's her first time making the list and she was the

only agent in the county to do so.

This year's list of top agents was compiled through a combination of Multiple Listing Service data and online survey results, according to a media release. To allow for discrepancies in home prices in different markets, REP focused on the number of transactions (a listing and a sale) per agent in 2016 rather than overall sales volume.

Baumgartner said she had about 121 transactions. Her ingredients for success include her reputation, good rapport with clients and other realtors, and "aggressive and unique marketing strategies," she said.

"My love for the Highlands certainly does shine through to my clients and the way I market. You have to believe in what you sell."

This isn't Baumgartner's first time being recognized. She was inducted into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame in 2004 and received the company's Lifetime Achievement award in 2012.

REP is "dedicated to Canadian real estate agents, brokers, realtors and sales representatives." It is published by Key Media International.

For this year's full list, visit whichmortgage.ca/leading-mortgage-professionals/rep-top-200-agents-2017/.



Linda Baumgartner of the Haliburton Real Estate Team has been named one of the top 200 agents in the country by Real Estate Professional magazine. *Photo submitted.* 



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### Highlands a leader in environmental learning

#### By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's inclusion in the recent United Nations designation of Peterborough and area as one of the world's top centres for learning about environmentalism comes as no surprise to several locals.

Peterborough, the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton and the four First Nations communities in the area – have joined a worldwide network of 149 regions judged to be top centres for environmental education.

Only seven other places in Canada, and two in Ontario, have earned the prestigious designation.

The other provincial Regional Centres for Expertise (RCEs) for sustainable development are Toronto and Sudbury.

Fifty organizations – including Fleming College, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve – jointly applied for the designation.

It will allow local experts to go to conferences around the world to remain on the cutting edge of environmental learning.

In January, lead agency, Peterborough Green-Up, received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to ensure the region can make the most of this new designation.

Green-Up got \$75,000 to hire a professional coordinator to connect all the 50 supporting organizations, and to create a website and other communication materials.

It is anticipated the money will last a year, at which point the local initiative is expected to have a strategy to keep itself

Sandra Dupret of the Haliburton School of Art and Design, told The Highlander, "Of course, a large part of the college's contribution is our commitment to sustainability, as can be seen with the college's office of sustainability and our environmental programs. The Haliburton campus is home of Fleming's Sustainable Building Construction and Design program.'

Heather Reid of Abbey Gardens said, "Abbey Gardens was pleased to be involved as this is an opportunity to celebrate the rich history in Haliburton of environmental action and education, and to look forward to our area being recognized regionally for those efforts."

And, Barrie Martin of Yours Outdoors, added, "We have had a long tradition of environmental and outdoor education in the Haliburton Highlands and it remains a big but little known industry."



#### Summer Festival sets under construction

David Mills, Norris Turner, Terry Twine and Brian Kipping have been busy volunteering their time to build the sets for this year's installment of the Highlands Summer Festival. This was their fourth week assembling the backdrop for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, which hits the stage in July. Other sets they will be creating are for Proof and Hilda's Yard. They hope to be finished by the end of May, said Mills. All of the sets are being made at a workshop on Industrial Park Road. To learn more about the festival's lineup, visit highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Pictured above: Brian Kipping, left, and Terry Twine enjoy themselves as they work on the set for A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Photo by Mark Arike.



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# Highlander sports

### Former Storm player movin' up

### Head coach says Sterling Nesbitt's 'commitment is second to none'

#### By Jennifer Hughey

Sterling Nesbitt is like any other 13-yearold girl.

Her dress is picked out for Grade 8 graduation and she has a summer of baseball and beach days planned out. The difference is, those activities will be slated around Sterling's summer hockey schedule. "It's obvious," Sterling said, when asked why hockey?

And it is.

The Nesbitts are a veteran hockey family in Minden Hills, spending hours of time at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and other county rinks. They built an ice rink in their front yard this winter and one of the first things you see is a hockey net as you pull into their driveway.

"Sterling is now a defenseman for the Oshawa Lady Generals Bantam AA team," her mother Cindy proudly told The *Highlander*. There was even discussion of signing her before tryouts.

Sterling was also offered a spot on the Peterborough Ice Kats Bantam A team playing forward, but she declined for a spot on the Lady Generals.

With tryouts, the Oshawa Globemaster Girls Summer Select Tournament team, preparing for Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) U-16 high performance preliminary identification camp in Ottawa and the OWHA/Hockey Canada skills day in Napanee – it's safe to say hockey is Sterling's life.

"I think back to when Sterl first put skates on," Cindy said, "I had no idea that her passion, dedication and love of the game would have led her to where she is now."

With two kids immersed in the sport, Cindy and husband Wyatt are seasoned pros at mentally tallying all the in-car and ice. But it's worth it for Wyatt. As a hockey

dad, he's excited to see where Sterling's career is headed.

