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Human remains found in Highlands East

By Lisa Gervais

The OPP investigation into found human remains in Highlands East is “in the early stages,” according to Dianna Dauphinee, community safety/media relations officer.

Responding to questions from *The Highlander* Wednesday, Dauphinee said until the post mortem is complete and a positive identity of the deceased confirmed, “there is very little that we can speak to at this time.”

She said the human remains, located off of Glamor Lake Road on Sunday afternoon, appear to have been there “for an undetermined period of time and the post mortem may help make that determination as well.”

OPP were first called about 4:45 p.m. Jan. 21.

Det. Insp. Jim Gorry continues to lead the Criminal Investigation Branch probe.

On Monday, police said there was no public safety concern. They said further information will be released when it becomes available.

If anyone has information, they’re asked to contact OPP at 705-286-1431 or, if anonymous, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at khcs.ca.

An OPP cruiser can be seen behind police tape near the site where human remains were discovered on Sunday afternoon. *Photo submitted by Harrison Perkins.*

Women’s shelter needs better plan

By Lisa Gervais

The women’s and children’s shelter in Minden is not sustainable without more funding and a change in how it operates.

Jen Cureton, director of philanthropy for the YWCA Peterborough-Haliburton, updated County Council Jan. 24 on their recently-completed sustainability study for the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS) shelter. She later met with *The*

Highlander for an interview.

Cureton said she didn’t go to county council seeking money, just to update them.

And, she conceded, it “wasn’t fantastic news ... I would have loved to report we found a way and we’re sustainable now. And, you know, hopefully we’ll get there.”

She said the study was “profound” and “concerning” but also good to know what they’re dealing with and a tool to take to the province.

The key finding was that “working this way is not going to be sustainable ... and it would result in closures like what happened, we don’t want that to happen so we have to figure out another way.

“So, we certainly have a lot of work to do ... the YWCA and also our primary funder, the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS),” Cureton said in an interview.

She said the MCSS has told them,

however, that they’re “committed to figuring out a solution and committed to not seeing HERS close, so that gives us some level of comfort and lets us know we can go to them.” The MCSS currently funds 65 per cent of HERS costs.

Cureton said that in addition to advocating for more provincial government funding, they will continue to seek donations locally.

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Highlands East holds tax increase to same as 2017

By Mark Arike

Property taxes are expected to go up as much as they did last year in Highlands East.

The 2018 draft budget includes a 2.4 per cent tax increase in 2018. The tax levy sits at about \$5.5 million.

On Jan. 17, at a special meeting, councillors received budget reports from department heads and the draft budget. They approved the budget in principle and will consider passing a bylaw to adopt it at a March 7 meeting, according to CAO/treasurer Shannon Hunter.

"Council did not have a lot of questions

and felt that what was presented answered most of their questions," said Hunter in an email.

Mayor Dave Burton is pleased with the work staff has done on the budget.

"To come in at 2.44 [per cent] with all the projects we've got going on, I'm just extremely pleased with it," said Burton.

Assessment growth has had a positive impact on this year's increase, said Hunter.

The increase equals an extra \$11 for every \$100,000 of assessed residential property value. Each tax bill will also include the county and education rates (yet to be finalized).

YWCA forecasts budget shortfall

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She said the other key finding is the service is "absolutely vital" and the demand for it is growing.

As for the service they offer, to victims of physical, emotional, sexual and human trafficking abuse, they have much more work to do, Cureton said.

Now, they operate 24/7 when they have clients. But they're not open if no one is there.

She said that's worked okay in the past but "as demand grows, and as people end up being in more urgent situations, and need help right away, it's not necessarily meeting the needs of the community."

But with added services come added costs, particularly in a rural area like Haliburton where costs naturally increase due to



Jennifer Cureton speaks to county council. Photo by Mark Arike.

isolation and issues such as poverty.

As for next steps, Cureton said, "we need to do the fundraising, we need to do the advocacy."

They also need to look at partnering with other agencies, such as municipal social services and the Local Health Integration Network (LHINs).

"Other groups like that have been mentioned in the study," Cureton said.

She projected a budget shortfall of \$26,000 this year and \$133,000 next year.

At the meeting, county coun. Cheryl Murdoch said, "this is a great service to our area, and it's definitely needed." She said it should never close and "if you get critical again, come to this council and the lower-tier municipalities." The shelter closed for a five month period in the past.



The farmers' market moved to Algonquin Highlands last summer. File photo.

Carnarvon market move has pros and cons

By Lisa Harrison

Relocation of the former Carnarvon farmers' market to Stanhope Park in 2017 was generally successful, but organizers plan some significant changes to address several constraints.

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association learned in 2016 that the Carnarvon market's parking lot site at highways 35 and 118 would be sold. The group secured approval from Algonquin Highlands council to use Stanhope Park on North Shore Road, subject to liability insurance requirements.

Association delegates to the regular council meeting on Jan. 18 shared 2017 results and 2018 plans for the renamed Stanhope market.

A survey showed that 98 per cent of customers will revisit. Attendance dropped to 11,401 from 13,378. However, some potential customers were misdirected or thought the market had closed. Also, 60 per cent of customers were seasonal residents, an increase over the Carnarvon site, which

explained lower attendance in May, September and October.

Vendor numbers rose to 34 from 27. Estimated earnings dropped to \$79,096 from \$180,971, but the assessment process changed last year, possibly affecting results, and seven vendors did not submit their numbers.

The delegates said success can't be judged based on one year's results. The new location is safer, given that sometimes Carnarvon customers would park across the road and cross the busy highway on foot. Early promotion and additional signage will help draw in more customers, and this year the market will operate only from June 22 to Aug. 31, and possibly on Thanksgiving weekend. While 22 per cent of vendors said they will not return, most liked the site, and the association will work with AH staff to address remaining concerns such as parking constraints and area flooding.

Council agreed to the operation for 2018 under the same insurance requirements.

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Diverse group meets to tackle climate change

By Jennifer Hughey

Climate change is a global crisis, but what local municipalities can do about it was the question last Wednesday (Jan. 17) at an information session hosted by the Minden Hills Climate Change Action Committee.

"With three water events in five years, and two Ministry of Environment (MOE) declarations, we know it as well as anybody," Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin told 40 attendees. "Showing up today demonstrates you are willing to participate and be on this journey with us moving forward."

A member of the committee and local realtor, Scott Harrison, said tackling issues should be done as a collective, such as a county initiative or action plan.

Presentations were given by Ian McVey of the Ontario Climate Consortium Secretariat, (on behalf of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities), Josh Shook from the Ministry of Energy and James Scott and Patrick Fancott, representing the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change. Each highlighted local impacts of climate change, such as those affecting the tourism industry.

McVey talked about his experiences with the regions he's working in, but noted the Highlands has already started to see impact on fall colours, rollercoaster temperatures, hits to forestry and transportation.

Scott also talked about how road conditions and maintenance costs, as well as local animal migration, could also be greatly affected. He stressed municipal governments can act as influencers in creating official plan policies and leading the charge.

