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Meghan Walker, Quinn Camlis, Jack Walker, Kate Nelles and Jessalynn Thompson wear festive hats as they wait for a wagon ride to Santa's village during Abbey Gardens' Winter Festival this past weekend. See more coverage on p. 24. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*

Harcourt's Nomi Resort in turmoil

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

By Mark Arike

It's been almost a year since the former Martinwood Resort was rebranded as Nomi and reopened to visitors.

At that time, the owners of Tier 1 Capital Management Inc., a Markham-based company, took over management of the property and had big plans to build 51

cottages and expand the resort's amenities. Its new focus would be health and wellness, along with community events.

A grand opening was well-attended in February and several locals showed up that night.

Susan Elizabeth Blouin, a 47-year-old with an MBA degree, and her company had been contracted to manage the operation. She marketed its new direction and organized that first event, which she dubbed

"Winterlicious."

Her employer gave her a glowing review at the time.

"She can get things done," said Tier 1 CEO Dowarka Persaud in May. "She's a very success-oriented person and she will get the job done if she's allowed to do it." But despite their optimism, not all has gone according to plan.

The property is listed as owned by Carino & Lally Developments, a company

registered to John Graham Simmonds. But in 2014, Simmonds transferred the title to lawyer John Paul Fletcher, the trustee, according to documents obtained by *The Highlander*.

Tier 1 took over management of the resort shortly thereafter.

It was Fletcher who fired Blouin less than five months after the grand opening and filed a complaint with Durham Regional

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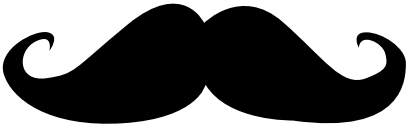
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Convicted sex offender granted day parole

By Mark Arike

A registered sex offender from Minden has been granted day parole for six months at a community-based residential facility.

Keith Hirstwood, 34, is serving a federal sentence of three years and seven months after pleading guilty to two counts of sexual interference with a person under the age of 16, and one count of invitation to sexual touching with a person under 16.

Hirstwood committed the crimes in September 2014 and was charged the same month. He was sentenced to a total of five years in August 2015, but received credit for time spent in provincial custody.

He was placed on the province's sex offender registry for life.

The Parole Board of Canada granted Hirstwood day parole on Nov. 10 of this year after receiving an application from him in June.

"The Correctional Service of Canada has recommended that day parole be granted as risk is deemed manageable with the proposed release plan and supervision strategies and a day parole will support your successful reintegration into society," states the board's decision.

"You have expressed remorse and the board found this to be genuine."

But the board acknowledged the severity of his offences and the "continuing impact on the victim, her family and others in the community."

The location of the residential facility has been removed from the document along with the age of the female victim, in accordance with section 144 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act.

Revealing these details could "jeopardize the safety of any person, reveal a source of information obtained in confidence, or ... could prevent the successful reintegration of the offender into society," according to the act.

In his submission to the board, Hirstwood said he would sell his home so the victim and her family would not have to worry about him living in the same geographic area.

Hirstwood must comply with five parole conditions, such as avoiding contact with the victim and her family, avoiding females under the age of 16 unless accompanied by an adult who has been approved by his parole supervisor, and reporting all intimate relationships and friendships with females to his parole supervisor.

Hirstwood became eligible for full parole at the end of October, according to Shannon Mills of Correctional Service Canada. His statutory release date is Jan. 9, 2018.

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Karl Gonnissen, president of the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association, talks to members of Dysart's public planning committee. Photo by Alex Coop.

Biochar facility not a 'packaged deal,' says Forest

By Alex Coop

Dysart's public planning committee granted Haliburton Forest a zoning bylaw amendment for its proposed biochar facility Monday evening, but Karl Gonnissen, president of the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association, wasn't pleased with the decision.

"We're dealing with the unknown here," he told members of the committee. "We are not getting the information we have asked for."

Manager of Haliburton Forest, Malcolm Cockwell, and project manager Nina Shock first introduced the proposed biochar facility to the public last month during a public meeting.

Part of the property the plant is proposed for is already zoned for general industrial uses, so a biochar plant would be permitted.

Cockwell and Shock were at Monday's meeting when Gonnissen cited burning and landscaping concerns, and said the township's own zoning bylaws support some of his points.

"In your zoning bylaw where it defines noxious uses, it says noxious uses aren't allowed in all of Haliburton," he told the township's director of planning and development.

Dysart's zoning bylaw defines noxious use as something with the potential to emit noise, vibration, odour, dust or light, which could have detrimental effects on the health and safety of the township's residents.

Gonnissen added he and other members of

the property owners' association wanted to know more about the environmental impacts of the facility and the specific approvals regulated by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC).

"This is a packaged deal," he said, suggesting that once the project received a zoning bylaw amendment, it was very likely to get the green light.

Cockwell and Shock reiterated that emissions produced from the facility are regulated by the approvals granted by MOECC, and that the project itself was very far from a packaged deal.

"Before we get to the point where we are operating, we still have to convince a lot of other people, technical experts, that this is a safe and environmentally benign process ... but that will come later ... the issue at hand is zoning," he said.

Jim Miners, another member of the property owners' association, said he was very supportive of the project.

"I'd love to see the project grow to the point where it's creating at least 20 jobs," he said.

Miners said he didn't think Gonnissen spoke to the more than 100 members of the property owners association, and didn't want words put into his mouth.

"He can say he speaks for himself or members who have expressed concerns to him, but he can't speak for all of us," he said, adding some of Gonnissen's questions were valid, but had little to do with the zoning change.

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Investigative journalism not dead

I watched *Spotlight* on the weekend.

It won the Oscar for best picture at last year's Academy Awards

If you haven't seen it, it's about journalism. More specifically, it's about an investigative journalism team at the *Boston Globe*. They are known as Spotlight. In 2001, they began to unearth the story of widespread and systemic child sex abuse by priests in Boston. The work won the *Globe* the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service in 2003.

Nobody at *The Highlander* is going to win a Pulitzer. But when it comes to public service, we do our best for our readers and advertisers.

Today's front page story on the turmoil surrounding the former Martinwood Resort is one very good example of *The Highlander* providing a public service. People need to know that there's trouble at what is now the Nomi Resort.

When long-time *Highlander* and former *County Voice* reporter Mark Arike started questioning what was happening at the

resort about 10 months ago, he asked himself, is it in the public interest? He felt it was since the property was an important part of Haliburton County's history and the fact it was seemingly in turmoil was worthy of looking into.

Many people have a vested interest in the success of the property, including the nearly 50 investors who have sunk \$2.1 million into it since 2012. They deserve to know what's going on. Just as important are the local business owners and residents who recommend visitors travel to the area and book a stay in Harcourt. Making a good first impression is critical, especially when visitors are opening their wallets.

Unlike the Spotlight team, we don't have a lot of time for investigative journalism. We still have to put out a weekly paper, feed our online presence and post to Facebook. Our small team of three is inundated with coverage requests. We each have a council or two to report on, numerous stories and features, our shared weekend events, including Highland Storm

videos, and the list goes on and on.

So, when it comes to investigative pieces, we squeeze them into our schedules. That is why Mark's piece took 10 months to complete.

It isn't the only investigative story we're working on. We are all trying to find the time for similar projects.

In an age of shrinking newsrooms and shrinking newsroom budgets, we still believe in investigative journalism. It may not mean a big piece like in today's edition. Sometimes it is just tackling a story a different way. Reporter Alex Coop did it recently when he didn't just write a he says, she says piece on the proposed Biochar facility. He reached out to an expert at the University of Toronto.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, the seven-person Spotlight team is alive and well at the *Boston Globe*.



By Lisa Gervais

I oughta be in movies

It was obvious to me the moment I walked into the Galaxy Multiplex, it had been a long time since I had gone to the movies. The super high ceilings, the laser light display and the multiple entertainment options, not to mention a refreshment counter that looked like a Star Wars Death Star mega mashup of food courts.