"There's nothing more rewarding than to watch a young athlete prosper at the sport they love," Wyatt said. "Any parent will vouch for that."

Sterling has come a long way since first lacing up at three

years old. Her parents often reminisce about her playing Highland Storm Timbit hockey at age five, working her way up to joining the Tykes in 2011. She was one of only two girls on the team at the time.

Storm until 2014, when she was then asked to play for the Bancroft Jets Peewee Girls C team," Cindy said, adding it was the second time when Rich

and Midget B girls. "Sterling was with the week," Cindy she travels to Oshawa Saturday Smith had

coached Sterling.

"It's pretty much game on when the puck drops," Smith said. "Sterling is a very strong hockey player and she has a shot that's beyond her years."

The 2015/16 season was quite successful for Sterling. The team went 18-0-4 for

the season, with three gold medal wins at large city tournaments. She was made captain the following year.

During the 2016/17 season, she played for the Lindsay Lynx Bantam C team as assistant captain and an alternative player for both the Bantam B Her daily routine now looks very different from other teenagers.

"She works out with Lorie Kah twice a said, adding

> Hockey Association." Gubler agreed and feels confident in her ability to attract attention in the years to

advantage.

"Her level of dedication is second to none," he said. "It's a big commitment from her and her parents."

mornings for skills practice with

activities twice a week.

Sterling's dedication.

Globemasters coach, Tyler Gubler, and

still manages to fit in other extra-curricular

"It's just that athletic drive," Cindy said of

Gubler, who is also coach of the Lady

Sterling's strengths. It's part of the reason

"I want to give her a shot," Gubler said.

He added Sterling has a great shot and

Sterling's goal is to acquire a hockey

scholarship for her future education and

said her dream is to play on the Canadian

"This is a huge opportunity for me to

higher level," Sterling said. "A chance to

have my skills seen by other coaches and

staff members from the Ontario Women's

contribute to another team at a much

"She needs someone to give her that chance

showed she knew how to use her size to her

he and assistant coach Blake Cook pre-

Generals, agrees that drive is one of

selected her to attend tryouts.

to prove what she can do."

Women's Hockey team.

Cindy said opportunities that have presented themselves to Sterling because of this dedication, make her so proud.

"As a parent, I am so heart-bursting proud of her and I can't wait to see where her hockey journey travels," Cindy said.

"She is the kind of kid you love to coach," Smith said. "She sets standards high for herself and for her teammates. She just really loves the game."

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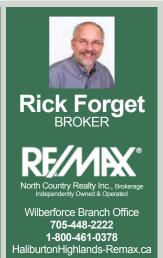


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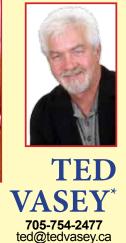














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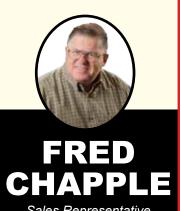
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# Aging well master plan nears completion

By Mark Arike

The development of a county-wide Age-Friendly Master Plan has revealed that a lot can be done to make the community more user-friendly for seniors.

The top three priorities, as identified by residents, are to create a public transportation system, more housing

options for aging in place, and better access to health, medical and home care services.

And "affordable" was a term frequently used while gathering that information.

"The purpose of the project is to produce ... a plan to guide the development of our services and our infrastructure for the older adult population here in Haliburton County," consultant Kate Hall told county council on March

In 2015, the county and the Aging Well Committee secured \$25,000 in funding from the province's Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program. The money was used to hire Hall and create a plan.

The age-friendly concept examines social and physical environments in the community, as well as establishing partnerships that build capacity, explained Hall.

"It's about building on what exists, identifying some opportunities, and collaborating with seniors and community partners to celebrate aging," she said.

While working on the plan, Hall referred to a guide by the World Health Organization (WHO) for developing age-friendly communities. Her recommendations were framed under WHO's eight domains: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, respect and social inclusion, social participation, communication and information, civic participation and employment, and community support and health services.

A community engagement process was undertaken, which

included focus groups with seniors, community luncheons, interviews with groups that serve seniors and an online survey. Feedback was obtained from a combination of 294 people and groups.

The research also builds on relevant information the committee has gathered since 2008, said Hall.

"There was a very long, detailed survey that was done at

that time."

Hall listed several recommendations under each of the key areas. For outdoor spaces and public buildings, one of the suggestions is to assist the visually impaired by painting a yellow stripe on curbs and along the edges of steps.

At the top of the list for transportation is accessing provincial funding to develop or enhance rural transportation services through the enhanced gas tax program. The province currently provides municipalities two cents for every litre of gas sold to help fund public transit improvements. In January, they announced this will gradually increase up to four cents per litre between 2019 and 2022.

