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Andrew Lang guides his daughter Samantha Lang down the ice at the Rotary Club of Haliburton Free Skate on Friday. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

YWCA fighting local shelter closure

By Lisa Gervais

A delegation from YWCA Peterborough Haliburton was snowed out from making a presentation to Minden Hills council last week, but their report said it all.

Director of philanthropy and communications, Jennifer Cureton, writes that the only shelter for women and their families in the county was closed for five months last year (from November 2015

to March 2016) because of a shortage of money. The rest of the time, they were able to keep it running but had to dip into reserves.

"Beyond 2016-2017 we will not be able to continue to support women who have experienced violence at a level that meets their needs," she wrote.

Cureton said that in order to continue their work, they need to secure \$120,000 over the next year to sustain their

Haliburton operations for the next two years while they work with government, experts, partners and the local community to develop a long-term sustainability plan.

They don't just supply a shelter in Minden that accommodates two families, but a number of other services including confidential 24-hour crisis support and related assistance, emergency transportation to the shelter, food, clothing and basic personal necessities, connection

to other community resources and supports, help with special priority for rent geared to income housing and language interpretation.

But the news isn't all bad. So far, they have raised just over \$88,000, including just over \$1,300 from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event.

Cureton came to council looking for

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YWCA will visit other municipalities

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\$5,000 and said the YWCA would be visiting other municipalities in the county. They are also soliciting individual donor support.

Last year, the YWCA provided support and life-saving resources to 149 women in Haliburton County, the fundraising letter from executive director Lynn Zimmer states. "But because our safe space was closed, women who needed a safe place to stay were forced to choose between leaving their community, their jobs, their children's school and network of support behind or staying with their abuser."

"Last year, we supported these underfunded services using our reserve funds – for as long as we possibly could. This was the first time we were forced to close our safe space. We hope it will be the last. With your help, the YWCA will continue to be a refuge for women and children who need a safe place to turn," the fundraiser letter concludes.

Asked to provide a comment from a client, Cureton emailed a quotation, stating, "I will be forever grateful to this program. Without the kind, caring staff going out of their way to help us, I wouldn't feel the confidence and strength to move forward ... thank you from the bottom of my heart."

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Former camp director cleared of wrongdoing

By Mark Arike

A Peterborough priest who served as chairman and director at Camp Northern Lights in Haliburton won't be charged after facing allegations of sexual misconduct.

The misconduct was alleged to have taken place in the 1980s at the camp, according to media reports. *The Highlander* has been unable to obtain further details about the allegations.

"In order to prevent any re-victimization the OPP will decline from speaking to the matter any further," said Tim Negus, community services officer for the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

Deirdre Thomas, spokesperson for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peterborough, confirmed police have completed their investigation.

"There are no criminal charges," said Thomas in a phone interview.

According to a Nov. 6 statement from the camp's board of directors, Father Bill Moloney "stepped aside" from his role as chairman and director "and will take a leave as per camp policy pending the outcome of the investigation."

"The board is not prepared to comment further during this time of investigation and is cooperating fully with the Ontario Provincial Police," it continued.

Moloney was also placed on administrative leave at Immaculate Conception Parish in Peterborough.

"Father Maloney continues to be on administrative leave," said Thomas, adding the diocese is undertaking its own internal investigation. It is expected to be completed mid-February.

This investigation examines all aspects related to "the exercise of responsible priestly ministry," she said.

Located off Universal Road, Camp Northern Lights was founded in 1972 with the support of the Knights of Columbus. Its mission is "to provide a wilderness summer camp experience for children aged 9-13 who otherwise would not have that opportunity," according to its website.

Jim Gibson took over Moloney's role at the camp. Emails to the camp were not immediately returned.

Father Moloney was ordained in 1983. He was assigned as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, effective Sept. 1, 2014 and was placed on administrative leave on Nov. 5, 2016.

Highlander news



Outgoing Warden Carol Moffatt puts a brand new robe of office on new Warden Brent Devolin. Photo by Mark Arike.