Now, don't get me wrong. I am not a movie neophyte. I have been to Highlands Cinemas with its museum-like hallways and snack bar of manageable proportions. Owner Keith Stata has created a truly magical experience at the multiplex he built in Kinmount. And my other regular cinematic exposure is thanks to the monthly efforts of the volunteers behind Those Other Movies at the Northern Lights Performing Art Pavilion in Haliburton. The Haliburton Highlands International Film Festival is a regular on my calendar as is Doc(k) Day. All events supported by a local committee which scours the universe ... well, the "available in Canada film universe" ... to entertain and challenge appreciative Highlands audiences.

Meanwhile, back to my Blockbuster experience. The first encounter to set me

back on my heels occurred at the box office where the single admission was \$14.99, reduced to \$11.50 because of my age. (Being over the hill does have some benefits). Did I mention we were at the cinema to see Dr. Strange starring Benedict Cumberbatch?

From the ticket wicket we were directed to the snack counter by the wafting fragrant aroma of popped corn. No apples or oranges evident here, in fact there wasn't any item not featuring at least twice one's daily salt or sugar requirements. Mmmmm. That was not the only shocker as I scanned the options. A large popcorn and equally gigantic soft drink ... the preliminary estimate came in at \$16 ... that was without the up-sizing option of an additional 50 cents a hit. Who could resist such clever marketing and so I wrestled my bushel basket of popped corn (without the real butter topping which was offered at \$2 a squeeze) and bucket of flavoured sugar water into a massive stadium with high back chairs for close to 250.

At the entrance I grabbed a pair of glasses because, yes, I was making the leap into the latest technological

advancement in cinematic presentations and about to enter another dimension. The last time I saw a 3-D film, "Creature from the Black Lagoon," the technology included cardboard glasses with a red lens on one side and a green on the other. The impact back then was tepid at best. This time the spectacles were in shades of grey and provided an entertaining enhancement to the movie from the house of Marvel.

As I settled in, the surround sound kept me pasted to the upholstery and the leaping images kept me enthralled, but somehow it was not the same. I missed the friendly people at the door, the eclectic mix of movies and the pre-show kibitzing with the Highlands audience. I missed the feeling of community, of sharing an experience with 150 people I know in a darkened theatre.

Yes, the only thing missing at Those Other Movies is the popcorn.



By Jack Brezina

Public education must precede a referendum

Dear Editor,

Can there be any doubt that the whole issue of electoral reform is complex? The purpose of a meeting a friend and I had with our Member of Parliament, Jamie

Schmale last Friday was to discuss ways of dispelling the widespread confusion of even many of the most informed.

To my delight, we found him open-minded and informed about Proportional Representation (PR). I agreed with him that such an important matter needs a public referendum as it will fundamentally change the way we vote.

For us Canadians, a change to Proportional Representation would involve a radical change in voting from the British Empire's "Winner Takes All" tradition to the more modern PR system already enjoyed by 85 per cent of the world's most

developed nations. We want to know what we are voting for in a referendum, don't we?

Hopefully we can look forward optimistically to some leadership from our MP in providing educational opportunities on PR within the riding. Only after well-attended educational events and considerably more help from our communications media, will a referendum be a valid tool and a helpful way of proceeding towards an informed decision.

Paul Irwin
West Guilford

Correction:

In the Dec. 1 issue of *The Highlander's* photo of the week we ran a wedding photo. Carl Dixon married Helen C. Parker on Nov. 9 in Haliburton. We misspelled Parker's name. We apologize for the error.

Editorial opinion

Highland Atoms rise to occasion

Dear editor,

Players from the three Junior County League teams joined together to represent the Highland Storm in the Atom AE Silver Stick Regional Tournament this past weekend. With only two weeks to prepare a team and two practices coordinated by Craig Smith alongside head coach Cory Simms, assistant coach James Raposo and trainer Chad Russell, they all worked hard to turn a great group of players into a team.

Fifteen players set out on the ice early Saturday morning to play the first game against the Beeton Stingers and were defeated 12-0. The Storm were also defeated in the second game, 15-1, against the Lindsay Muskies. Sawyer Boutin got the lone goal.

The final game was against the Ingersoll Express. What a nail-biter that game was with only 25 seconds left on the clock, the Express tied the game with a final score of 5-5. Boutin got two goals and Isaac Lee got

a hat trick.

While every single Storm player should be mentioned for their amazing effort and talent out on the ice, it was goalie Carson Simms who was the huge star of the day, making countless saves and an all-around outstanding player.

While the Storm may have fallen short of top standings, these 15 players never felt an ounce of defeat. Their voices could be heard echoing across the arena, cheering each other on from the bench. Their enthusiasm and love for the game was seen and heard by all. We are all thankful for the opportunity to play in such an elite event and only hope that they can have the opportunity to compete in several other tournaments before the hockey season ends.

A huge thank you goes out to Smith, who gave our team the opportunity to come together and represent the Highland Storm.

Angela Russell
Highland Storm

Reader wants further amalgamation

Dear Editor,

In reference to the editorial in *The Highlander* about Warden (Carol) Moffatt making some suggestions in changes to the position of warden for Haliburton County, may I suggest that she did not include the obvious solution to the warden and council's future.

There should be another amalgamation within the county to become a single-tier municipality. The last amalgamation was a start and now we should complete the process to a single-tier.

The need for all five governments for our small population does not make any

sense today. (Not that I thought it did before either). Going to four local and the county did result in savings and some streamlining of process. Additional savings and getting rid of so much duplication of services is the answer. I know that not everyone will agree that the last amalgamation was beneficial, the same as people in other jurisdictions did not want the change or embrace it. But let's at least take a very serious look at completing the amalgamation of our great county.

Bill Obee
Minden Hills

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Youth rock on

Skip Savannah Byers looks on as teammates Riley Cooney and Kara Chumbley sweep the ice for a game-winning rock Saturday during the Haliburton Youth Curling Bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club. There were two featured draws, one for elementary and one for under 18 players. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Ho ho horticultural heist

By Will Jones

Where do you get your Christmas tree? Do you tramp through all manner of obstacles and fight your way through a claustrophobic maze to dig it out of the darkest corner of the attic each December? Do you simply drive to the grocery store and purchase one of those luxurious, plump specimens that are neatly wrapped in fishnet stocking? Or, like me, are you cheap and cheeky, liking instead to go steal one from somewhere? Now, by stealing I don't mean pilfering a nicely illuminated conifer from someone's front yard, although I have thought about it but I'll get to that in a moment. No, I mean taking a tree from somewhere that no one will notice or mind, hopefully.

From under the hydro lines, maybe. There, you are actually doing Hydro One a service by removing a tree that could

one day foul the line. Don't expect a rebate on your bill though. In fact, the less said about the taking of trees from the hydro corridor the better because the money grabbing miscreants that run our electricity provider will probably add a 'festive foliage collection' surcharge to our bills if they find out that many folks are cutting down Christmas trees from under their lines!

I did that last year, from the hydro line along County Road 1, and it was quite the adventure let me tell you. Oh, yes, I already did, last year. This year was a little different. This year we couldn't find a suitable tree along the roadside. We looked, oh, how we looked, but my lovely wife, bless her heart, is somewhat particular and nothing was quite good enough. And, so, on Sunday afternoon we set out for a stroll, a simple unassuming Sunday stroll, armed with an axe and a saw.

We walked the Rail Trail for a while but nothing caught our eye. We wandered across a field or two, skirting close to the edge, just in case a Christmas tree should fall in our path. And, then, we crossed the line, literally.

No, not into a front yard to fell a nicely lit spruce specimen, albeit Little Z did point to one and say, "Daddy, I want that one!"

"Too loud, son," I whispered as we crawled through the shrubbery and around back.

Yes, we sneaked onto a neighbour's property and stole a Christmas tree.