The master plan will be finalized this month. Action plans will be developed with a working group in April, along with an implementation strategy.

"You've covered a lot of ground here," said County Warden Brent Devolin.

He pointed out many of the responsibilities Hall outlined are beyond the scope of county council.

"Obviously we have a role being a conduit in this," he said.

Devolin recommended the committee provide their input to municipal councils, the province and public meetings.

For more information about the plan, call committee chair Angela Andrews at 705-457-1391 or email aandrews@ hkpr.on.ca.



that a lot can be done to make the community more userfriendly for seniors. File photo.



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Left: Artist and writer Anje Hilkers and writer Rob Hilkers. Right: Beading artist Dale Card.

#### Dorset celebrates the arts

Dorset embraced creativity in several forms during the 13th annual evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art. About 60 people, including 20 participants, attended the event at the Dorset Recreation Centre. "The music, stories, art and wine were lovely," said Melissa Alfano, recreation programming supervisor. She thanked volunteers, participants and sponsors for their contributions. (Mark Arike).

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#### Rec centre's fitness room to reopen in June

To coincide with the 33rd annual celebration of Senior's Month in Ontario this June, the Township of Algonquin Highlands wants to host a reopening ceremony for the Dorset Recreation Centre Fitness Room. The decision was made during a regular council meeting April 20 at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall. The \$35,100 project was partially funded by Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. That \$25,000 in federal funding was accompanied by an additional \$10,100 from the Algonquin Co-operative Development Corporation and the township itself. The upgrades include five new pieces of fitness equipment, sport flooring installation, the installation of an aerobics area, renovations to the room and improved accessibility in the change room showers. The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon on June 1. For the week following the reopening, from June 2-11, the fitness room facility will remain open to the public free of charge. (Alex Coop).

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Top left: Glassblowing student Joseph Flagg talks about his art with visitors. Top middle: Davita Guslits stands next to her drawings and paintings. Above left: The college's Great Hall was abuzz with activity. Above middle: Desmond Amy holds a kinetic sculpture he made in the blacksmithing program. It sold before the day was over. Above right: Elyzah Zoller, 3, colours an illustration made by student Clara Cummings. *Photos by Mark Arike*.

### HSAD students' art turns heads

#### By Mark Arike

A profusion of art and creativity emanated from students at the Haliburton School of Art and Design during the end of semester's annual show and sale.

The one-day event, titled "I Made It!" featured the work of more than 50 diploma and certificate students at the local Fleming College campus. Hundreds of visitors

entered the red doors on Saturday and many walked away with handmade pieces.

Joseph Flagg, a glassblowing student from Fort Erie, had sold a few of his creations midway into the event.

"The people are great," said Flagg. "I really like how involved the community is in the school."

Davita Guslits, a drawing and painting

student from London, Ont., said it was busy and the show was "jam-packed with good stuff."

"It's really motivating to be around people creating such beautiful works," she said.

Kelsy Rumancik, an 18-year-old student in the blacksmithing program, relocated from Manitoba to study at the campus. She intends on continuing her education with glassblowing and jewellery.

"I came here and I fell in love with it," said Rumancik. "Coming here has been a dream."

Students chose whether to sell their work or put in on display only. The event is part of their marketing portfolio class.

A similar show and sale takes place at the end of the winter semester.



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Left top: Amanda Rheaume and members of her trio, Chad Murphy and Anna Ruddick. Left: Kelly McNamee, left, and Brittany Robinson, both members of Lunar Bloom. It was the trio's debut performance. Above: Local resident Jocelyn Regina is one-third of the trio Lunar Bloom. Photos by Mark Arike.

### Female trio makes debut at folk society concert

By Mark Arike

Even before the main act took the stage, a room full of concertgoers was in a trancelike state.

That's because the powerful voices of the opening trio, Lunar Bloom, created a harmonious sound that filled the Minden United Church on Saturday evening. They opened for Amanda Rheaume, an awardwinning Métis artist from Ottawa.

More than 100 people attended the show, which was part of the Haliburton County Folk Society's annual concert series.

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### Youth earn awards for Remembrance Day contest

were recognized for their efforts to honour those who served in battle for their country.

First, second and third place winners in last year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests were given cash prizes and awards on April 21 at the Haliburton Legion. Branch winners advanced to the zone and district levels, which are comprised of several Legions. There weren't any first place winners at district.

Eighty-seven entries were received from students at Stuart Baker Elementary

Several elementary and high school students School, J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. More entries were submitted for the poster contest than the literary category, said Anthony Crofts, the legion's youth education officer.

The prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 were provided by the Haliburton branch. The Legion also funds the upcoming elementary track and field meet, and provides bursaries to high school students.