First Minden warden in a dozen years

By Mark Arike

With some of his biggest supporters in the room, Brent Devolin became the 144th warden of Haliburton County Tuesday.

The reeve of Minden Hills and county councillor was elected by his peers for the first time during a special council meeting on Dec. 13.

Just moments after a religious invocation by Rev. Bev Hicks of Northland Faith Church, county CAO Mike Rutter called for nominations. Councillor Cheryl Murdoch stood up to nominate Devolin, which was seconded by outgoing warden Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt put "a brand new" robe of office on Devolin and Rutter placed the chain of office around his neck. Devolin then read the oath of office.

"It gives me great honour to serve the people of Haliburton County," said Devolin during his address.

He reflected on the contributions of wardens who have come before him, a few of whom were in the room, and added "it's been 12 years since somebody from Minden Hills has sat in this chair."

Devolin comes from a family with ties to politics and education. His late father-in-law, Lyle McKnight, was warden for one term 33 years ago. His brother, Barry Devolin, was MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock for 11 years.

Devolin pointed out that only 19 of the 144 wardens have been wardens more than once.

"The Wayne Gretzky of it is councillor

[Murray] Fearrey with an even dozen," he laughed.

Although all past wardens are listed on a plaque in the building, only 30 photos of wardens from the past can be found on the wall of council chambers. Devolin challenged his colleagues and the community to gather photos of those who are missing so they too can be recognized.

During a recent council meeting, Moffatt recommended council consider some changes when it comes to the warden's

role and composition of council. Devolin echoed those sentiments and stressed the importance of having "frank and candid" conversations.

"[Let's] make the changes that position us to go forward, but not give up those things that have made the county the community it is."

Devolin gave special thanks to those closest to him, including his wife, parents and MPP Laurie Scott. And he

thanked the public for being part of "one of the biggest days" of his life.

Three people took the podium to congratulate the new warden. They included Scott; his father, Douglas Devolin; and Minden Hills councillor Pam Sayne.

"It's been a pleasure working with you," said Sayne. "Even though we disagree a fair amount of the time, we have some very good discussions."

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Let it snow

Some Haliburton County residents are downright miserable at the arrival of winter. But for others, all of this white makes for a whole lot of green.

People who make their livelihood clearing snow are being run off their feet, or shovels, snowblowers and ploughs, if you will.

The smiles are evident and the excitement tangible at Sir Sam's. This past weekend saw skiers and snowboarders hit the slopes with a vengeance.

A quick glance at the calendar reveals an abundance of offerings. The first of the Christmas Holiday camps begins on Boxing Day. There is literally something for everyone throughout January, February and most of March, with Spring Splash 2017 pencilled-in for March 25.

The folks – and the Siberian Huskies – at Winterdance are no doubt dancing with glee. These are great conditions for young Logan DeBruin to train for his junior Iditarod and dad Hank for the Yukon Quest. Better still, the weather is perfect for the business of dogsledding tours.

It also bodes well for the Forest next door. Haliburton Forest is preparing to host the 2017 IFSS Sleddog World Championship between Jan. 23 and Feb. 1, 2017.

During that same period, the Pinestone

will be hosting pond hockey. Winter's solid start is encouraging for this event's success, too.

And many are salivating at the prospect of getting their sleds out and hitting the trails. While they capture thrills over frozen landscapes, the gas stations, accommodation and food providers who serve them can breathe a bit easier with a season that maybe this year will – finally, even mercifully – deliver on its promise of a winter economy.

Remember last winter?

Many of us were walking around in running shoes. Tourists and cottagers weren't interested in mud – strange, that. Many businesses genuinely suffered. A strong summer helped revive waning spirits; were an equally good winter to follow, you might actually call it a trend.

Chamber of Commerce general manager, Autumn Smith, says there isn't much research on the economic impact of winter weather in Haliburton County. But, anecdotally, we know it is good for the local economy. Smith jokes about being out shoveling the other day, and cursing her level of fitness but repeating the mantra *it's good for business, it's good for business* to keep herself going.