Now, in my defense, this neighbour has an awful lot of land and almost all of it is covered in trees of one size or another. He's not going to miss one, is what I'm saying. And, going and asking would have taken all of the thrill out of it, don't you think? But, my lovely wife was not content with sneaking in, lopping a tree

and getting out. Oh, no, she got all particular once we were there and wasn't satisfied with the Charlie Brown trees that I was pointing to.

After about an hour of searching (on our knees), "I want that one," she proclaimed, almost as loudly as my boy, pointing to a 20-foot high spruce.

"It's too tall," I hissed from my crouched position in the hedge.

"Just get me the top half, then!"

And so it is that we stole half a Christmas tree this year. Just half, we left the bottom, to regrow a new top. And in leaving half to regrow, does that make our act stealing at all? Perhaps I'll just rob a whole one from outside the Independent next year. It'll be easier and I'm sure they come from sustainably ... replenished forests ... Ho ho ho.



By Will Jones

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Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *Why is the new palliative centre an important addition to the community?*



Wendy Miller

Minden

Haliburton County is a senior citizens' retirement haven—and I want to stay as long as I can.



Judy Cole

Haliburton

It's good they're planning for the population. They're looking out for us.



Joan Duhaime

Gelert

People can be close to their homes and families when they need it.



Helen Baker

Haliburton

It's an aging community and there are many seniors who don't have families in the area. It's needed so they can spend their last days in comfort.



Beverley Pearce

Haliburton

It's very important to put in because we have to go so far for hospitalization and specialized care. I think it will bring more people to Haliburton.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

County in brief

Work continues on Drag Lake dams

The rehabilitation of the Drag Lake dams continues.

As part of the mobilization process, the contractor is building a temporary construction access to the dam and laying down some of the necessary materials for

the upcoming work. As a result, residents may see increased traffic along Outlet Bay Lane and Fred Jones Road over the coming weeks.

Once the construction site has been set up, the first stage of work will be the installation of temporary cofferdams upstream of both the north and south dams. These temporary structures will create a dry work space and will also facilitate water management as required. The work to rehabilitate the dams will be sequenced so while work is underway on one dam, the other dam will function to control water.

The rehabilitation of the Drag Lake dams will entail major concrete repairs to both dams – removing damaged concrete and then resurfacing the structures. A raised walkway will be added to the site linking the two dams. New guard rails will be added to enhance visitor and operator safety and post tension anchors will be installed to provide

additional strength.

The dams are surrounded by property that is privately owned. Access across the dam and to the immediate area will be restricted during construction. Following construction the dam will only be accessible with the permission of the neighbouring landowner.

For up-to-date news on infrastructure work along the Trent-Severn Waterway, visit pc.gc.ca/tswInfrastructure. For questions or concerns, or to receive updates regarding this project, contact ont.trentsevern@pc.gc.ca and include "Drag Lake Dams" in the subject heading. (Lisa Gervais).

Christmas Hope Campaign launches

On Dec. 1, the Central Food Network launched its first Christmas Hope Campaign. The goal is to raise more than \$5000 to help provide a Christmas and additional support to more than 100 area residents who are struggling this time of year, said spokeswoman Tina Jackson.

The online campaign provides different ways for people to give back to the

community by offering a number of program options to donate to, including providing a senior a Christmas, providing a family a Christmas as well as Sharing the Warmth to give the gift of heat for people who struggle with high heating and hydro costs, Jackson said.

She added that 100 per cent of the funds donated to the campaign go directly to assist those who need it. Donations can also be made through the Central Food Network office.

Central Food Network offers a variety of programs including food banks, a distribution food hub, the Haliburton County Community Garden Network and Heat Bank Haliburton County. It also partners with various service clubs, government agencies and local businesses/volunteers to assist those in need with the help they need most.

While Central Food Network is based out of Highlands East, it supports people through its various programs across the County, Jackson said.

More information is available on the Central Food Network website, centralfoodnetwork.org or by contacting Jackson at 705-306-0565. (Lisa Gervais).



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Haliburton quickly raises \$4K for child cancer patient

Parker Simpson in 'good spirits', parents overwhelmed by support

By Alex Coop

Residents are rallying around a former Haliburton woman whose son is battling cancer for the second time in a year.

Parker Simpson, 8, is at Sick Kids in Toronto undergoing treatment. His parents, Sarah Burk and Devin and five-year-old sister Kenzie are at Ronald McDonald House just down the street.

Sarah has left her job to remain at Parker's side.

She spoke with *The Highlander* by phone this week.

Parker was diagnosed with a form of Lymphoma in January.

He underwent 10 months of treatment and doctors told the family the cancer was gone. They returned to a seemingly normal life in Kingston.

But on Nov. 12, new tumours were discovered and Parker was airlifted to Sick Kids.

"Within weeks it came back, full force," Sarah told *The Highlander* from hospital.

That is when Sarah's close friends from Haliburton sprang into action.

Lifelong friend Courtney Wilson opened a page on gofundme.com Nov. 28. It has raised more than \$4,000, to "alleviate some of the financial stress of everyday bills" and allow the family to focus on Parker, the campaign's description says.

As of Tuesday, 65 people had donated.

"It was the first time I had set something like that up," Wilson said. "When a couple of us got together a few weeks ago to come up with ideas, [a gofundme page] was the first item on the list."

A family skate at the A.J. LaRue Arena in the new year will also raise money, says Brandi Hewson, a friend of Sarah's and member of the Highland Storm executive committee.

That will be followed by a Valentine's dinner fundraiser Feb. 11.

"I have a little boy of my own and it breaks my heart thinking about Parker ... I couldn't imagine being in [Sarah's] situation," Hewson said.

It's something Sarah has heard a lot from family and friends recently.

Growing up in Haliburton, Sarah is well aware of the kindness the community is capable of. Being on the receiving end is overwhelming, she says, and something she and Devin have had to adjust to.

"Devin and I had to learn to let go, focus primarily on Parker and give room for people who want to help us," she said.

The family is showered with messages on a daily basis, she said.

"Parker is pretty mellow and he doesn't worry a lot," Sarah said. "He feels some pain sometimes but we're all trying to stay very positive."

Parker is also a big Montreal Canadiens fan but managed to keep his cool when members of the Toronto Maple Leafs

visited the hospital Monday. The players gave him a gift bag with the team's bear mascot.

According to his Facebook page (Positive Thoughts for Parker), Parker told his mom he was going to give the bear to their dog so he could beat it up.



Parker Simpson and his mother Sarah at the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Photo submitted.

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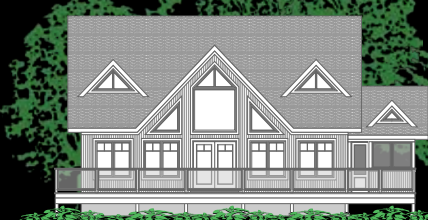
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Jackson earns victim services award

By Jennifer Hughey

Volunteering is more than just time, it's a personal commitment to help wherever and whenever you can.

Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services presented two volunteers with awards last week, to those who went above and beyond what's required of them.

Local resident Jess Jackson was one of them. She was voted team leader of the year by her peers and was praised for more than 2,000 hours over the past three years – working sometimes 15-25 shifts a month versus the four-shift minimum requirement.

"I am pretty honoured, but really wasn't expecting it," Jackson said. She told *The Highlander* she found out about victim services from a friend and thought it sounded like a great way to give back to the community. She began training in October 2013 and started in January 2014.

"Seeing people in their darkest hours, knowing that you can make even the smallest difference, is quite rewarding," she said.

Jackson's father Mike passed away suddenly last December when his vehicle collided with a moose on Highway 118. She was at the scene and even offered to assist the OPP not knowing it was her father.

"Having been on the receiving end of it, it is something I will never forget," she said. "Selfishly, victim services has provided such a great outlet for me ... turning a tragedy into something positive."

Jackson makes time to volunteer amidst working at TD Bank in Minden, The Peppermill Steak and Pasta House, as a supply early childhood educator for Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Most recently, she accepted a position as a



Left to right: Whitney Rickard, client services coordinator; Jess Jackson, team leader; Laura Proctor, executive director; and Tim Negus, community relations officer. Photo by Jennifer Hughey.

civilian data entry clerk at the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment.