"Municipalities were saying that the info around climate risk was not accessible to those who are making the decisions, who require the info to make sound choices," Scott said. "We needed to take a step back and put in place some fundamental building

blocks."

In 2011, the government released a four-year climate change action plan they coined Climate Ready. The goal was a vision for the province for tackling climate change. Scott showed where progress has been made and revealed the next steps for adaptation for 2018.

"The province would take a higher analysis of the risks ... to help identify where the urgent needs are," he said, adding the focus on the public awareness campaign will be a better understanding of what the risks are for each municipality and what they can do to prepare.

But Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said this was the first time she had heard about this new plan and Devolin seconded the lack of communication.

Scott said there were two rounds of communication and three different online events to notify and inform the public.

"We hoped this is something that would have been communicated to all the municipalities," he said.

However, committee member and Coun. Pam Sayne told *The Highlander* there was consultation and inclusion for municipalities in the Community Energy Planning process.

"This was promoted by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) over the last two or three years," she said, adding information through the AMO Watch Files were sent to municipal leaders on a continual basis.

Scott highlighted the potential for municipalities to help the new organization and assist other Ontario municipalities by sharing lessons learned in undertaking risk and vulnerability assessments and adaptation planning work across municipal services. He encouraged residents to do their part by filling out a survey (which closes Jan. 31) at surveymonkey.com/r/AdaptOn.

Carillion says troubles won't affect highway maintenance

By Mark Arike

Although its parent company recently filed for liquidation, Carillion Canada says its operations are safe and will "continue uninterrupted." The company is responsible for highway maintenance in the Huntsville district, including highways 35 and 118 in Haliburton County, until its contract expires at the end of August.

"Our employees, subcontractors and suppliers in Canada continue to be paid and we remain committed to delivering safe, quality services for our clients," reads a statement on the company's website. "Our Canadian leadership is currently assessing the situation and working with stakeholders to ensure continuity of operations."

Cody Johnstone, assistant communications manager for Carillion, was unable to

elaborate further but promised to provide an update if there are any developments.

According to a recent article in *The Globe and Mail*, Carillion PLC in the U.K. filed for liquidation after it failed "to reach a financial restructuring plan with its lenders." The multinational firm amassed a debt of \$2.57 billion. It employs 43,000 people in the U.K., Canada and the Middle East.

Last fall, the province and Carillion decided to end their 11-year highway maintenance contract five years early. The company came under fire in recent years for the job it had been doing.

The province recently awarded a seven-year contract to Fowler Construction worth \$126 million. They will replace Carillion on Sept. 1.



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Dorset library trying new model

By Lisa Harrison

The Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) does not meet provincial standards for regular operations, and Algonquin Highlands township is considering ways to modify the branch space for more effective usage.

The library is located in the Dorset Recreation Centre on Main Street, as is the township's Dorset satellite office. AH provides the library space and furniture, and HCPL provides the borrowing services. Library service hours are down to eight hours per week. Programming includes a book club and "coffee and conversation" events.

The library's future was discussed at a Haliburton County Library board meeting in September and additional information requested by AH council was provided to council in November. AH staff have since met with library staff and assessed alternative options for library services and the space. Their report was presented at council's regular meeting on Jan. 18.

The options include a weekly "book drop" service. Library users would place holds on their chosen materials via the HCPL website. AH staff would receive the materials from the library, manage pickup of the materials by patrons, and receive and organize returned materials for HCPL pickup.

Removing in-house books and shelving would clear space for the public use computers that are part of the county's popular Community Access Program (CAP), and the number of computers

and work tables could be increased. Two AH staff members currently working in cramped quarters could also relocate.

The report noted that from November 2016 to October 2017, there were 1,928 circulations, of which 20 per cent were arranged using the "hold" process. Council comments included concerns that this low percentage doesn't bode well, and that

many library users are seniors and others without computer knowledge. Also, the current library serves as a hub for many patrons who are otherwise socially isolated, and that would likely change if it became a depot. One councillor said closing a library is "unpalatable to everyone." Some councillors requested more data.

"I don't see it at all as ... closing

[a] library," said Mayor Carol Moffatt. "I see it as transitioning to meet current needs while still blending that with some traditional services."

"The library board has identified under its own mandate and regulations that [the branch] is struggling," added Moffatt. "There are no more hours available to provide more opportunity for people to go and browse for books ... and based on the requirements of the province ... I don't see anything getting any better there unless we change it and provide different and more modern opportunities for people to participate in the community."

Council directed staff to obtain capital pricing requirements for the renovations outlined in the report and develop a transition plan with timelines for presentation at a future council meeting.

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Parents sent vaccination suspension letters

By Mark Arike

Does your child have their immunization records up-to-date? If not, they could get a suspension notice this month.

This week, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) sent notices to about 2,500 students in the region, according to a press release. Families who receive these notices are asked to immediately contact the HKPR to update their child's vaccination records.

"We encourage families who receive a health unit notice to review their child's vaccination record and get it updated with us as soon as possible," said Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease prevention and control. "The last thing the health unit wants to do is suspend students, but we are legally required to ensure students

attending school are fully immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases."

Exemptions are available for medical reasons, and issues of conscience and religious belief. A form is available on the health unit's website.

Families can check their child's vaccination records online at hkpr.icon.ehealthontario.ca. This tool, known as Immunization Connect Ontario, launched last fall as part of a province-wide rollout.

In Ontario, the Immunization of School Pupils Act requires all students attending school to be fully immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), varicella (chickenpox) and meningococcal disease.

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Bus cancellation season

When I was a kid, at least from Kindergarten to Grade 2, I walked to school. So, school bus cancellations – if there were any back ‘in the day’ – didn’t affect me.

On really snowy, or stormy, days my dad would fire up the trusty, school bus yellow-coloured Bombardier, and take us on the back of that.

I switched schools in Grade 3 and there was a long bus ride but I remember very few bus cancellations then or, later, in high school.

Well, it’s that time of year again for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB). Bus cancellations are becoming a regular occurrence and people like me are starting to tell those stories about ‘in my day.’

Clearly those days are gone.

A quick perusal of the TLDSB website finds that the decision to cancel buses is made in conjunction with bus operators as soon as conditions are known in the morning. Decisions are made for each area of the school boards independently, as weather conditions vary. These are Haliburton County, Muskoka and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Further, If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not run

in the afternoon.

The schools are still open of course and parents and guardians can drive students. However, it can force a juggling act on the home front. Sometimes, it’s just easier to leave the older kids at home as those in charge rush off to work.

We made this topic our Eye on the Street question this week, asking people what they think about cancellations. I ran into a couple of adults at the Minden library Tuesday morning.

“I know in our day, we didn’t have snow days,” the woman told me. “We, as well, walked miles to school.” However, she conceded we live in a rural area where people live far from schools, particularly Hal High, so there is no option to busing. And, we have our share of backroads so there are going to be school bus cancellations, she said.

Another woman completely backed the school board and operators’ call, saying safety comes first.