For video from the event, visit haliburtonlegion.com/vouth. (Mark Arike)

Top left: Literary (poem and essay) award winners, from left, Liam McAlister, Jessica Byers, Campbell Smith, Hannah Klose, Jorja Hie, Alyssa Morissette and Sophie Longo. Behind: First vice-president Chester Howse, left, and youth education officer Antony Crofts. Absent winners: Kayla Bird, Sophie Lafferty and Teagan Hamilton. Top right: Poster winners, from left (front to back row), Brian Robichaud, Evan Backus, Evan Jones, Olivia Irvine, Rosie Lafleur, Kylie Brohm, Jocelyn Chumbley, Jessica Byers, Sophie Longo, Campbell Smith and Isabel Hill. Absent: Abi Lewis, Vivian Collings, Ania Smolen, Paige Hough and Sophia Burke. Above: Zone and district award winners, from left, Liam McAlister, Jessica Byers, Hannah Klose, Evan Backus, Sophie Longo, Isabel Hill, Alyssa Morissette and Campbell Smith. Photos by Mark Arike.

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FOOD SERVER, year round position, 18+ years of age. Apply in person or drop resume at Mark's Restaurant. 705-286-1818

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5-STAR YAMAHA DEALERSHIP requires a dependable technician, experienced on marine/ power equipment. We provide above industry wages, benefits, Yamaha

training. Must have own tools, driver's license & own transportation. Apply in person or email, hoeyamaha@bellnet.ca or phone 705-754-9262.

GARDENERS WANTED to work in Haliburton area. Must have own transportation and a passion for gardening. Call Sandy at 705-754-4728.

KANDALORE

### Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

Help ensure a legacy of forests, fields, wetlands and the species they contain for future generations!

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is looking for volunteer board members to provide leadership for this not-for-profit, non-governmental, charitable organization whose primary interest is acquiring and managing properties of ecological and cultural significance for conservation purposes.

We are interested in people who have experience in land stewardship and management, governance, finance, online marketing, and fundraising.

If you are interested in being a part of this working Board of Directors and being directly involved in the programs of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust please contact our office at 705-457-3700 or by email at admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca

We would love to hear from you!

#### **CAREERS**

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#### **HELP WANTED**

#### **Dynamic, French-Speaking Summer Day Camp Senior Counsellor!**

July 10 – 14, 2017 Haliburton FRENCH DAYCAMP for campers 6 to 12 years. Must be over 18 and function in French setting; Camp/teaching experience an asset; Assist Director: plan, participate, supervise campers, mentor volunteers. Interview/references required. Email resume to: CPFHaliburton@gmail.com. Deadline: May 10, 2017 (partners: CPF/TLDSB)



The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has an exciting opportunity available for an energetic individual to join the team!

#### **CLINICAL MANAGER**

The Clinical Manager will provide direction and support for the dayto-day operations within Community Support Services, including the Supportive Housing and Assisted Living Programs. This position will foster an effective team and positive work environment by assisting with the overall management of staff, in addition to facilitating their on-going development and training. The Manager will provide clinical oversight and guidance for the programs, including conducting assessments and working to resolve any client/patient issues. The Manager will also act as an advocate for clients, working with health and social service providers within HHHS and the broader community, to develop short and long-term client focused coordinated care plans, within the context of available resources and the program objectives.

The successful candidate will possess current Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario as a Registered Practical Nurse and have a minimum of three to five years' experience related to community development or the equivalent combination on and experience in community work with senior people with physical disabilities, complimented by five years related clinical and/or management experience. Completion of management courses or equivalent would be an asset. Current CPR, a valid drivers license and access to a reliable vehicle, in addition to an ability and willingness to work flexible hours is mandatory.

If you are interested in this position, please submit your resume in confidence by May 7, 2017 to: Haliburton Highlands Health Services c/o Human Resources Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0 hr@hhhs.ca • Fax: 705-457-4609

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

#### HELP WANTED

#### **Position:** Cleaner & Maintenance Helper

Job Type: Seasonal: End of June until the beginning of September

Location: Camp Kandalore

Wage: \$12.50 Hourly

**Description:** Camp Kandalore is looking to hire four candidates to be our cleaning crew this summer. Located 12 minutes North of Carnarvon off of Highway 35, we are a co-ed residential summer camp for campers aged 6-16. Since 1947 Kandalore has offered an exemplary camp program and has a rich history of paddling and canoe tripping.

The Role: Camp Kandalore is looking for four hard-working, positive and reliable people to be our cleaning crew this summer. The general duties of the cleaning crew include:

- Supply Washrooms and other common areas with necessary materials • Cleaning of camp common areas including washrooms and shower
- Assisting maintenance staff with the upkeep of the camp facilities
- Painting and other minor repairs of camp structures Requirements:
- Must enjoy working outside and being part of a fun loving community
- Willing to work afternoons and weekends
- Able to lift 25lbs continuously and work in a physically demanding environment
- Able to work as a positive member of a team as well as independently

Please submit your resume to Gord Darling – Site Manager – Gord@kandalore.com

Kandalore thanks all applicants for their interest, but can acknowledge only those selected for an interview

# Classic Menu & Decor

Looking for Seasonal Kitchen and Wait Staff. Experience an asset.