"Whenever I am not working, I make myself available to take calls," Jackson said, which can be taken from wherever she is, because response time is important.

Victim services' client services coordinator Whitney Rickard said Jackson is a very caring person, with a willingness to drop everything and help the members of her community.

"When I presented her with the award, I said that above and beyond doesn't really cut it," Rickard said.

Victim services receives funding from the Ministry of the Attorney General, a set amount annually which only covers a few full-time staff.

"We are a small team that covers all of Kawartha Lakes and all of Haliburton County," Rickard said, adding they really value the six team leaders and 25 volunteers because they allow other staff to take time off.

Victim services works closely with police and emergency services to provide support to victims over the phone, on-scene and in their office. They are available 24 hours a

day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Jackson says that even with her new position, she plans on continuing to give as much of her time as possible.

Victim services volunteer of the year was awarded to June Smith from Lindsay who has been with the organization for 19 years and is referred to as the grandma of the organization.

For more information on how you can volunteer, visit victim-services.org/be-a-volunteer/ or contact Whitney Rickard at 705-878-5505 or email whitney.khvs@victim-services.org.

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For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or dnewhook@mindenhills.ca.

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Application forms and more information on the committees' mandate and terms of reference, are available at www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/ or by visiting the Clerks Department, 2nd Floor.

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Manager fired, under investigation

Investors put \$2.1 million into former Martinwood property

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Police.

That led to an investigation by the fraud unit—one of two separate ongoing investigations—*The Highlander* has learned.

Allegations against Blouin

Although she has not been charged, Blouin's former employers allege she stole a \$10,000 deposit for timber purchased at Nomi by a logging company and funnelled the money to her company, Stylus Finance Corporation. The other allegation is she installed and used her own debit/credit machine at the resort to receive funds for services.

But it's another complaint that has led police to pursue Blouin more aggressively.

Oshawa resident Anna Argante says she was duped out of \$27,000 after providing construction loans for two projects that never came to fruition. Argante claims that when she requested updates on the projects, Blouin wouldn't cooperate and instructed her to speak to her lawyer, Glenn Bogue.

"She won't deal with me," said Argante, who filed a complaint with police in June.

Argante claims she loaned Blouin \$5,000 to build a new home in Port Perry and \$22,000 for a similar project in Oshawa.

A summary of Argante's report to police describes her loans and interactions with Blouin.

Although Blouin was interviewed by *The Highlander* in March, she has not responded to several requests for further comment by telephone and email. In June, her lawyer sent *The Highlander* a cease and desist email.

"My client has been clear," wrote Bogue. "She has no comment to make regarding any article you are writing. I demand that all attempts by your staff to contact my client stop."

The lawyer has not replied to several messages for comment regarding the allegations against his client.

Yet through it all, Blouin continues to run the operation.

Tier 1's managing partner, Julio Ramirez, claims his company is currently in negotiations to purchase the property from a receiver, in order to buy out the first mortgage holder and, in turn, remove Blouin.

Fletcher delivered a letter to Blouin, terminating her employment on June 20. Ramirez says they changed the locks and instructed Blouin to stay off the property. However, he claims Simmonds gave Blouin a letter authorizing her to return, change the locks again and continue running the operation. Later, he said Simmonds denied ever having knowledge of such a document.

The Highlander approached Simmonds in-person in July but he was reluctant to say much.

"I actually resigned from that company," he said, refusing to confirm which company he was referring to.

Further attempts to reach Simmonds for comment on any of these matters have gone unanswered.

Property has storied past

Located near Benoit Lake on 800 acres, the Nomi property has a storied past. G.W. Martin Lumber Limited, once one of the largest producers of hardwood lumber in North America, had its head office in what is the resort's main building and operated a mill next door.

It was a huge economic driver in the 1970s and '80s for the entire county, said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"It was really booming," he said, adding the company employed hundreds of people.

"I'd say it was by far the largest employer we had in town."

Unfortunately, it shut down after its owner, Grenville Martin of Bancroft, died in a plane crash in 1984.

In 1999, a man named Michael Wade purchased the property and opened Martinwood Resort. Wade designed and built its golf course.

The property has undergone several ownership changes since then and was most recently known as White Pine Shores.

Now Nomi is advertised as a year-round, all-inclusive getaway close to Algonquin Park with a health and wellness centre, golf course, spa and more.

But the resort's website contains some questionable content.

Its homepage indicates Nomi is the recipient of two awards—one from Trip Advisor, the other from Spafinder Wellness 365. (The logo for Spafinder Wellness 365 was recently removed from the website, but the Trip Advisor logo remains.)

Both deny giving the resort any awards.

Blouin says her company, Stylus Finance Corporation, has helped turn around many businesses.

Stylus provides businesses financing and accounts receivable administration, according to its website. Ten case studies provide information about projects ranging from \$25,000 to \$750,000, but client names are not given.

'That's all I'm trying to do, is my job'

The Highlander has been unable to locate or speak with any of Stylus's satisfied clients.

In March, Blouin said she wanted to put the past behind her and focus on her job at Nomi.

"I don't want you to think I'm a harm to society here when I'm doing a job for a company that's hired me to do a job. That's all I'm trying to do, is my job. I don't want to be harassed."

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Investigative report

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Close to 50 investors have sunk \$2.1 million into the Nomi property since 2012, long before Blouin was hired and when it was known as Martinwood under Carino & Lally Developments.

The type of arrangement used is called a syndicated mortgage—where several investors pool funds together to create one mortgage.

The investors were promised returns of up to nine per cent annually, to be paid quarterly over a three-year term.

Collectively, that's \$189,000 per year or \$567,000 in payouts on the \$2.1 million mortgage.

As for the cottages, which were planned near Benoir Lake, the pre-sales launch was scheduled for early March 2016, said Blouin. Registration began May 1.

A revised site plan was approved by Dysart council earlier this year, but it doesn't appear building permits will be issued anytime soon. According to chief building official Dan Sayers, the Ministry of Environment hasn't even approved a septic system for the development.

"I know they keep saying it is in the works but I have not seen any evidence that it is," he wrote in an email on Nov. 24.

Nomi's Facebook page says the cottages will start at \$250,000. Sales material advertises top-of-the-line design and construction, and many amenities, steps away from the lake. It's currently being

promoted as Lodge @ Nomi on Facebook.

Trail ends in empty office unit

The builder named on the cottage development is Sieta & Pikes, a company that was formed on April 22 and claims its team members have a combined 30 years of experience. Blouin is listed as the administrator and her husband Gregory Blouin as the director. Its corporate address

is unit three of the Keele Rutherford Corporate Centre in Vaughan.

But leasing manager Charlene Lafrance has never heard of the business or Blouin.

"That wouldn't be anybody that's in [unit] A3," said Lafrance.

Two separate visits to the location revealed an empty office space with wires dangling from the ceiling, exposed drywall and a concrete floor.

A corporate search also uncovered a health and

wellness business that Blouin formed in October of last year. One of its three-day, weekend wellness retreats is advertised on Nomi's website as an "all-inclusive" package starting at \$1,850. Blouin's cell phone number is listed as the contact. (The starting price along with Blouin's cell phone number are no longer on this section of the website.)

The company, Treatment Under Labs (TULA) Limited, specializes in "preventative health care management,"

according to its website. Calls to its Don Mills office were greeted by an automated female voice answering service with options leading to a message stating: "Your call cannot be completed at this time."

As is the case with Sieta & Pikes, names of staff or directors are nowhere to be

found.

Tier 1's Ramirez says Blouin continues to manage the resort as of press time. A holiday-themed event, with tickets priced at \$60 per person, is being advertised on Facebook for Dec. 10.

The Nomi story:

2012 – Close to 50 investors put \$2.1 million into the property, which was then known as Martinwood Resort under Carino & Lally Developments.