We even talked to a Hal High student, forced to go to the Minden library to study for her exams Tuesday because one, the school bus had been cancelled and two, the power was out at her place. The student told us she’s all for snow days. She’s not

a huge fan of school. But, in the middle of exam week, she would have preferred to be in school than at the Minden library.

And, still, another person commented that there must have been a lawsuit somewhere and that is why school boards and bus companies are so cautious.

There’s no doubt that fear of joint and several liability does, no pun intended, drive some of the decisions that are made in this day and age. School boards and bus companies do err on the side of caution. That means, some days the weather does not pan out as predicted and we are left scratching our heads as to why buses were cancelled. Other times, Mother Nature follows predictions and it turns out to be a good call.

It’s hard to knock an organization or business for putting safety first. Our school children are precious cargo. So, the next time you start complaining about bus cancellations, stop and remind yourself that ... well ... your day is done. It’s a whole new world now.



By Lisa Gervais

Wise words

Now that I am officially 14 years old, I think it’s time to share some wisdom that I have learned while living on this planet. That’s not to say I have lived on another planet but I have met a man who has gone to outer space.

Fences really hurt when you run into them and bones don’t always go crunch when you break them. Soup can burn and sushi is the perfect meal. Table manners and a good night’s sleep make for pleasant company.

Dogs smile and roosters get angry. I know the inner workings of a chicken, a piano and a small business. I still eat poultry, play a few scales and have started at least six companies so far. Grandparents don’t always appreciate the appeal of blue hair. Lego is a forever toy. Pluto is not a real planet. High school ain’t all bad. Homeschool kids are not weird; our freak flag is just more colourfully decorated and handwoven. The cello is the best instrument in the world and YoYo Ma is amazing in concert.

1970 and 1980’s TV shows are still relevant and the original Star Wars are still

the best ones.

You should always have at least three or more books with you at all times. Rock concerts are just as amazing as going to the symphony and Dolly Parton was as good as my parents said she would be.

Weddings are expensive, funerals are emotionally draining and newborn babies smell weird.

I have embraced the cold and learned to ski, snowshoe, ice skate, gone dogsledding and even tried to catch a fish while ice fishing.

During the dog days of summer, I have enjoyed summer camp, captained a sailboat, paddled a canoe, braved the high ropes, shot a bow, slept under the stars and made friendships that will last a lifetime.

I have read poetry to ducklings, held on for dear life while riding a sheep in a county “mutton race,” bottle fed a baby pig, cuddled a bunny, hunted for a lost (goat) kid, witnessed the birth of a newborn foal and cried when my chicken laid her first egg.

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The support from family and friends is what helps you grow but sometimes you need to walk onto that stage by yourself.



By Anabelle Craig



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Corinna Campbell

Cavan
I think it's great they have a bus cancellation policy because they are responsible for our children's safety, even if it is frustrating finding child care.



Joanne McKinnon

Minden
Out here [in the country] they have to take buses so there's going to be snow days.



Kathy Martin

Haliburton
If it's ice, I totally agree with cancelling buses.



Marg Graham

Minden
I agree with them because so many buses travel back roads, even though it is hard on parents of young children.

Photos and interviews by Lisa Gervais

Reader feels letter was clearly false

Dear editor,
Re: Keith Stata letter to the editor, Jan. 18. I fully support free speech and understand that different people have different opinions. The number of completely impossible events quoted in this letter suggest that the writer is at best grossly exaggerating or completely fabricating events. If any of these things did occur they were not done by hunters, they were

done by criminals. To associate hunters with these criminals is not fair to the vast majority of people who hunt responsibly. I understand that letters to the editor are the opinion of the writer and not the newspaper however it is the responsibility of the paper to weed out letters that are clearly false.

Andy Rickard
Minden

Save the manure for the garden

Dear editor,
Re: *The Highlander*, Jan. 18, 2018, front page. Coun. Jean Neville said "I don't feel too sorry for people living on the lake." She said she chose to live on a lake, so doesn't complain about her taxes. "I don't think they're astronomical." She said residents of other cities and towns pay more a year for telephone, internet and cable than Minden people do for property taxes.
I would like to know where Coun. Neville got this [information]. I know many who pay less for telephone, internet and cable in the GTA than their property taxes in Minden Hills. Besides, at least

for what I pay for telephone, internet and cable is a service I use. Some pay less for property tax at home than in Minden. For my property tax money, I have to pay personally to maintain a township road as the township refuses to take care of its road. As for the other services that most cottages do not use but pay for, we accept that. But do not make up stories as to validate a tax increase higher than other local governments. Save the BS for the garden. It help the plants grow.

Charles Gerditschke
Moore Lake

Letters

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Guenther Horst snapped a photograph of these horses at a farm on Deep Bay Road. Photo submitted.

Takes exception to councillors' comments

Dear editor,
Re: Minden ratepayers looking at big tax hike
Coun. Pam Sayne mentions "Bob Lake residents are facing nearly 10 per cent tax increase" and Coun. Jean Neville said "I don't feel sorry for people living on the lake" and that "people in other towns pay more a year for telephone, internet and cable than Minden people do for taxes." I take exception to Coun. Neville's negative comments.
I chose to retire on Bob Lake and as such I do not have paved sidewalks, paved

roads, street lights, garbage pick-up, town water or sewage. However my taxes are automatically higher because I opted to NOT have these amenities rather to live without. Why does that justify that lakefront properties are deemed to be taxed at a higher rate?
Council's auditor Oscar Poloni stated that half the Minden population is on a fixed income, which does include those residents who live on a lake.

Anne Stephens
Minden Hills

Laundry and little critters don't mix

R.D. Lawrence did it. He lived with wolves, or they lived with him and he loved it. Timothy Treadwell did it, too. He lived with bears, albeit, if you remember the documentary film made about him, he and his girlfriend got eaten by said bears in the end. I'm sure that there are many more examples of folks 'living with nature,' so to speak, but, me, I've decided that I'm not ready for it just yet.
You see, living here in our wonderful rural idyll, I get to experience nature all of the time. I catch a glimpse of a hawk or owl as it ghosts overhead on a chilly morning. I spy the tracks of a coyote or raccoon along the riverbank. Beaver paddle past my kitchen window most days and if I'm not so lucky I see a deer and fawn, as they skip daintily across the road mere yards in front of my truck! And all of

this, apart from the heart-stopping moment before I realize I'm not going to run down a deer, is great. However, the other day, nature decided to come live with me and I'm not happy about it.
You see, I've known for a while that I'm sharing my home with one or two furry little critters. The squirrels in the shed, a chipmunk under my garden wall, both I can deal with but when a mouse took up residence in, get this, my washing machine, I realized that things had to change.
Now, finding said mouse, or at least evidence of his residence, was unusual to say the least but it didn't do him any favours with regards to being welcome in my house, let me tell you. When Little Z came up from the basement and said: "Daddy, there's water everywhere," I

should have realized that my relationship with the mouse, my living with nature, was never going to go well. Our washing machine had gone wrong and there was water spewing out of the little drawer into which you put the detergent. Enough water that the basement was an inch-deep in it.
At the time, I did not suspect the pernicious paw of a tiny rodent but all would become clear as I investigated. On emptying the washing machine and sticking my head in the drum, I felt something warm drip onto the back of my neck. I put my hand to it and it had the texture of peanut butter, the crunchy kind; the colour, too. But, on tasting it ... no, I'm kidding! On smelling it, I got a distinct odour of dog food, mixed with detergent.
As I prodded and scooped the foul goop from the pipe between detergent drawer

and drum – finally having to unclog it with the stuff you unblock the kitchen sink drain with – I realized that a mouse had been stealing Jeff the dog's kibble and caching it in my washing machine. Mixed with warm water and detergent the kibble had transformed into a glutinous mass that completely blocked the washing machine, flooded the basement and forced me to tear up numerous sodden carpets.
So no, I'm not ready yet. Not quite there when it comes to living with nature. And the mouse had best steer clear because the traps have been baited, with kibble, detergent and peanut butter, too.