Apply within or call 705-286-2626.

#### **EVENTS**

#### **HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

#### ICEBREAKER TEE

**SOCIAL NIGHT • REGISTRATION** 

**FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017** HALIBURTON CURLING CLUB at 7 pm **NEW GOLFERS WELCOME** 

**TO JOIN:** Register at Icebreaker Tee PAYMENT BY CHEQUE ONLY

COST: \$40 annual dues and DISCOUNTED Green Fees

PLAY: 9 holes, Tuesday afternoons/evenings rotating at Blairhampton, Pinestone, Haliburton Highlands, Lakeside and Beaverbrook Golf Courses. AND/OR

18 holes, Wednesday afternoons rotating between Blairhampton and Pinestone Golf Courses. GAO membership optional.

For more information visit our website hhwgl.ca or call Lynne Brady at 705-887-4230

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Obituary Notice**

BEVAN, Michael John (ret. IBM Canada after 35 yrs.)

It is with immense sadness that we announce the sudden passing in Charlotte N.C. on Saturday April 15 2017 while returning home from Florida.

He was extremely proud of his sons Jason of Toronto and Kurtis (Lauren) of Haliburton. He was a proud Poppa to Spencer and Lillian who meant the world to him.

He was a devoted and loving husband to Marilyn his wife of 45 years.

He leaves behind a sister Joyce (Hayward) of Alberta and brother Ron of Collingwood.

He was the beloved son of the late Isabel and Thomas Bevan and brother to the late Ray, Dorothy (Williams), Betty (Running) and Bonnie (Keberer).

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Michael's life will take place on Sunday April 30th @ 11:00 am at the Haliburton Curling Club, 730 Mountain Street, Haliburton.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders, the Cdn. Red Cross or the charity of your choice.



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- 38. Boxing official
- 42. Harvests
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- 56. Roadster

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#### **EVENTS**

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 705-306-9064 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



let us know



Our volunteers...

They don't necessarily have the time; they have the heart.

Thank you

Please join us at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce for a free Volunteer Recognition Pancake Breakfast

> Saturday, April 29, 2017 9 a.m. till noon

Everyone Welcome!

#### THANK YOU



"Volunteers are love in motion." -unknown

The Executive Director and Board of the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre are very grateful for the vital contribution of our volunteers.

The gift of time is priceless; thank you for sharing yours in order to make a difference in the lives of others in our community.

We appreciate each of you.

#### TRANSPORTATION



www.haliburtonrideshare.ca

#### **NOTICE**

#### MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE OF A  $\underline{\text{COMPLETE APPLICATION}}$  AND  $\underline{\text{OPEN HOUSE}}$ CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE - PHASE 1 HOUSEKEEPING (PLZBA2017024)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law 06-10. The Township of Minden Hills has initiated a Housekeeping Amendment to the Township's Zoning By-law 06-10 which is intended to provide additional clarity and consistent language throughout the Zoning By-law as well as to provide various minor changes to update the Zoning By-law. A Secondary Phase of the Zoning By-law update is anticipated at a later date and is intended to coincide with updates to the Township's Official Plan

A location map is not provided with this notice, as the proposed amendment applies to all and various lands within the limits of the Township of Minden Hills.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The housekeeping amendment proposes broad changes to various definitions in order to ensure consistent language throughout the text; new Minimum Distance Separation Requirements (MDS) to be consistent with Provincial Policy; new and revised regulations providing standards and requirements for parking, including accessible parking, and loading spaces; revised sections on non-complying buildings and structures, and shoreline structures; new regulations governing hunt camps; and allowing for two (2) storey accessory structures in certain

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Township will be hosting the following Open Houses to give the public an informal opportunity to review and ask questions about the proposed amendments. Any person may attend an Open House to discuss their comments and concerns with municipal planning staff. Comments and concerns received as a result of the Open Houses will be considered in the preparation of a Planning Report for Council's information, and may result in modifications to the proposed amendments.

Council may not make a decision for approval of an application until a Public Meeting has been held in accordance with the Planning Act. Notice of a Public Meeting will be provided at a later date.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF OPEN HOUSES

Friday May 12, 2017 Date: Wednesday May 3, 2017 Time: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm 3:00pm to 7:00pm Minden Community Centre Location: 55 Parkside Street Minden, ON

Minden Community Centre 55 Parkside Street Minden, ON

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendening

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, or by contacting Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext.206) or online at <a href="https://www.mindenhills.ca/ZoningU">www.mindenhills.ca/ZoningU</a>

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

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2017

Ian Clendening, Planner

7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359 Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

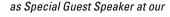
#### **EVENTS**



Haliburton Highlands Chapter 54 Welcomes...