We did unearth a Haliburton County Snowmobile Association presentation to Dysart et al Council from Oct. 26, 2015. It said snowmobilers spend more when they travel

for their sport than other winter visitors, including downhill and nordic skiers, and highlighted the importance of the rail trail.

"The Haliburton County Rail Trail provides incomparable access to Haliburton village, [delivering] tens of thousands of wallets to the town throughout each and every winter season. The trail brings snowmobilers from as far away as Port Perry, Lindsay and Fenelon Falls."

The trail does the same for Minden. The association estimates 8,000 snowmobiles operating in the county on winter weekends, calling the sport "far and away the number one economic contributor to the area in the winter months."

So while some grumble at the arrival of winter, curse the donning of boots and the scraping of windshields, we say welcome!

Let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow.



By Lisa Gervais

The irony and the tragedy of the holiday season

Are you one of those people who get really upset when someone uses "Happy Holidays" or "Season's Greetings" rather than the "proper" "Merry Christmas?" If so, I think you might need to re-examine and adjust both your anger and your moral compass. I fully understand where these feelings come from. Most of it's based on the simple defense of western, Christian-based culture. Those alternative greetings, the argument goes, don't properly recognize both your religious foundation and your cultural heritage. Fair enough. We all have a right to celebrate the season in our own way. Looked at another way, we ALL have the right to celebrate the season in our own way, regardless of ethnicity, religion or lack thereof. Your opinion only seems justified because it's yours but realize that the other side also has equal validity.

I'm not arguing these points based on any sort of political correctness. I actually really detest that concept for the most part in that it forces cultures to adapt rather than encouraging them to adapt. You don't build a society by forcing views on others, you do it by encouraging them to mesh. Kind of like a cultural buffet. Everyone loves a buffet.

This is why I find people's negative reactions to the simple (and yes generic) words "Season's Greetings" and the like to be so badly misplaced. At its base

root is it so bad to just be saying "have a great holiday regardless of the principle it's based on?" Isn't the core value we're trying to express in any holiday greeting essentially to "be kind to others?" Here's where the irony of certain people and how they practise their faith comes in. They believe in all the best of mankind, kindness, goodness and all the lot but that only extends to believers in their own religion. In effect they're saying that their religion is the best religion which doesn't seem exactly righteous.

Rest assured I'm not trying to generate anger here, just discussion. If this time of year truly has the deep meaning we all generally believe it does, then doesn't that imply that we shouldn't get hung up on the actual words that are spoken? Isn't it more about the spirit of the message? If a person extends a greeting - any greeting - to you then that's a good thing, regardless of how and what is said. They're showing a genuine interest in the well-being of a fellow human being and that's nice.

This also brings up what I call the tragedy of the holiday season, the mere and unfortunately proven fact that we only seem to reserve "good tidings" for these select parts of the year. Worse still, most times these positive feelings only seem to extend to those closest to us. Consider the irony of Christmas road (more so "parking")

rage. You're ready to decapitate the person in the Volvo for taking "your" spot yet you're headed in to buy little Jenny that doll she so badly would love. Talk about a cultural disconnect. We saw the same thing during 9/11 and yes, I felt the same way back then. We were "brothers" and "neighbours" helping each other for what, a couple of months, then life kicked back in and then we reverted back to generally not giving a damn about our fellow man again. It's kind of pathetic that it takes a special season or a huge tragedy to have an excuse to bond. What do they say about family get-togethers? Weddings and funerals, right? That's sad on all levels.

Why not do yourself a favour this holiday season and take a step outside of your comfort zone. Relax when someone misspeaks with the "wrong" holiday greeting. Accept it simply for the spirit expressed. Then, try carrying all this goodwill beyond the point when the tree is taken down and the lights are put away. Try being nice to someone simply because you're a good human being by being nice to someone. Then repeat it, again and again. For no reason, and no season, whatsoever.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Editorial opinion

What's Up

A little piece of paradise: the history of Canning Lake

Canning Lake is located at the bottom end of Lake Kashagawigamog and connects to that lake through the narrows at Ingoldsby. James (Jim) Mitchell, who knows Canning Lake intimately, has spent parts of the past 14 years gathering information on its history. The result is an exceptional, self-published book which reveals that Canning Lake has played a much more significant role in the opening up of the Highlands than most people might have assumed.