By Will Jones

The Outsider

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Highlander arts



Local musicians will pay tribute to Johnny Burke at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Saturday (Jan. 27). Photo submitted.

Musicians pay tribute to Johnny Burke

By Mark Arike

Local musicians will pay tribute to a Canadian country music icon this Saturday evening at the fifth annual Homemade Stew concert.

Twelve acts will hit the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion stage, and some will play classic tunes of the late Johnny Burke. It's the first time the Haliburton County Folk Society's (HCFS) event will honour a musician posthumously.

"We're certainly delighted we can pay homage to Johnny," said HCFS president Barrie Martin.

Burke, who played at last year's Homemade Stew, died in September after succumbing to esophageal cancer. He was 77. The Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame inductee lived in Haliburton for several years and was a mentor to rising talent.

For example, Burke helped performer Ryan Vanlieshout with his guitar skills and vocals, according to the HCFS. That knowledge was invaluable, propelling Vanlieshout in his musical career. Two years ago, he made the top 10 at the CMT Magna Hoedown. Last year, he started his show season in Nashville and currently plays across Ontario.

Martin said Vanlieshout will likely lead a performance of Burke's hit "Wild Honey."

Another artist who knew Burke well is Mark Christiano. He will perform "Hello and Goodbye," a song he wrote for Burke. And Duo Prosecco (Laurel McCauley and Kim Quigley) will perform one of Burke's favourite songs by Charlie Pride.

While country music and Burke will be celebrated, the first half of the show will feature a variety of genres including alternative rock, classical, swing and jazz.

"It's a real mix," said Martin.

The rest of the lineup includes: Falling from Stilts (led by Albert Saxby), Dan Riley, The Moontones, Duo Prosecco, Nick Russell and Rob Muir, Lunar Bloom, Nick and Benton, Kate Hall and Andrew von Zuben, and Jeff Barry.

Heritage Ballet will raise funds for their next trip by selling snacks and refreshments, and the work of local artists will be displayed in the foyer, courtesy of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands.

The event is sold out—a first for Homemade Stew. It starts at 7:30 p.m.

For information about future events, visit haliburtonfolk.com.

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For more information contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery gallery@mindenhills.ca

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(1866-1952) is presently exhibiting.
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March Break Children Programming
will be held March 11 to March 16

Living well

Author shares story from other side

By Lisa Gervais

Danielle Foisy's rock bottom moment came when she realized she didn't know her husband any more.

He had struggled with an undiagnosed form of depression for years. People asked her if he'd ever harm himself but she'd always dismissed it.

But, one day, she realized "I don't know what I believe any more" and was overwhelmed.

It was a wake-up call for the mother of two young children, who said she knew that she needed to act. She brought her husband to a doctor, whose office was attached to a mental health program in Newmarket.

In an interview with *The Highlander*, she recalled thinking "I'm watching you drown and have to take a stand for you here."

Her husband was finally diagnosed, the two underwent counselling, and he was given medication that worked.

For the first time in years, Foisy thought they were going to be okay.

Living in Haliburton since March, 2016 Foisy has written a book about the family's journey. It's called *The Other Side of the Struggle*. The book was published by 5 Fold Media and she shared it with the public at an event at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton Public Library recently.

She was surrounded by family and friends, including her husband. She said he had been a part of the entire process and done a couple of speaking engagements himself in the past. "I think his viewpoint is, if we can help other people then it's worth sharing our story."

The book contains information for spouses or other people supporting a loved one with mental illness. She said there are a lot of resources for the person with the illness but sometimes they don't want to be helped. Her audience is those trying to figure out "how to navigate this. There just wasn't a lot of that."

It offers tips, some from her own "trial and



Author Danielle Foisy has written a book about helping others with mental illness. Photo by Alex Coop.

error," good and bad advice from people around her and things she gleaned through counselling.

She is Christian and is upfront that the book is from a Christian perspective.

It's not a fairytale, either, she emphasized. "Mental illness is not the flu but it's manageable and controllable. We've learned to avoid the red flags. We used to have explosions and not know where they came from. Now, we're educated and being

proactive."

Moving to Haliburton has helped, she added. The couple used to live in Canmore, where they got out and experienced the Rocky Mountains playground. Then, they moved to Newmarket, where things were really tough. Being back in the outdoors, with a slower pace of life, has been like a tonic, Foisy said.

"Things are actually okay and getting better now ... we're in a good place. I

always say to people ... we look at it as a victory ... but we deal with it on a pretty regular basis still ... but it's not comparable to what it was."

The book can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Parable Christian Stores, Cokesbury Christian Books, Google books, and Books-A-Million.com. E-book format is also available.

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Living well

Get cash to quit smoking

Was one of your New Year's resolutions to kick the habit?

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"Not only does the Wouldurather contest offer a cash incentive to quit, it also provides plenty of support to help you stay tobacco-free during the six-week contest," said Jennifer Robertson, HKPR public health nurse, in a report.

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Jennifer Robertson
HKPR public health nurse

Smokers in Ontario between the ages of 18 and 29 can enter. The contest is organized by Leave the Pack Behind, a provincially-funded program that offers young adults information about becoming tobacco-free.

Participants can register with a 'buddy' who can support them on their journey. They can also consult with health care providers about using quit aids such as nicotine patches and gum, or discuss prescription medication options.

To sign up, visit wouldurather.ca.
(Mark Arike)

Community centre fees change in Highlands East

By Mark Arike

Highlands East council has amended rental fees for community centres in the municipality.

The most significant increase is at the Highland Grove Community Centre, where a full-day rental (with kitchen) has gone from \$30 before tax to \$100. The most substantial drop is at the Cardiff Community Centre, where a full-day rental is now \$120 instead of \$150.

In December, property supervisor Jim Alden recommended adopting set rates due to the significant differences between the four facilities in the municipality.

He said it would simplify the rental process for staff and residents.

There is no charge for non-profit organizations, fundraisers and educational sessions, with a completed rental application and approved fee waiver. The previous rates were set prior to amalgamation.

A typical full-day rental is eight hours whereas a half-day rental is about four hours, according to administrative assistant Tracy Millar.