November 2014 – John Graham Simmonds of Carino & Lally Developments transfers title to lawyer John Paul Fletcher. The property has been registered to the company since July 2011.

January 2015 – Tier 1 Capital Management Inc. assumes management control of the property.

Spring 2015 – Susan Elizabeth Blouin's company is contracted to begin working at the renamed Nomi Resort.

Early 2016 – Dysart council approves a revised site plan

for the construction of 51 cottages at the Nomi property.

February 2016 – Nomi Resort hosts its grand opening party, dubbed "Winterlicious."

June 2016 – Lawyer John Paul Fletcher terminates Blouin. Fletcher files a complaint against Blouin with Durham Regional Police.

June 2016 – Oshawa resident Anna Argante files a complaint against Blouin with police. Argante claims she provided Blouin \$27,000 in construction loans for two projects that never came to fruition.

Present day – Despite being terminated by Fletcher, Blouin continues to oversee the Nomi property. A holiday-themed party is being promoted on Facebook for Dec. 10.



Susan Elizabeth Blouin. Source Facebook.

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Palliative project set to break ground

By Mark Arike

Politicians, hospital staff and volunteers packed the lobby of the Haliburton hospital on Dec. 2 to celebrate an achievement that has been more than two years in the making.

Although the fundraising efforts continue, it was the official groundbreaking ceremony for the \$1.25 million Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre.

"It's been two-and-a-half plus long years," said Peter Oyler, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). "At last we're at that point that we can say we're going to be putting shovels into the ground for the new palliative care unit."

Dave Bonham, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board of directors, commended the community for rallying behind the project.

"Haliburton County defines the concept of community," said Bonham.

"It still staggers my mind that this community can raise over \$1 million a year in support of the health care system."

The HHHSF embarked on a \$900,000 fundraising campaign—which it met and exceeded by \$25,000—dubbed Making Moments Matter in May of 2014. But since the cost of the project has increased by \$150,000, it has committed to fundraising the rest.

Thanks to a recent donation of \$2,000



From left, HHHSF lottery chair Lisa Tompkins, MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott, HHHSF chair Peter Oyler, HHHSF campaign co-chair Don Popple, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, Greystone construction manager Darrin Miles, Warden Carol Moffatt, HHHS board chair Dave Bonham, Greystone owner Patrick Dube and HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer. Photo by Mark Arike.

from the Haliburton Lions Club and an anonymous donation, the shortfall has dropped below \$300,000.

The centre, which is a 1,600-square-foot addition to the hospital, will feature two palliative suites, a kitchen/lounge area, quiet room and a central washroom.

The project was awarded to Huntsville-based developer Greystone Construction.

It has undergone several approvals from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care before reaching this stage.

"We're very delighted to see that our palliative care centre expansion is finally

getting off the ground," said HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer. "The expanded palliative care centre is going to help us provide the highest quality, best possible care for persons who are reaching the end of their lives."

It will feel "more like a home than an institution," she added.

Don Popple, HHHSF campaign co-chair, reaffirmed his confidence in the foundation and its ability to rise to the occasion.

"We will do this," said Popple.

"It's pretty obvious that we, the people, want to see this project completed and that

will happen."

He recalled how the foundation was tasked with raising \$6.2 million in 1998 to build both hospitals in Haliburton and Minden. And with the community's help, it only took six years.

To help get there, the foundation launched its annual Cash for Care lottery at the event.

A photo-op was held with special guests, including MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott and County Warden Carol Moffatt at the construction site.

The centre should be completed in six months.



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Highlander news



United Way's Michael Giese and Shantal Ingram at Minden's Dairy Queen. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Not just a Lindsay agency

By Lisa Gervais

Minden's Rawn Moore was named Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton "Big of the Year" in the spring and says she wouldn't be where she is today if not for the United Way City of Kawartha Lakes.

While perhaps better known in Lindsay, the United Way also has member agencies in Haliburton County, including Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), Community Living, Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) and the John Howard Society. The United Way was at the Minden Dairy Queen recently, along with these agencies, to offer information and answer questions about programs in the county. Many locals would be familiar with The United Way LCBO "At the Till" fundraising campaign, in

which money raised goes directly to county programs. Last year's campaign raised more than \$20,000, which went to the Food for Kids Program (Point In Time). In prior years, it has gone to OEYC and BBBS.

Moore stopped by during the informal open house and said the money goes directly into programming and BBBS is obviously important since there are 50 kids on the waiting list. She has been a big sister to Annarose for about three years.

"Anna's just a sparkle in my eye ... everyone should have this experience. It just makes your heart feel good...and United Way is a big part of us."

Michael Giese, campaign assistant and fund development, said the symposium was a way to show county donors that their money stays local.

Long-serving county employees win awards

By Mark Arike

Three county employees and one retired paramedic were recognized for their many years of service during a council meeting on Nov. 23.

Each year, the County of Haliburton gives long-term service awards to staff who have been employed for 15 or more years. The awards are usually handed out during the warden's banquet, but it is not taking place this year.

This year's recipients, each of whom have been employed for 15 years, included receptionist/administrative clerk Cathy Howe, stock keeper Kevin Fairey and paramedic Richard Balas.

Balas was absent and will receive his award at a later date.

Later during the meeting, retired paramedic Dwight Thomas was thanked for his 42 years of service. Warden Carol Moffatt presented Thomas a letter from MPP Laurie Scott.



County Warden Carol Moffatt, left, with long-term service award recipients Cathy Howe and Kevin Fairey. Photo by Mark Arike.

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Women Who Care donate

June Featherstone, left, and Mary Fox, right, present \$3,200 to Aaron Walker of the Food for Kids program. The money was raised at the inaugural 100 Women Who Care event in Haliburton County. Walker said the money will feed one elementary school for one-third of a year. The group next meets March 29. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Haliburton fills the truck

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) parked outside of the Foodland in Haliburton Saturday collecting food for the food bank. Pictured are Const. Tim Negus, auxiliary members Garrett Harrison and Wilfred Vanlieshout and Const. Tyler Johnson. Cruisers were also parked at Foodland and Valu-Mart in Minden and the Independent in Haliburton. More than \$4000 in food and cash donations were collected for food banks in Haliburton and Minden. There will be a fill the cruiser event tomorrow at the Wilberforce Foodland from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Lions bring Christmas joy to Extendicare

By Mark Arike

While handing out stuffed teddy bears to residents and entertaining them with Christmas carols, the Haliburton & District Lions Club gave Extendicare an extra surprise on Dec. 1.

The club presented a \$500 cheque to

resident Neva Hobden, president of the Proud Pioneers Santa Fund. The money will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for residents. This is the second year that the club has donated to the group. The proud pioneers is a group of residents who raise money throughout the year and donate to local charities and churches.



Lions club treasurer Tina Hadley, right, hands a \$500 cheque to Neva Hobden, president of the Proud Pioneers Santa Fund. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

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Highland Storm



Highland Storm Atom goalie Carson Simms makes one of countless saves during the Silver Stick tournament on the weekend. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Storm reports

Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Atoms

On Saturday, the Highland Storm Atoms travelled to Little Britain to play the Mariposa Lightning. This was a close game from the very beginning. Aiden Perrott was the first to score early in the first period. But, with two minutes remaining, the Lightning scored to tie the game.

The second period started with a goal by Cooper Coles to put the Storm in the lead. Halfway through the period, Austin Boylan scored his first and the Storm were up 3-1. But, the Lightning

struck, and then 10 seconds later, Boylan scored his second goal. However, 10 seconds after that, the Lightning scored again. The game was 4-3 Storm going into the third. The third started with the Lightning scoring the first goal. Three minutes later, though, Addison Carr scored his first goal, then the Lightning scored a minute later. Kadin Card scored a minute after that. Two minutes later, Boylan scored his hat trick goal and Carr scored his second goal right after. The Storm were up 8-5 but with 10 seconds left, the Lightning scored and the final score was 8-6. It was a well-earned win for the Storm. On Dec. 11, the Atoms host the Mariposa Lightning at 2 p.m. in Haliburton. *(Submitted by Amber Card).*

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

On Saturday, the Highland Storm Peewees headed to Sunderland to face the Brock Wild.

