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Refugee family coming to Haliburton

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County could be welcoming a refugee family from Syria as early as this summer.

Last week the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee confirmed a family of 10, consisting of two parents and eight children, would be moving to the community.

The information was welcomed news for the committee, who has been working tirelessly for the past six months to raise funds for refugees, said spokesperson David Barker.

"The flow of refugees was intense at the first part of the year and then slowed down," he said. "Organizations, groups across the country like us were upset ... it was becoming disappointing because we were hearing it might be another 18 months before we get a family."

The committee has been working under the umbrella of the Anglican and United Refugee Alliance (AURA) and has raised more than \$55,000, at last count, said Barker.

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HDA leaps into 20th anniversary year

The intro to acro/jazz dancers got a little help from their teachers to perform Hula Hoop at the Haliburton Dance Academy 20th anniversary recital on May 13. In this photo, instructor Sydney Churko leads the act. More on page 4. /ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Duchene embraces veteran role with Team Canada

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

He's all of 25 years old and has already played for Canada more times than many of his teammates.

Haliburton's Matt Duchene and centre for the NHL's Colorado Avalanche is once again wearing the maple leaf and the red and white, representing Canada at the IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship in Moscow, Russia.

Last year he was part of a Canadian squad that went undefeated in the tournament to win gold.

Despite the high expectations of the country, he said this pales in comparison to the players of the team.

"The expectations we have on ourselves are bigger than what's outside of our room. It's something we take seriously but we have fun with it and just try and go play hockey," he wrote in an email from Russia.

Unlike playing in Colorado, Duchene knows there will be far fewer fans watching in the stands.

"Obviously when we're playing at the Pepsi Center there's 18,000 cheering for us whereas over here, there's very few Canadian fans. There's really no home games, just away games so it's very different," he said. Last year, the Canadian team easily won the tournament with a 10-0 record.

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