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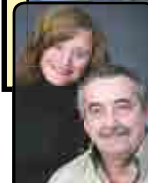
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Saturday, Feb 3 2018

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11:00 AM Burks Falls

Tyke vs. South Muskoka Bears
11:30 AM S. G. Bracebridge

LL Pee wee vs. South Muskoka CC Tatham
12:00 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Atom vs. Durham Crusaders
12:00 PM IPSC (3)

LL Bantam II vs. Almaguin Ice Devils
1:00 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Pee wee vs. Durham Crusaders
1:30 PM IPSC (3)

LL Bantam I vs. Huntsville Heather Douglas
2:00 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Midget vs. Wasaga Beach Stars
2:00 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

Atom AE vs. Huntsville Otters AE
3:30 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

Bantam vs. Durham Crusaders
8:00 PM IPSC (3)

Saturday, Feb 4 2018

Bantam vs. Durham Crusaders
12:15 PM Campus (2)
Tyke vs. Huntsville Otters
12:30 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

Atom AE vs. Huntsville Otters AE
1:15 PM CSC (Jack Bionda)

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2:00 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

Atom vs. Durham Crusaders
3:30 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

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5:50 PM Wasaga Beach

Saturday, Feb 6 2018

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5:30 PM Luther Vipond

Bantam vs. Durham Crusaders
7:00 PM S.G. Nesbitt Arena

Pee wee vs. Durham Crusaders
8:00 PM Harman (North)

Saturday, Feb 10 2018

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2:15 PM BOCC

LL Bantam II vs. Huntsville Davicor
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LL Bantam I vs. Almaguin Ice Devils
4:10 PM South River

Sunday, Feb 11 2018

LL Pee wee vs. South Muskoka CC Tatham
12:15 PM Bracebridge

LL Atom II vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2
3:30 PM BOCC

Saturday, Feb 17 2018

LL Atom I vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 1
11:00 AM S. G. Nesbitt Arena

LL Atom II vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2
12:00 PM S. G. Nesbitt Arena

Saturday, Feb 24 2018

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11:00 AM Burks Falls

Tyke vs. South Muskoka Bears
11:30 AM S. G. Nesbitt Arena

LL Bantam I vs. South Muskoka Bears 2
1:00 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

LL Bantam II vs. South Muskoka Muskoka Highlands
2:00 PM A. J. LaRue Arena

Storm reports

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Highland Storm began the first round of the playoffs against the Wasaga Stars Jan. 21 and successfully skated away with a 6-3 win.

Each practice and each game prepares the team for the playoffs and you can feel the excitement and intensity.

It was a fast-paced game from the start with lots of back-and-forth action. Late in the first, Lucas Haedicke won the faceoff in the Stars end and quickly passed it to an open Zach Morissette, who was ready to nail it in for the first goal. With seconds on the clock, while short-handed, Matt Manning fed Owen Patterson-Smith. With determination, he pushed through the defense and found the opening, making it 2-0.

The second period found the Storm on their heels and the Stars got on the scoreboard with three unanswered goals, ending the period with the Storm down 3-2.

The Storm came out strong in the third period and dominated. A nice play by Patterson-Smith found Manning open in front of the net. His goal tied the game early in the third. Shortly after, with the heat still on the Stars, Jacob Haedicke held the line and fired it to Patterson-Smith and his keen eye put the Storm in the lead, 4-3. The Stars tried to fight back but that just gave the Storm power play opportunities and the next two goals. First, Patterson-Smith captured a hat-trick when he expertly maneuvered around the net and top cornered the fifth goal. As the players battled at the boards, Owen Gilbert stole the puck and easily five-holed the last goal. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke).

Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Bantams

The Storm opened their playoff series last Friday versus the Durham Crusaders.

A couple of early chances by the Storm didn't materialize which may have changed the entire tempo of the game. Instead, early penalties cost the Storm dearly and they quickly found themselves down by four goals five minutes into the game. The rest of the game was spent playing catch-up. Goals by Aidan Neave, Jake Sisson and Tim Turner offered some motivation to our boys however the Crusaders would take full advantage of virtually every Storm penalty on their way to a convincing 8-3 win in the opening game of the series. (Submitted by Gord Hoenow).

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

On Jan. 21, the Storm hosted the Durham Crusaders in their first game in their playoff series. Both teams hit the ice with determination to get that first game win. The Storm battled hard and kept most of the play in the first period in the Crusaders end.

The Storm shot puck after puck at the Crusaders goalie and kept them to only one shot on Storm goalie Damon Harriss, but the period ended in zeros. The Crusaders took the lead early in the second but the Storm came back with a goal by Kaine Brannigan assisted by Austin Boylan and Evan Armstrong. The Crusaders scored two more in the second to put them ahead 3-1 going into the third. Storm goalie Harriss took control of his crease and the Storm kept putting pressure on the Crusaders and Brannigan netted another late in the third assisted by Avery Degeer and Boylan to put the Storm within one. The Storm gave everything they had but the Crusaders put in an empty-netter to take the game 4-2. (Submitted by Ron Hall).

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A Highland Storm Atom AE player winds up for a shot in the game of the week. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Atom A's

The Storm hosted the Durham Crusaders at the A.J. Larue Arena Jan. 20. The first period started off with an awesome goal by Addison Carr. He took it from the Storm's end, fired a shot, grabbed his own rebound and scored. The next goal was by Brechin Johnston, who fired a shot from the left boards and it got tipped in by the Durham defensemen. Unfortunately, a minute later, the Crusaders scored their first goal and it was a 2-1 game going into the second.

The second period was a slow first five minutes but then it really picked up with a goal by Austin Latanville. Then, 20 seconds later, a goal by Johnston and a minute after that, a breakaway goal for Carr. It went quiet again until Colby Coumbs fired a rocket shot from the blue line and in. The Crusaders were not giving up that easy, scoring a goal shortly after. But with two minutes left, Johnston scored his hat trick goal and the Crusaders answered, making it a 7-3 game going into the third.

The third period was all Storm. Kadin Card received a pass from Carr from behind the net and shot it in and Cheyenne Degeer scored a beautiful five-hole goal making the final score 9-3. A big shout-out to Aaron Neave who made some pretty awesome saves and kept the score high for the Storm and low for the Crusaders. (Submitted by Amber Card).

G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE

The Storm hosted the Huntsville Otters at the A. J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton Jan. 20 in their first game of the playoff season.

It was exciting from the beginning and the teams evenly-matched. The Otters came on strong, scoring the first two goals. However, the Storm were not going to give up without a fight. Jace Mills shot the puck, hitting the crossbar and into the net. And, with just :01 seconds left in the second period, Cayden Russell took a pass from Liam Harrison to tie the game.

Russell wasn't finished and scored another in the third period. Then, Maclean Rowden scored the tying goal, sending the Storm into a nail-biting overtime. Unfortunately, they fell short 5-4.