The Wild were on the board first but it didn't take the Storm long to tie it up with a goal by Hunter Winder unassisted and then another by Dylan Keefer unassisted to put the Storm ahead 2-1.

With momentum on their side, the Storm kept the pressure on the Wild and netted two more goals in the

second period with another from Keefer unassisted and a tally by Evan Armstrong unassisted to put the Storm up 4-1 heading into the third.

In the third, the Storm kept control of the game, scoring four more goals. With goals going to Keefer unassisted, Nick Phippen assisted by Winder, Winder unassisted and the last goal going to Zander Upton assisted by Ben Robinson. The Wild scored one more to put the final score at 8-2 for the Storm. The Storm play next on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in Port Carling against the Muskoka Rock. *(Submitted by Ron Hall).*

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Highland Storm



Haliburton Timber Mart's 3-Stars of the Week



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Deagan Davison TYKE

The Highland Storm Tykes played three games at the Kawartha Coyotes home tournament this past weekend. Though the team ended the day with one win and two losses, it was a superb showing, as the team quickly got into the groove and were playing as a strong cohesive unit by day's end. Deagan led the Storm's offensive charge, netting five goals over three games.

2



Stats G A GP
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Vanek Logan TYKE

The tykes may have come away from the Coyotes tournament with a 1-2 record, but that certainly isn't indicative of the talent on the team. Like Deagan, Vanek also had a hot stick, scoring three goals in as many games. The tykes are back in action this Saturday, where they look to shut down the Muskoka Rock in Port Carling. Game time is 1 p.m.

3



Stats G A GP
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Hunter Winder PEEWEE

The Highland Storm Peewees faced off against the Brock Wild in a reasonably tame weekend, with just a single game on the docket. Hunter was all over the ice against Brock, chipping in offensively with two goals and one assist, and helping shut down the Wild's attack, resulting in an 8-2 Storm victory.

Local League Weekly Schedule

Thursday, December 8

Team TD Canada Trust- Practice- Haliburton @ 5PM-6PM
Team Rotary- Practice- Minden @ 5PM-6PM
Team Pharmasave- Practice- Haliburton @ 6PM-7PM
Team Canadian Tire- Practice- Haliburton @ 7PM-8PM
Team Home Hardware- Practice- Minden @ 7:30PM-8:30PM
Team McKecks- Practice- Haliburton @ 8PM-9PM

Saturday, December 10

Initiation 2- Practice- Wilberforce @ 9AM-10AM
Initiation 1- Practice- Wilberforce @ 10AM-11AM
Team Rotary vs Bancroft- Bancroft @ 10AM
Team Pharmasave vs Team TD- Wilberforce @ 11AM
Team Canadian Tire vs Wilberforce- Wilberforce @ 12PM
Team Home Hardware vs Bancroft- Wilberforce @ 1:30PM
Team McKeck's vs Bancroft- Wilberforce @ 3PM

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Highland Storm



Convenor happy with tournament

The Highland Storm's tournament convenor said this past weekend's silver stick tournament "went swimmingly".

Staged in Minden and Haliburton, the finals were held at the A.J. LaRue Arena Sunday.

In the Atom division, the Beeton Stingers defeated the Apsley Flames 4-0

to take home bragging rights.

They had beaten the Mariposa Lightning in the semi-finals 7-1. Meanwhile, the Flames made it to the finals with an exciting 3-2 overtime victory over the Lindsay Muskies.

In the Pee wee division, the top dogs were the Lindsay Muskies, as they

handed the Mississauga Coyotes a 6-1 drubbing.

They made it to the final with an impressive 7-2 win over the Ingersoll Express. The Coyotes got there with a 4-1 defeat of the Ennismore Eagles.

Wade MacInnes thanked registration volunteers, Monica and Tim Keefer, Lisa

Deslisle and Ron Hall. He also thanked Craig Smith and the executive for putting together the house league team to fill in for the last Atom spot.

"The Storm kids lost the first two games but came up with a tie in their third round robin game. Awesome job," MacInnes said.

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Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novices

The Highland Storm Novice team competed in the Silver Stick Tournament in Cobourg this past weekend. The Storm squared off against the Newcastle Stars in their first game on Friday night.

The Storm got out to an early lead and managed to shut down the offensive attack of the Stars with strong defensive play. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Stars to one goal and helped earn the Storm their first win of the tournament. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee. The Storm ended the game with a 4-1 win.

Looking to add a second win to their day, the Storm faced the Petawawa Patriots in game two. The Storm got down by a couple of goals early in the first period but managed to respond with one of their own in the second period by Johnston. With the Patriots up by one heading into the third, the Storm were on the doorstep and the game was within reach. However, the Patriots came out in the third with three unanswered goals resulting in a 4-1 loss for the Storm.

In their final game of round robin play, the Storm took on the Renfrew Timberwolves. From the initial puck drop the Storm skated fast, passed the puck well and had solid positioning but it wasn't enough to stop the powerful attack of the Timberwolves. The Storm netted one goal by Mills and ended

their Silver Stick experience with one win and two losses. The novice team is back in action Dec. 9 when they travel to Mariposa. (Submitted by Janice Scheffee).

Tom Prentice and Sons Tykes

The Highland Storm Tykes had their first tournament of the season on Saturday. Deagan Davison scored in the first period, playing their first game against the Kawartha Coyotes 'Red' team.

Henry Neilson scored in the second period with Davison and Vanek Logan scoring in the third period to tie it and move into a shootout. Hudson Horsley played tremendously and saved all shots

that came his way in the shootout. Evan Perrot and Logan both scored in the shootout to win the game 5-4.

The second game was a tough battle against the Whitby Wildcats. Davison scored a hat trick with Logan adding to the score board. The team played amazingly and fought to the end of the game. Sadly, they lost 10-4.

The third and final game against the Kawartha Coyotes 'White' team was a tiresome battle. It allowed the squad to work on its teamwork and move the puck. Kamahl Russell-Casey raised the puck to score in the first period. The team skated hard but wasn't able to pull out a win. What a great start to the Tyke season and hard work by all the players. (Submitted by Tamara Bain).

Storm reports continued

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

The midget girls hosted the Lindsay Lynx in Bancroft Dec. 5. The Jets

looked to build upon their Kitchener tourney results and even their record with the Lynx in league play at a win each.

Bancroft controlled much of the play in the scoreless first period and eventually capitalized on a scoring chance with just seconds left in the second period. Erin Kavanagh made a strong play to keep the puck in the

offensive zone, and then fired a quality wrister on the net where Danielle Sunstrum cleaned up the rebound to give the Jets a hard-fought 1-0 lead.

The goal gave Bancroft an added boost as they stepped up their level of play in the third period. Tori Shpikula made a sweet, patient play behind the net, finding Jules Croskery in the slot who fired home a one-timer to give

Bancroft Jets reports

Bancroft an unanswered 2-0 lead. The Jets solidified the win with an empty netter as Katie Funk finished off a neutral zone turnover, battling a Lynx defender to put home the 3-0 wrister. Katie Hoover stopped all the Lindsay snipers in her eighth shutout of the season. Great team effort girls. (Submitted by Dan Marsden)

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Ovechkin Division

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6. Midland Centennials #2
7. Oro Thunder
8. Simcoe Warriors

Midget Teams

Tavares Division

1. Lefroy Winter Hawks
2. Thornton Tigers
3. Brock Wild
4. Ennismore Eagles

Stamkos Division

5. Apsley Flames
6. Essa Eagles
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8. Mooretown Jr. Flags

Saturday, December 10, 2016 - Round Robin Schedule

Bantam- A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton

Midget- S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Minden

8:00	1 vs. 2	Noon	4 vs. 1	4:00	1 vs. 3
9:00	3 vs. 4	1:00	2 vs. 3	5:00	2 vs. 4
10:00	5 vs. 6	2:00	8 vs. 5	6:00	5 vs. 7
11:00	7 vs. 8	3:00	6 vs. 7	7:00	6 vs. 8

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Playoff Schedule- S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Minden

8:00	Bantam Semi-Final Top Points Ovechkin vs. 2nd Place Crosby
9:30	Midget Semi-Final Top Points Stamkos vs. 2nd Place Tavares
11:00	Bantam Semi-Final Top Points Crosby vs. 2nd Place Ovechkin
12:30	Midget Semi-Final Top Points Tavares vs. 2nd Place Stamkos
2:00	Bantam Championship Winner of 8:00 Game vs. Winner of 11:00 Game
3:30	Midget Championship Winner of 9:30 Game vs. Winner of 12:30 Game

Bancroft Jets reports continued

The Leveque Brothers / Rock Breakers Peewees

The peewee girls participated in the 36th annual Peterborough Ice Kats tournament this past weekend.

