

Abracadabra! Ridgevalley and their East Smoky Minor Hockey Association raise \$3,500

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For the East Smoky Minor Hockey Association the biggest assist this year did help break a tie game late in the third period but it came on Oct. 17 when John Kaplan and his fundraising magic show visited Ridgevalley.

John Kaplan, the Wayne Gretzky of magic fundraising, has been helping community groups raise money for the past thirty years through his Fundraising Magic Show. Kaplan has done thousands of shows in over 500 distinct Canadian communities. This was his first trip to the Crooked Creek/Ridgevalley area.

A hockey parent with East Smoky Minor Hockey, Laura Gerwatoski, brought up the idea of the magic show last



John Kaplan and his Fundraising Magic were in Ridgevalley to raise money for East Smoky Minor Hockey.

year, as she heard that Bezan-son had John Kaplan come in last year and their community was buzzing about the great show.

It being the month of "shock-tober" the community was treated to a special Halloween themed magic show "Stage-Fright" that Kaplan runs throughout the month of October. A show full of macabre magic, silly spookiness and twisted illusions. The show is crammed

with 90-minutes of icky, yucky, spooky, creepy, crawly magic. Accompanied by eerie music, a killer light show and an awesome special effects gave the sold out Ridgevalley Gym an amazing experience.

The show was a very successful fundraiser, and East

Smoky Minor Hockey profited around \$3,500. The money raised will go to cover ice costs for the season, power skating courses that the association has booked, as well as other expenses throughout the hockey season.

East Smoky Minor Hockey thought it was a great show and something that the kids will remember for a long time. Even days after the show, it was a topic of conversation within the community and a show that they would recommend for any community group to do as a fundraiser.

For more info on John Kaplan and his magic show visit his website at www.fundraisingmagic.com

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