#### Yvonne Heath

Author of "Love Your Life to Death" & Workshop facilitator of "The Death Café"



#### ANNUAL LUNCHEON Sunday, April 30, 2017 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton (719 Mountain St.)

Tickets \$15.00/person includes:

Buffet Lunch, Guest Speaker, AGM & Great Door Prizes!

Tickets are available at the following locations:

Canoe FM in Haliburton, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Organic Times in Minden, or call 705-457-3919 to reserve your ticket at the door.

Everyone welcome! An opportunity to join or renew your membership at a special event price will be available throughout this event.

#### YOGA IN THE MORNING

The Trillium Team Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton and Amanda Rico Yoga have teamed up to offer yoga classes Wednesday mornings at the Village Barn in Haliburton, from 7:30 - 8:30am. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to local charities.

Space is limited so please register by email to amandaricoyoga@gmail.com. Classes run until June 28.

This is an all-level class - everyone is welcome! Please bring your own mat.

#### **MINDEN SENIOR** SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

**Registration Date** Tues. May 9, 2017 St. Paul's Anglican Church 19 Invergordon Avenue, Minden 8:30 am to 10:30 am

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Contact John 705-604-0004 NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.



### What's on



#### **APRIL & MAY 2017 EVENT LISTINGS**

#### **Thursday April 27**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Passport Clinic, at the Dorset Recreation Centre, provided by HKLB M.P., Jamie Schmale. For more info contact Jamie's office at 1-866-688-9881 or visit jamieschmale.ca for details.

6-8 p.m. - Passport Clinic, at the Norland Recreation Centre, provided by HKLB M.P., Jamie Schmale. For more info contact Jamie's office at 1-866-688-9881 or visit jamieschmale.ca for details.

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Zumba Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome, \$5/person/class. Contact Joanne at jomac6058@ gmail.com or 705-766-1546.

#### Friday April 28

10 a.m. - noon - Passport Clinic, at the Cardiff Community Centre, provided by HKLB M.P., Jamie Schmale. For more info contact Jamie's office at 1-866-688-9881 or visit jamieschmale.ca for details.

#### Friday April 28 - Sunday April 30

8 - 10 p.m. - Highlands Little Theatre presents "What's For Dinner" an evening of one-act plays at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$15/person, available at Master's Book Store. Contact: April Martin ajmartin769@me.com or 705-457-8764.

#### Saturday April 29

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Grads' "Make Dreams Come True" offering a wide variety of graduation clothing free of charge, at the Lion's Hall in Minden. Minor alterations done on site. For more info, contact Nancy Lowes or Jenn Abbott on Facebook.

5 - 10 p.m. - Canoe FM Psychedelia 60's 70's Dinner & Dance, at the Haliburton Legion. Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets \$25 each, available at Canoe FM or by calling the station at 705-457-1009.

#### Sunday April 30

11 a.m. - Sunday Ramble: Story of the Old I,B&O. Meet at Tory Hill parkette at the crossroads of County Rds 3 and 503, and explore Haliburton county's "other" rail trail. Friendsoftherailtrail.ca/ Sunday-rambles.html



12 – 3 p.m. CARP AGM. at Haliburton Legion. Buffet lunch, guest speakers. Tickets \$15/ person, available at West Guilford Shopping Centre, Canoe FM, and Organic Times Minden, or call and reserve from Bob Stinson 705-754-

#### Monday May 1

10:30 am - Noon - Tai Chi Class at Dorset Recreation Centre. Beginners welcome, registration required. Drop-in class \$20+HST/ Class, pay for multiple classes and get a discount. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177.

1 – 2 p.m. NIA Class for Seniors (Non-Impact Aerobics), at the Dorset Rec Centre. Registration required in advance, call 705-645-2100 x 199.

#### Wednesday May 3

11 a.m. - noon - African Hand Drumming with Gillian Thomas at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Contact Gillian for more info gilliant07@gmail.com or 705-571-

#### Thursday May 4

10 a.m. – noon – Therapeutic Touch Works! For You and Your Family, Ontario Early Years Centre, Llovd Watson Centre 2249 Loop Rd., Wilberforce. Learn to relax, reduce stress & anxiety, and manage pain.

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Zumba Class at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome, \$5/person/class. Contact Joanne at jomac6058@ gmail.com or 705-766-1546.

#### Friday May 5

8 p.m. - Canadian Blues Legends: Gene Hardy & Sparkjiver, at Dominion Hotel, Minden. Tickets \$25. https://www.facebook.com/ events/409166156128367

2-4 p.m. - International Day of the Midwife, celebration and tea party being held at the Midwifery Clinic at 64 Victoria St., Haliburton. Come for tea, treats, visit and activities for the kids. All are welcome.