Up first was the fast-flying Kanata Rangers. The girls were challenged to every puck and had to adjust their game to keep up with the Rangers. With shots and goals from each end, the girls lost the opening game of the tournament by a score of 4-3. Goals scored by Emma Tidey (2) and Olivia Villamere and assists to Megan Jenkins (2), Ava Smith (2), Avery Coens and Mackenzie Hudder.

Next matchup saw the girls face off against a regular season divisional team, the Ennismore Eagles. The Jets maintained great puck control and dominated the game, not allowing the Eagles to break Bella Smolen's shutout to win 5-0. Goals were scored by Hailey Hudder, Tidey (2), Villamere and Ryan Rupnow. Assists went to Elyse Ives, Peyton Armstrong and Rupnow (2).

Bright and early Saturday morning, the girls were back on the road to take on the host team, the Peterborough Ice Kats. Building off the night before, the Jets knew they would have to come out strong to beat their great goaltending. Solid passing and quick feet is what boosted the girls to their second win of the tournament by a score of 4-1. Goals were scored by Villamere, Rupnow, Chloe Billings and Armstrong. Assists went to Smith (2), Tidey (2) and Rupnow.

The last game on Saturday was a do or die situation for the Jets to advance to the finals. They faced off against the Goulbourn Rockets. With a very intense, physical game, the Jets showed they would not be easy to beat or intimidated by the Rockets' size. The girls fought to the last minute but were beaten 3-1. Goal scored by Armstrong, assisted by Hudder and Ives. Bella Smolen had a fantastic weekend between the pipes. With two losses, the girls did not advance but played some of their best hockey to date and also managed to take in some Christmas spirit with a visit to Santa Claus. *(Submitted by Melissa Armstrong)*

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, December 19, 2016
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016068**, **PLMV2016069**, **PLMV2016070**, and **PLMV2016071**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2016068 - Part of Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1025 Canfield Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the placement of a Utility Shed within the required setback from the High Water Mark and to the front of the principle dwelling. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit the structure to the front of the dwelling with a setback of 8.4 m. (27'8") from the High Water Mark whereas 23 m. (75'6") is otherwise required, with the structure located to the rear of the dwelling.



PLMV2016069 - Part of Lot 17, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1211 Loucks Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the reconstruction of the existing non-complying two storey Sleeping Cabin which is located at the High Water Mark with a larger and taller two storey Sleeping Cabin at the same location. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a 1 m. (3'4") increase in height allowing for a 5.55 m. (18'3") high accessory building whereas 4.5 m. is otherwise the maximum and no increase is permitted for a building within 15 m. of the High Water Mark; and, to permit an 18.3% increase (9.2 m² [98.6 sq.ft.]) to the existing 50.1 m² (539.6 sq.ft.) footprint whereas no increase would otherwise be permitted. As a result of the increased size, the Lot Coverage for accessory buildings and structures would amount to 5.7%, whereas 5% is otherwise required.



PLMV2016070 - Part of Lot 12, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1311 Shaws Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the expansion of a non-complying building (dwelling) which is located 16.3 m. (53'5") from the High Water Mark which is less than the required 23 m. (75'6"). The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a 115% increase (59.8 m² [644 sq.ft.]) to the existing 71.4 m² (769 sq.ft.) dwelling whereas a maximum 25% addition would otherwise be permitted.



PLMV2016071 - Part of Lot 11, Concession 10 & 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; located on vacant land on Lackies Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see key map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling within the required setback from the High Water Mark. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a setback of 15 m. (49'3") from the High Water Mark whereas 30 m. (98'5") is otherwise required.



HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclending@mindenhills.ca. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

MORE INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhills.ca.

For more information about this matter contact iclending@mindenhills.ca.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPI.
 Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
 P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0



Hannah and Jack Sharp sit on Santa's lap. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Free breakfast with Santa

The cars were lined up as far back as Koshlong Lake Road for this year's free breakfast with Santa at YMCA Wanakita. People took advantage of the mild weather on Saturday morning to walk to the main lodge, which was packed to the rafters with families. There was an all-you-can-eat breakfast, photos with Santa, a live animal show, carnival games and face painting. There was even an outside fire and hot chocolate. (Lisa Gervais)

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Top: Duncan Fockler, left, and Alexandra Humphrey in the Land of Snow. Left: Charlotte Moynes plays Marie. Below left: Sonya Flatman takes part in her last Nutcracker. Below right: Tristan Humphries and Matt Fairey are toy soldiers. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*

The Nutcracker, a Christmas tradition

Eighty-two children, and a few adults, graced the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion last weekend for the 13th annual *Nutcracker*. The weekend began with a very successful dress rehearsal on Friday afternoon in front of an audience comprised of the entire Wilberforce Elementary School. The troupe went on to do two shows Saturday and another Sunday under the artful direction of Julie Barban of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton. *(Lisa Gervais)*



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Top left: Sandra Carmody of Sin a Bit had lots of tempting treats. Above right: Santa sits in Santa's Village. Inset: Dad Justin Dumitrescu helps son Marcus with his crafts. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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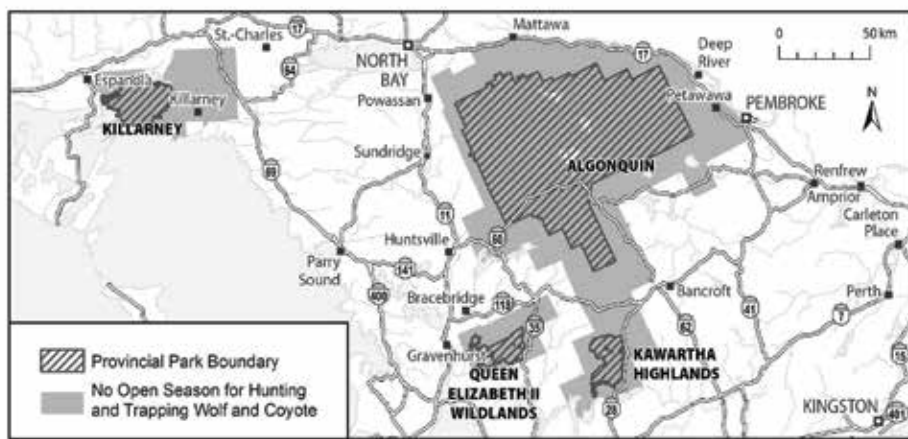
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As it is difficult to distinguish the Algonquin Wolf from coyotes or other wolves, **it is now illegal to hunt and trap wolves and coyotes in Algonquin Park and three core areas** where Algonquin Wolf is known to inhabit (see map). Landowners in these three additional areas still have the right to kill or harm wolves and coyotes if there is risk to their health and safety, or to that of their domestic animals and livestock.

Additionally, MNR passed regulations to continue to allow the hunting and trapping of coyotes and wolves outside of these four areas under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. These regulatory changes balance the economic and safety needs of local landowners and farmers with the need to protect this threatened species.