'A Little Piece of Paradise: The History of Canning Lake' is a handsome volume that sits well in your palm, and at 8x10 inches (25.4 x 20.3 cm) and 170 pages, is just the right size for the coffee table. The book chronologically tells the story of Canning Lake from the last ice age up until the present time with overviews of the area's original First Nations, early exploration by Europeans, the important roles played by lumbering, the lumber barons, early settlement and the homesteading experience. It also looks at some of the unique aspects of Canning Lake including its Finnish Village, Scott's Dam, and Graham's Landing.

The book documents the significance of Graham's Landing in the exploration and settlement of the county, particularly before the train arrived in Haliburton Village in 1878. It goes on to describe early tourism on the lake, and the cottage evolution. It concludes with an extensive look into the role that the Canning Lake Property Owners Association has played, since its inception in 1962. The narrative is complemented by fascinating anecdotes and facts, charts, photos and maps.

Mitchell lives on a part of Canning Lake, not too far from where Graham's Landing was once located. He lives in the renovated house which once belonged to his grandmother. It's right next door to what was Silverwood Lodge, which at

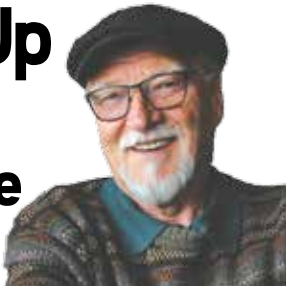
one time was owned by his parents. So the lake plays a significant role in Mitchell's own history.

You can tell a lot about a person by being with them inside their home, and Mitchell's home is full of fascinating items and pieces of art. Everywhere you look there's an object with a story to tell, and Mitchell loves to tell stories. But the most telling story of all lies outside, and dominates the view through the outsized windows of the living room. It's the lake itself, reflecting a slate-grey sky on this particular wintery day.

I can imagine Mitchell, during his research, looking out over the lake and reflecting on First Nations people paddling past on hunting forays; those canoes giving way in his mind's eye to the vessels of European explorers, which then dissolve and reform as transport and logging vessels, finally changing again to reveal the recreational water toys of modern day cottagers and vacationers. Ah, the lake. Its omnipresence must have become such a large part of his being that Mitchell's eventual writing of its history was inescapable. And we're culturally richer because of it.

'A Little Bit of Paradise: The History of Canning Lake' is available in Minden at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Sassy Digs and Organic Times; at the Butternut Mercantile and Coffee Shop in Ingoldsby, as well as the museum in Haliburton. At \$30, the book, produced by Parker Pad and Printing, is an ideal Christmas gift for anyone interested in the history of the Highlands.

Proceeds from book sales go towards supporting the environmental stewardship undertakings of the Canning Lake Property Owners Association.



By George Farrell

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This photo of an owl was taken on Eagle Lake Road, just outside of West Guilford, last Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Photo by Bill Mulholland.

Getting slick with the snowflakes

So, winter has arrived, the snow has fallen and the roads are 'slicker than deer guts on a door knob.'

There. I did it. I heard a colleague on the construction site use this pearl of wisdom a couple of days ago and thought, wow, only in Haliburton. And, there and then, I vowed that I'd get it into my weekly missive. But I've got nowhere to go with it, other than to segue awkwardly into my chosen topic for the week by saying that the main street in Haliburton Village really was quite exciting to drive down, purely due to the slippery conditions and certainly not because of the wonderful Christmas decorations.

In fact, where are they? The decorations? I see a single illuminated tree.

There are a few hanging baskets with red bows on them, I guess, but above those fly banners celebrating fall. Where are the

big gaudy white snowflakes that usually hang from the lamp posts? The only cheery decorative touches to the main street are the red and green plastic bags that cover the parking meters, and that's not exactly the finest of festive finesse that you'd expect from the main drag in the village that bears the name of our county, is it?