On Jan. 21, game two shifted to Huntsville. Again, it was a tough battle for both teams with lots of back-and-forth play. The Storm's Parker Simms took a shot from the blue line and scored the first goal of the game. Only moments later, Emery Bagshaw passed the puck to Rowden to put another one in the net. With the Otters hot on their heels, Brady Burtch passed the puck to Mills to score the tying goal, yet again sending them into overtime. Unlike Saturday, the Storm stayed strong and their hard work paid off when Simms scored the winning goal ending the game with a 4-3 win to tie the series. (Submitted by Lisa Reinwald).

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The Highlander 3-Stars of the Week



1 Cayden Russell



Cayden took charge in front of the opposing net, barring two key goals to help the Storm get to overtime.

2 Chase Winder



Chase was excellent. He sparked the team with stellar goaltending, giving them the confidence to come back and tie the game.

3 Emery Bagshaw

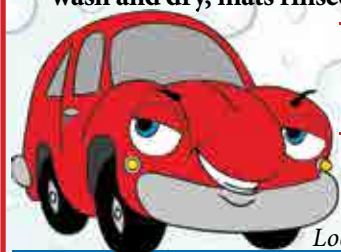


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Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes

The Storm travelled to Huntsville to face the Huntsville Otters for the first time this season. Halfway through the first period, Vanek Logan scored the first goal of the game, assisted by Jaxen Casey. The Otters rallied but Storm goaltender Carter Braun came up with a big save. Next, Jack Tomlinson sent a pass out front to Mason Latanville but the Otters goalie held the net. Seconds later, Evan Perrott took a backhand shot that beat the goalie, with the assist going to Latanville. Logan scored again with the help of Casey to end the period 3-0 Storm.

McCartney Saunders took a great pass off the boards

from Zach Prentice for a breakaway goal. Matthew Scheffee fought hard to get the puck out of the Storm end to Saunders but he was denied by the Otters' goaltender. Tomlinson got a goal off of Logan's wraparound rebound that bounced out front. The Otters carried the puck into the Storm end but Braun made another great save. With 21 seconds left in the second, Perrott's hard digging in front of the net paid off, with him scoring his second goal of the game with the assists going to Latanville and Luke Gruppe.

The third period featured great passing. Easton Burk and Ethan DeCarlo made some great passes, moving the puck around the ice. Halfway through the period, Gruppe got the puck to Logan, who was at the blue line and took a shot to score the final goal in a 7-0 Storm win and a Braun shutout. (Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson).

This week's playoff schedule

Atom AE vs Huntsville Otters

Game 3: Saturday, January 27
at 3:30 p.m. in Minden
Game 4: Sunday, January 28 at
2:40 p.m. in Huntsville

Atom vs Durham Crusaders

Game 2: Saturday, January 27
at noon in Whitby
Game 3: Sunday, January 28 at
2 p.m. in Haliburton

Pee wee vs Durham Crusaders

Game 2: Saturday, January 27
at 1:30 p.m. in Whitby
Game 3: Sunday, January 28 at
12:30 p.m. in Haliburton

Midget vs Wasaga Beach Stars

Game 2: Saturday, January 27
at 3:30 p.m. in Haliburton
Game 3: Sunday, January 28 at
5 p.m. in Haliburton

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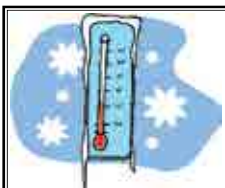
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As per Ed's wishes cremation has taken place. A Service to Celebrate Ed's Life will be held at the Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton on Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 am.

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Stuart Christopher Brandon passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 19, 2018. Stuart will forever be missed by his wife of 42 years, Linda (nee Fry), his daughters Amy Reesor (Ryan Reesor), Emily Brandon (Dan Voytovich) and his grandchildren Anson and Anna, Jake and Zane. He will also be missed by his brother Ted Brandon, his wife Lorry and their son Connor, sister Allison Brandon Masters and her children, Danny, Rebecca, Christopher, as well as his dear friend George Berdan. He is predeceased by his parents Shirley Amy Brandon (nee Easton) and Charles Stewart Brandon.

Stuart will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humour and wit, as well as his great legs that he showed off while wearing shorts three seasons each year. After returning from IBM in Calgary with Linda to manage the family business Northland Sales, Stuart was a town councillor for Anson, Hinden & Minden, BIA President, past-President of the Rotary Club of Minden, President of the International Sled Dog Racing Association and President of the College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists.

Our sincere thanks to the incredible staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Fraenzie and Beth), Dr. Scott Coles, nurses Liz, Karen, Rachel, Amanda, and Rhonda, as well as the amazing PSW support team.

Cremation has taken place. A private family life celebration will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0.



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18. Words of
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21. Stated a viewpoint
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46. Ease
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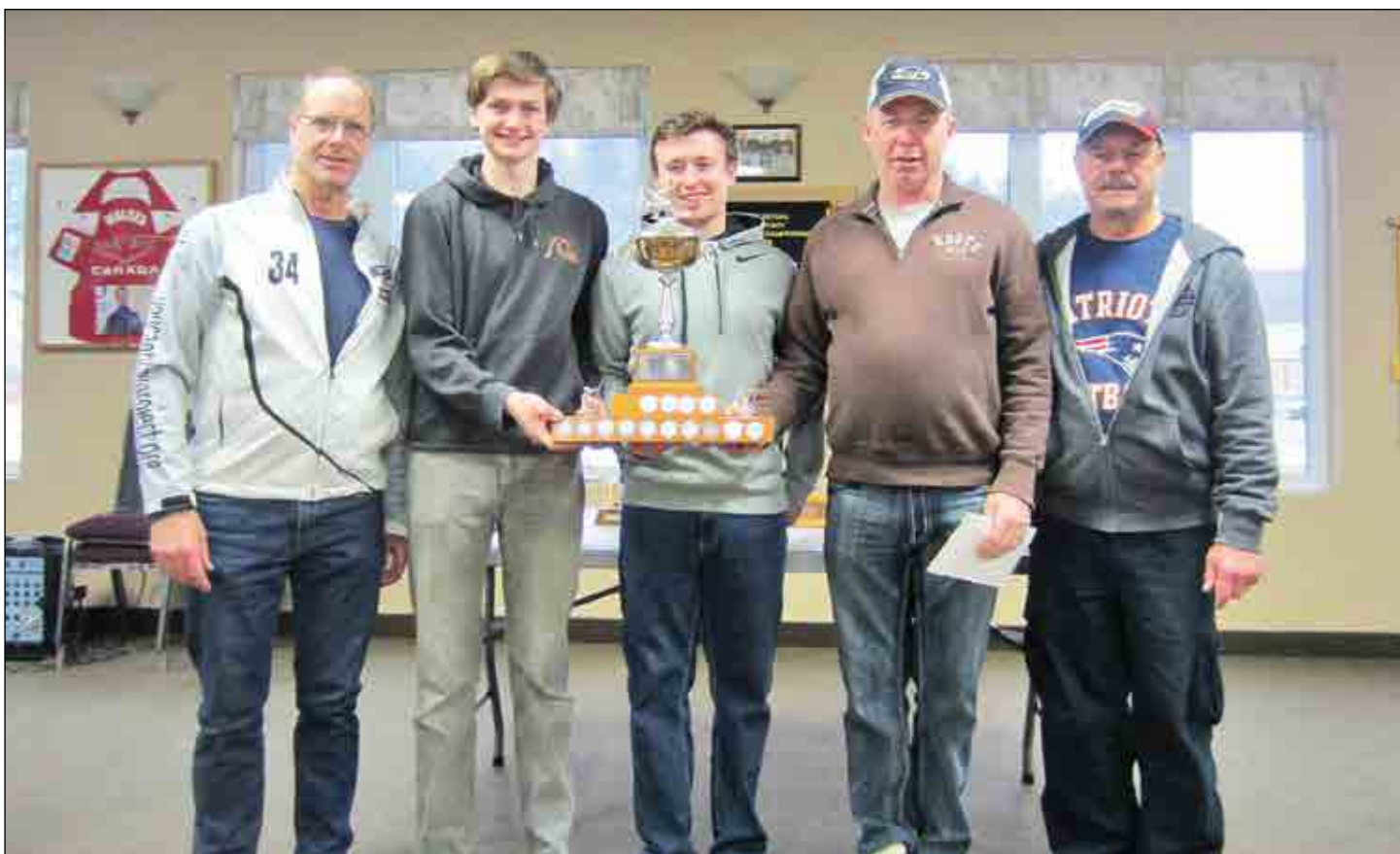
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Highlander sports