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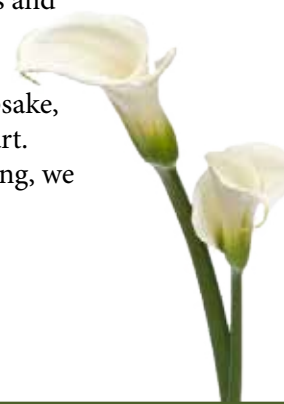
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p.m. For information, call
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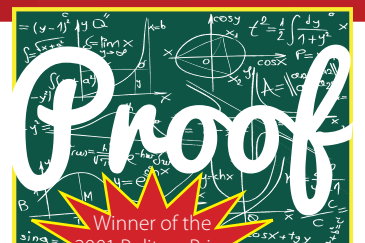
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Proof By David Auburn

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit? Performances July 17-21, 26-28.



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Jake's Gift By Julia Mackey

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Three Men in a Boat is a stage adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's classic 1889 British travelogue. Join our three intrepid bachelors Jay, George, and Harris as they spend a disastrous weekend punting up the river Thames. Performances Aug 6 (2:30 matinee), 7-8.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

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- Sci-fi weapons
- Lurch
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- Long tale
- Hair ornament
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- Latin dance
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- Tax initials
- E.T., e.g.
- Spoil
- Filbert, e.g.
- Classical dancer
- "You there!"
- Compass point (abbr.)
- Employable
- West Point student
- Dog's sounds
- Beirut native
- Close tightly
- Separate

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What's on

DECEMBER 2016 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY TUESDAY Euchre at West Guilford Community Center 7 p.m. For information, call 705-754-2464 Get Fit! Yoga Class , geared for ages 55+, but all ages and ability levels welcome. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., now until Nov 29th. \$5 per class, taught by Ingrid Bittner. Registration required, contact ingridbittner@gmail.com or 705-783-1691. Adult Senior Skating , Noon – 2 p.m. at SG Nesbitt Arena in Minden \$2/person. Free Chair Yoga , 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at Maple View Apartments in Wilberforce. Contact 705-457-2941 x 2922, or 705-448-3652 for more information.				Don't forget today's edition of The Highlander 8	HIGHLANDS WIND SYMPHONY Christmas Concert – Fri., Dec. 9, 7 p.m. at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets \$10/Adult, \$25/Family, avail at Master's Book Store & Minden PharmaSave. 705-457-7894 9	Christmas Meat Roll (Turkeys and Hams) at Cobocok Legion Branch 519, 3 p.m. 10
WILBERFORCE SANTA CLAUS PARADE – 12:30 pm. Starts at the Wilberforce School and ends at the Lloyd Watson Community Center with a Christmas Party! White Gift Sunday , Haliburton United Church, 11:15 a.m., 10 George St. at Pine St. 11				Old Fashioned Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long , Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd., 7:30 p.m. Refreshments following. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted. "Sourdough – The Yukon in Story & Song" , with Remy Rodden 7 – 9 p.m., HHOA Fish Hatchery, \$10/person. 705-457-3436, info@yoursouthdoors.ca 14	Christmas Cookie Dough Party at the Dorset Recreation Centre. 2 – 4 p.m. \$25/person, due in advance to reserve your spot. Call 705-766-9968 for details. Make refrigerator cookie dough to take home and bake. All are welcome. 15	
"Christmas Favourites" , advent anthems, readings and carol singing with the Haliburton United Church Choir, directed by Melissa Stephens. 11:15 a.m., 10 George St. at Pine St. 18				Longest Night Drom-A-Thon for Halibana DrumFest . Wed. Dec. 21 4:45 p.m. until Thurs. Dec. 22 7:50 a.m. An all-night, drop-in event. Everyone welcome, family-friendly, alcohol-free 21		Free Lunch for Seniors at Oakview Lodge, 12 – 2:30 p.m., RSVP by Dec 10th. Space is limited. 705-489-2463 Christmas Eve Service and Communion Celebration , with guest singers Kate Campbell, John Miller and Deniella Rivard. 7:00 p.m. at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St. 24

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 draw 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

MINDEN BRANCH

General meeting, first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. start
 Ladies darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
 Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
 Fish/wings & chips, Friday, noon-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
 Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Bid euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12
 Sports fan day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m.
 Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, noon-2 p.m.
 Liver lovers' special, Tuesday noon-2 p.m. (full menu also)
 Meat draws, Wednesday lunch time.
 Watch for local posters and listen to Canoe FM, and Moose FM, for special events on Saturdays.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday Community Care Xmas Party noon
 Please call Denice Butler to reserve 705-448-9965 Everyone 55+ Welcome

Pool 1:30 p.m.
 Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m. – early bird 3 p.m. sharp
 Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m. beginners welcome.
 Tuesday General meeting 7 p.m.
 Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Party 9 p.m. to close - \$20/person includes buffet, spot dances, door prize – DJ Pat Casselman – tickets available at the branch.
 President's Levee – Sunday, Jan. 1 – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. – open house – light lunch.



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What's on



Fibres student Karen Thorn shows off a comfortable creation she will be entering in the show. Photo by Mark Arike.

End-of-term show brings out best in students

By Mark Arike

Students are plugging away this week at the Haliburton School of Art and Design, putting the final touches on their best work before it goes on display.

For many, Wrap It Up will be their very first show and sale, and they intend to leave a good first impression.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get the experience of what it's like to do a craft show," said Erin Lynch, event organizer and studio technician.

"It gives them real practical experience that way."

More than 50 full-time diploma and certificate students will take part in the end-of-semester show on Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the college's Great Hall. A variety of media will fill the space, including drawing and painting, fibres, ceramics and an installation from the moving image design program.

The exhibition is part of the students' marketing and portfolio class, and teachers

will grade them on the day of. Some of the work will be for sale.

Hundreds of people attend the event each year.

"It's busy," said Lynch. "Most of the [students'] families come and then you've got people from the community that come."

Visitors are curious to see what innovative creations a new wave of students have come up with, she explained. Another draw is the fact it's a perfect opportunity to find a unique Christmas gift.

Students will be in attendance to discuss their works and answer any questions visitors might have.

Some will return next semester to take more courses while others will be finishing.

The event is free-of-charge and light refreshments will be provided. All transactions are cash only.

A similar show titled I Made It takes place in the spring.

For more information, email Lynch at erin.lynch@flemingcollege.ca.

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- Private boat launch, sunset views
- 24' x 20' garage with concrete floor
- Hydro/meter on site, driveway installed.



LOON LAKE
\$299,900

- 3 bedroom open concept cottage
- 208 feet of shoreline in quiet bay
- Sunset views, deep water off dock
- Woodstove, skylights, deck
- Comes furnished ready to enjoy.



ABUTTING PARKLANDS
\$374,900

- 4 bedroom, 2 bath cottage, 1.1 acre
- 153' frontage, clean sand beach
- Exceptional privacy, nice views
- Sunroom, stone fireplace, master ensuite
- Large principle rooms, lakeside deck.



GULL RIVER
\$375,000

- 1+3 bedroom, 2+1 bath home
- Access to 3 lake chain
- Modern home, level lot, 2 decks
- Fully finished lower level
- Detached garage, ample parking.



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- \$244,900 - West Lake, 192 ft. fr., 1.1 acre
- \$249,500 - West Lake, 251 ft. fr., 0.83 acre
- \$264,000 - White Lake, 335 ft. fr., 1.84 acre
- \$275,000 - Growler Lake, 633 ft. fr., 2.93 acre
- \$475,000 - Canning Lake, 700 ft. fr., 6.8 acre

VACANT LOTS

- \$19,900 - Irish Line, 1 acre, level building lot
- \$22,000 - North Shore Road, 3 acre, close to 3 lake chain
- \$39,000 - North Road, 4.23 acre, close to ski hill
- \$39,900 - Highway 503, 1.64 acre, Glamorgan Rd. intersection
- \$59,900 - North Street, 1.14 acre in Haliburton Village
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- \$92,900 - Halbiem Crescent, 0.46 acre, overlooks Head Lake
- \$139,000 - Highway 35, 65 acre, access to Halls Lake

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