#### Saturday May 6

9 a.m. - Dorset Pitch-in Day. Meet at Dorset Recreation Centre for litter clean-up supplies and area to tidy. Coffee, treats, and social time for helpers afterwards. Call the Rec Centre for more info 705-766-9968.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers, at Abbey Gardens, \$5 / person including homemade potato & leek soup. More info and registration at haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-

12 – 4 p.m. – Spring Festival at Abbey Gardens. See abbeygardens.com for more info.

7:30 p.m. - Guy & Nadina, presented by Haliburton Concert Series, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Haliburtoncs.blogspot.ca for more

1 – 4 p.m. – Discover the Benefits of Therapeutic Touch in Daily Life, at Haliburton County Public Library. Dysart Branch 78 Maple Ave. Learn to relax, reduce stress & anxiety, and manage pain.

#### Sunday May 7

11 a.m. – Sunday Ramble: History of Donald. Learn about the Standard Chemical Factory, visit The Little Tart and Blackbird Pottery Studio. Friendsoftherailtrail. ca/Sunday-rambles.html

1 – 3:30 p.m. – Hospital Auxiliary Geranium Tea, at the Haliburton Curling Club. \$15/person, includes a light lunch. Tickets available at the hospital gift shop 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m Mon-Fri.

#### Monday May 8

10 a.m. – noon – Taoist Tai Chi Open House, Galway Community Hall, Kinmount. Discover the art of Tai Chi! All are welcome. For more info: call Wilma 705-457-5829 or email Peterborough@taoist.org.

7 – 8: 30 p.m. – Taoist Tai Chi Open House, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden. Discover the art of Tai Chi! All are welcome. For more info: call Wilma 705-457-5829 or email Peterborough@taoist.org.

10:30 am - Noon - Tai Chi Class at Dorset Recreation Centre. Beginners welcome, registration required. Drop-in class \$20+HST/ Class, pay for multiple classes and get a discount. Call Valerie at 705-767-1177.

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#### **Tuesday May 9**

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. - A Canadian Choral Celebration, 150 Years 150 Voices, hosted by Highlands Festival Singers, at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden.

10 a.m. – noon – Taoist Tai Chi Open House, Zion United Church, Carnarvon. Discover the art of Tai Chi! All are welcome. For more info: call Wilma 705-457-5829 or email Peterborough@taoist.org.

#### Wednesday May 10

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – New Moon Series: Aromatherapy to Manage Moods & Emotions, at Abbey Gardens. \$10/person. abbeygardens.ca

#### **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS**

#### HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC.

Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month -9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

#### MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

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,

Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, noon-2 p.m. Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.

Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

#### **WILBERFORCE BRANCH**

Friday - Pool 1:30pm Spaghetti dinner 5-7 pm No jam session tonight Saturday Meat draw 2pm - Early Bird 3pm SHARP Monday Bid Euchre 7: 00pm beginners welcome! Wednesday Fun Darts 7:30pm Thursday Youth League 6:30-8:30pm



RCL Haliburton Branch 129 **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** Election of Officers and Executive

> THURSDAY, MAY 11 7:30PM

All members are encouraged to attend. Current membership cards are required to vote.



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Private 3.64 acre lot, close to Minden Well Built 3 Bedrooms and 2 Bathrooms 32' x 40' Heated Garage



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### What's on



Jonny Harris, the star of CBC's Still Standing. Photo submitted.

# CBC comedy series to film in Wilberforce for upcoming episode

#### By Mark Arike

The growing popularity of geocaching in Highlands East piqued the interest of a team of researchers working for a CBC comedy series two years ago, which eventually led to Wilberforce landing a spot on the program.

"One of our researchers contacted the Municipality of Highlands East in 2015 and they told her about Wilberforce's foray into geocaching," recalled Anne Francis, executive producer of the fourth season of *Still Standing*.

In recent years, Highlands East has been dubbed the "Geocaching Capital of Canada." A committee was formed to expand the tourism attraction even more.

Geocaching is an outdoor activity in which people look for hidden treasures using a GPS device.

In *Still Standing*, Canadian actor and comedian Jonathan "Jonny" Harris uncovers "the hidden comedy in Canada's far-flung small towns," states the show's

website. He immerses himself in the community, getting to know its people and "unearthing the tall tales in these tiny towns."

Wilberforce, a community that once had a thriving veneer plant and recently lost its only bank, was a perfect fit.

"The towns we settle on and visit are typically struggling (usually as a result of loss of industry) but are finding ways to redefine themselves," said Francis. "Wilberforce has lost so much in terms of industry and infrastructure but no one can take away the beauty of its natural environment and the will of its community to get people to see it."