The overall winners of the bonspiel. From left, Russ Duhaime, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, Tyler Warham, Mitch Stephen and presenter Dave Moss. *Photo submitted.*

Haliburton team wins Skyline Bonspiel

Twenty-two teams of 90 curlers played in the 59th annual Men's Skyline Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club this past weekend. Local curlers formed five Haliburton, and one Minden, team. The rest came from across the GTA. A team from the Haliburton club finished first overall. Its curlers were skip Mitch Stephen, vice Russ Duhaime, second Tyler Warham and lead Dustyn McCready-DeBruin. Cash prizes were awarded to eight of the top teams. At 30 least volunteers helped make it happen. *(Mark Arike)*



Red Hawks in second place after shutout win

On Jan. 17, at A.J. LaRue Arena, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks earned a 4-0 shutout victory over the Lindsay Spartans, giving them a 6-1 win-loss record in the Kawartha hockey league. They sit in second place. Goals in last Wednesday's game were scored by Nolan Flood, Josh Boice, Desi Davies, and Owen Smith with the game-winner (short-handed). The Red Hawks return to the ice Feb. 7 in Campbellford to face the Flames. They will have another league game after that and a tournament. Playoffs begin Feb. 20. *(Mark Arike)*

Pictured above: Owen Gilbert waits for the puck to drop. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

SNOWSHOEING!

Friday January 26th : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**

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Highlander sports



A slick start for the ice races

It was opening weekend for the Minden Ice Races and the warm weather didn't slow any of the racers down. The Minden Kin Club, along with the Township of Minden Hills, have been getting the ice race-ready for weeks as they have been for more than 40 years. For the next four weekends, racers from all over will participate and the Kin Club encourages everyone to come out and watch. For updates, follow their Facebook page at facebook.com/Mindeniceracing/. Photo by Jennifer Hughey.



A snowboarder flies down the hill. Photo by Tim Tofflemire.

Local racers own the podium at Sir Sam's

Eighty-five racers from across Ontario and their families hit the hills at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride last weekend for the Snowboard Ontario Speed Series Snowboardcross/Skicross event. Five of the seven local competitors made it to the podium. "Racers loved our course and said we have set the standard for this year's competitions," said Chris Bishop, general manager of the facility in Eagle Lake. This was Sir Sam's sixth time hosting the event. Bishop said they hired White Industries, the same company building the course for the Olympic Winter Games in South Korea. (Mark Arike)

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What's on

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday January 25

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Free Chair Yoga, at Maple View Apartments, Wilberforce. Contact Community Support Services at 705-457-2941 x2922, or Kathy at 705-448-3652 for more info.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult only public skating, at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person.

5 – 6 p.m. – Zumba at Dorset Recreation Centre, a cardio-dance workout for all ages & abilities. \$5/ person per class. Contact Joanne at 705-766-1546 or email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

January 26 – 28

Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, Open Weekend. Taking place this year on the Pinestone's pond. Register a team at canadapondhockey.ca, or come on out and cheer on your favourites!

Friday January 26

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Pickleball at Dorset Recreation Centre, a fun, drop-in game. Free to members, \$2.50 for youth/seniors, \$5/ adults. Contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Sunday January 27

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Hardwater Festival: Celebration of Ice, at West Guilford Recreation Centre and Abbey Gardens. Family fun, active learning & outdoor adventure! See hardwaterfestival.ca for details, schedule and activities being planned.

Sunday January 28

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. Sponsored by Canadian Parents for French. \$2 donation requested from those who are not CPF members.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating, at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, \$2/person.

12:30 – 2 p.m. – Free Public Skating, at Keith Tallman Arena, Wilberforce.

6:30 p.m. – Robbie Burns Night at the Haliburton Legion, with the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums. "A wee taste of the Highlands!" Doors open at 6:30 p.m., entertainment starts at 7 p.m. \$15 per person, tickets available at the door.

Monday January 29

1 – 3:30 p.m. – Pickleball at Dorset Recreation Centre, a fun, drop-in game. Free to members, \$2.50 for youth/seniors, \$5/adults. Contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

1 – 4 p.m. – Bridge at Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall. Contact Ross at 705-286-2982 for more info.

Tuesday January 30

10 a.m. 1 p.m. – Pickleball at Dorset Recreation Centre, a fun, drop-in game. Free to members, \$2.50 for youth/seniors, \$5/adults. Contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult Only Public Skating, at S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden, \$2/person.

5 – 6 p.m. – Ladies Weights Toning Class, at Dorset Recreation Centre. A fun and friendly class for all ages and abilities. Cost is \$5/person/ class. Contact Joanne at jomac6058@gmail.com, or 705-766-1546.

Wednesday January 31

9 – 10 a.m. – Free Exercise Program at Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, classes for those 55+ or 65+, part of the VON Smart Exercise program. Space is limited, registration is required. Contact Muskoka Smart 705-787-1996 to register.

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

February 3 – 5

Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, Master's Weekend. Taking place this year on the Pinestone's pond. Register a team at canadapondhockey.ca, or come on out and cheer on your favourites!

Saturday February 3

10 a.m. – Noon – Paws, Poop and Other Animal Clues, at Abbey Gardens. Part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's Discovery Days series, this fun exploration of animal tracks, scat and signs will help attendees to have fun by learning about animal signs. Space is limited. For more info, or to register, go to haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Tuesday Februar 6

10 a.m. – Haliburton: S.T.O.P. (Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients), supports smokers trying to quit by providing them with five weeks of nicotine patches at no cost, access to educational material and other resources. Call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 to see if you are eligible.

Thursday February 8

5:30 p.m. – Those Other Movies presents "A Silent Movie Sampler", silent films by Charlie Chaplin & Buster Keaton, accompanied by Bruce Vogt on the piano, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. See haliburton-movies.com for more information.

Saturday February 10

7 – 11 p.m. – Battle of the Bands 3, a fundraiser for the Haliburton Junction Skate Park. Come out and show your support! This is an all ages event. See our facebook page facebook.com/haliburtonjunctionskatepark for details, or contact amueller@dysartetal.ca

February 10 & 11

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, now an IFSS world cup sanctioned event, located at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. haliburtonsledsledderby.com

Wednesday February 14

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Sexual Health Clinic, provided by the Haliburton branch of the Health Unit. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing, sexual health teaching and testing and treatment for STD's. Call 1-866-888-4577 to make an appointment.

Thursday February 15

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Canadian Federation of University Women present guest speakers Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion to speak about their experiences bringing a Syrian refugee family to Canada. Takes place at Haliburton School of Art & Design, Great Hall. All are welcome, free admission, however donations to the CFUW Bursary Fund would be welcome.

February 16 & 17

Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival – Join the fun for the 28th annual Dorset Snowball, hosting a variety of winter activities and events. See dorsetsnowball.com for a full event schedule and all the events.

Saturday February 17

Frost Festival 2018, Head Lake Park, Haliburton - A free, fun-filled day of outdoor activities for the whole family. Horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, snowman building, snowshoeing, sled dog rides and a Polar Bear Challenge! For more info see frostfestival.ca

1 p.m. – Polar Bear Challenge, sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club. At Head Lake Park. Registration 10 a.m. – Noon, Event starts at 1 p.m. For pledge forms and more information available at e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php for more info.

The Coby-Norland Frostival! – Join us family day weekend and bring the family in the afternoon to Legion Park and the train station in Coboconk for some old fashioned winter fun. Home-made toboggan parade, chili cook-off, cupcake café, and winter obstacle course! For more info, contact Jennifer at 705-454-1110 or jwilson@coboconknorland.ca.

Wednesday February 28

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Sexual Health Clinic, provided by the Haliburton branch of the Health Unit. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing, sexual health teaching and testing and treatment for STD's. Call 1-866-888-4577 to make an appointment.

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 third Thursday of the month starting at 7 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 cribbage 1 p.m. start and 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: Robbie Burns night, Saturday Jan. 27 in the main hall. Enjoy a taste of haggis and a buffet dinner, scotch tasting, pipes & drums, Scottish music and dancing. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., entertainment starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 per person available at the door. 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

Ladies darts have resumed, Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Jan. 26 Community Care lunch. To book call Denise Butler 705-448-8865. Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27 Pat & Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Ice fishing derby. Tickets available at Legion Jan. 26 before close or at Wilberforce Bait shop until 10 a.m. \$15 entry, one fish per entry. Weigh-in time 3 - 6 p.m. Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp. Crib tournament in Trenton 29/\$50 - 28/\$25 - 24/\$10

Jan. 29 Bid euchre 7 p.m.

Jan. 31 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

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What's on

A weekend of winter fun awaits

By Jennifer Hughey

How can you tell it's winter in the Highlands? Locals start to promote their love affair with ice.

Ice fishing, skating and snowshoeing across the frozen lakes are all popular activities in the county – and this weekend is a prime example of what winter up here has to offer.

Hardwater Festival

First up, members of the Explore Our Lakes team and the Municipality of Dysart are preparing for the second annual Hardwater Festival on Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in West Guilford.

Yours Outdoors owner Barrie Martin talked to *The Highlander* about the second year of this event.

“[There's a] snowshoe race, ice hut makeover reveal, winter camping demo and an ice bar,” Martin said in an interview, adding most events are free with the exception of ice climbing at Medeba (\$10/person) and the snowshoe race (\$5 for individuals and \$20 for families).

“[The festival] is another truly one-of-a-kind event for the Haliburton Highlands,” Martin said.

Visit hardwaterfestival.ca for info or download the full schedule at hardwaterfestival.ca/assets/hwf-schedule-2018.pdf.

Abbey Gardens

Don't forget, too, about the winter workshops offered by Abbey Gardens. You can register in advance for one of four available, like a guided snowshoe or off-grid living, for \$25 per person. For information on the workshops or booking, visit abbeygardens.ca/programming-2/.



Competitors in last year's Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships at The Pinestone. *File photo.*

Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships

This weekend also marks the beginning of one of the largest pond hockey events on the planet, the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships (CNPHC).

Hosted by the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, it's the first of two weekends of pondemonium for event manager John Teljeur, who said he's ready for whatever Mother Nature throws at him.

“We are going into this event with probably the best weather conditions we've had in a long time,” Teljeur said.

Teljeur said he and the ice crews spend countless hours creating the 15 to 18 rinks required, and with the weather being such a rollercoaster, he's having many conversations about ice thickness and watching the forecast closely.

Even though Teljeur said there are fewer local players this year, there will still be between 700 and 1,000 players over the two weekends. More than 90 per cent of them are tourists who will be staying

in the area, which is a win for local businesses, he said.

A big component to the success of the event is volunteers and Teljeur said they take care of those who take the time to come out and help.

With more than 100 volunteers, it's one of the largest volunteer groups in the region. Still, they are always looking for extra bodies and offer training for the position.

If you're interested, visit canadapondhockey.ca/volunteer or contact Teljeur at 705-286-6573.

French course for beginners starts next week

By Mark Arike

Are you planning on travelling to Europe in the near future? Maybe you're going to stay closer to home and visit another predominately French-speaking destination, such as Quebec.

When you arrive, will you be able to order a meal or ask for directions—in French?

If not, you should consider signing up for a conversational French course for beginners in Haliburton. The 10-week course, led by J.D. Hodgson Elementary School (JDH) teacher Andrew Dawson, starts Jan. 30 and runs Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. It's the first time the course is being offered by the local Canadian Parents for French (CPF) chapter.

“What we're offering is quite awesome,” said Marina Thomazo, a teacher at JDH and course organizer.

Thomazo described Dawson as a very “energetic and loving” French teacher at the school. Participants don't need to know any French to sign up.

“This is a conversation class for adults,” said Thomazo. “It's really to learn to speak French with competence and confidence.”

She developed the course with two other teachers from Ontario. It has previously been offered in Toronto, Peterborough, Lindsay and Bracebridge.

“It's being offered to all [CPF] chapters across Ontario,” she said.

Participants will receive a certificate upon completion. The cost is \$125 plus a \$25 CPF membership.

To register by the Jan. 28 deadline, call Thomazo at 705-457-6649 or email ouilovefrench@gmail.com.

In 2016, about 30 per cent of Canadians were able to have a conversation in French, according to Statistics Canada.



Mime time at Razzamataz

Mime Trevor Capps of the Tottering Biped Theatre performs in “Physical Illusions” at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Jan. 21. The next show is “Brick Bro's Circus” on Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. Razzamataz volunteers want people to know that they are always looking for more helpers. For more information check out razzamataz.ca. (*Emily Stonehouse*)



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