A crew of about 12 will be filming in the area between May 11 and 15. It will culminate with Harris performing a stand-up comedy show on May 15 at the Lloyd Watson Centre. The public is encouraged to attend the free live taping of the comedy show, which start at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. It's open to anyone 14 and older.

"The town is so involved in making the episode—it's a whole lot of fun for everyone including us. In the bigger picture, it's a great way to bring national attention to the town and show off what's so great about it," she said.

Before Harris takes the stage, two of the team's writers will warm up the crowd. Harris's performance will be inspired by what he learns about the town and the people in it, said Francis.

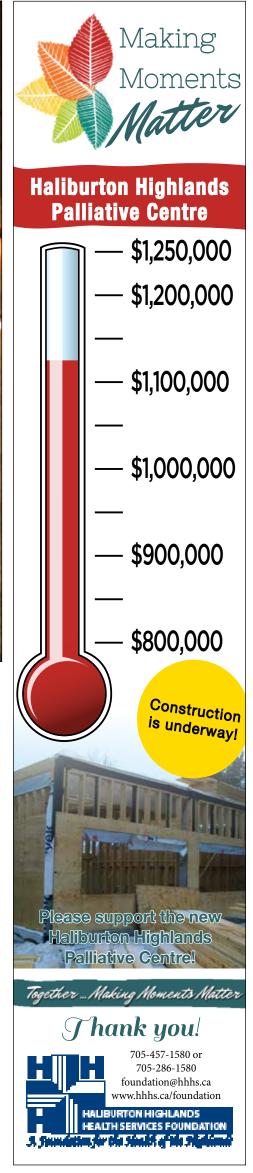
Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton is excited about what lies ahead.

"It's going to be something pretty huge," said Burton. "We have a chance to showcase what we have here on national TV. Why wouldn't we?"

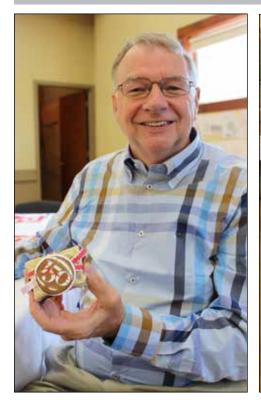
Francis couldn't says when the episode will air, but said a notification will be sent out once it's confirmed.

This will be the 43rd town that Harris and his crew visit.

To learn more about the show, visit cbc. ca/stillstanding.



# Highlander events





Left: Gord Cochrane holds a piece of maple walnut fudge. Cochrane runs basketball workouts for youth. Right: A group of volunteers gathered at A.J. LaRue Arena on Saturday for a volunteer appreciation event. Photos by Mark Arike.

### Volunteers mingle at appreciation event

By Mark Arike

Dysart hosted its first volunteer appreciation event Sunday afternoon at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

About 30 volunteers attended the free get-

together, titled "Dysart Volunteers—150 and So Much More." It coincided with the start of National Volunteer Week.

"I hope it will continue," said Andrea Roberts, deputy reeve and member of the municipality's recreation committee. "It's an opportunity for us to say thank you." Volunteers who were invited included

lend a hand at events such as Frost Fest,

festivities. members of committees and those who

Each volunteer received homemade maple walnut fudge and a certificate. Snacks and refreshments were provided.

ColourFest and the upcoming Dysart 150



Dave Piercey, a member of Highlands Trio. Photos by Mark Arike.

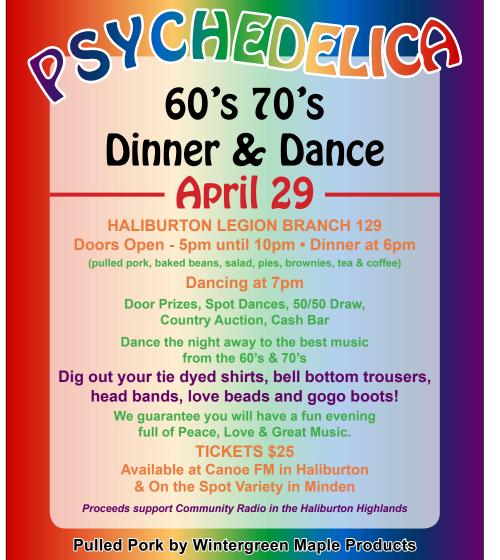
### Spring dance supports Haliburton Red Wolves

#### By Mark Arike

About 125 supporters of the Red Wolves Special Olympics team got together at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday for an evening of entertainment and fundraising. The annual spring dance brought in more than \$4,200 through ticket sales

and an auction. It featured the music of Highlands Trio.

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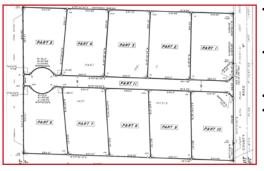
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