Bah Humbug, I say. Whoever is responsible for ensuring that Haliburton is dressed in its Christmas finest at this time of year must have taken a vacation, been fired or been in a very bad mood when it came time to untangle the Christmas lights and dust off the decorations.

Perhaps it's Kathleen Wynne's fault for selling off Hydro. Has the bill for the Christmas illuminations gone up so much that Murray and his council team have had to put the brakes on the lights, for fear of

not being able to pay for another bug-eyed mural on the arena wall?

Is it the fault of climate change, perhaps? Do we now have to forego the pollution-laden horrors that are plastic snowflakes and bright shiny electric lighting, favouring instead festively responsible planted hanging baskets and dark nights in our village?

Could the culprit be Donald Trump? We seem to be blaming him for most things at the moment and I'm sure that at one time or another he's barked out some ridiculously irresponsible remark about banning Christmas decorations because, "they condone, even celebrate the coming of a red coated (meaning communist!) foreigner who flies under the radar, using unquarantined animals, sneaking past all border controls, breaking into our houses

and leaving all kinds of suspect unattended packages in our homes..." Then again, I doubt Trump is witty enough to think of that, or clever enough to put all of those words together in one sentence.

Or, do we blame those sidewalks that are slicker than deer guts on a door knob? I mean, would you want to be scaling a ladder to hang out-sized plastic snowflakes from lamp posts when the state of the pavement beneath you has been likened to one of those old style, round brass door handles smeared liberally with the slimy internal organs of Bambi? I for one, would steer well clear for fear of falling into that slippery, gloopy mess!

The Outsider



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Does Haliburton Village look festive enough?



Judy Macduff

Haliburton

I think it's fine the way it is.



Julie Goodwin

Haliburton

The Christmas spirit starts in the heart with out it the lights don't matter.



Linda Coneybeare

Haliburton

We could use some more lighting. I just came back from Ottawa and it was breathtaking there.



Machenzie Neumann

Minden

It would be nice if we had those snowflake fixtures on main street at least.



Mary-Ann and Brant Dolstra

Canarvon

I think there's always more room for Christmas cheer. Maybe we can just have Santa pay us another visit and jingle some bells.

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Merry Christmas
from James, Tammy,
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Man faces child porn charges

A 28-year-old Cardiff man is facing child porn charges.

Last Wednesday, the OPP's child sexual exploitation unit, the technological crime unit and Bancroft OPP arrested John Allen Belbin for possessing and making available child pornography, according to Detective Sgt. Tim Brown of the child sexual exploitation unit.

Belbin has been charged with two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of making available child pornography.

He was in custody pending a bail hearing on Dec. 8 in Belleville.

The investigation continues. (Mark Arike)

First budget draft at Minden Hills

Minden Hills council completed the first draft of its 2017 budget at a budget standing committee meeting Tuesday.

So far, they are looking at a 4.74 per cent tax increase. That includes an extra \$100,000 in Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) costs, which accounts for 1.52 per cent of the increase.

Council directed staff to come up

with preliminary figures between 6 and 6.5% for the first draft.

CAO and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said there are still changes to be made in some departments. She added the township is waiting on a few final numbers and is still awaiting the assessment roll for 2017 taxes and the actual determination of growth.

Council will be back at the budget table in January. (Lisa Gervais)

Skatepark grant falls through

Plans to build a new skatepark in Haliburton hit a snag when Dysart's recreation coordinator, Andrea Mueller, told councillors during a regular council meeting Monday that a recent Trillium grant application was unsuccessful.

The \$60,000 grant application was rejected because, compared to other proposed projects, the skate park didn't qualify as a top priority, Mueller said.

To date, the skatepark committee has raised more than \$29,000.

At last month's regular council meeting, the Rotary Club of Haliburton said it will commit to match the township up to \$25,000 for the construction of a new skateboard park in Haliburton.

During that same meeting, Jerry

County in brief

Walker, owner of Walker's Home Hardware, said his business will commit \$5,000.

"We'll find other ways to come up with the funds," Mueller wrote in emailed response after Monday's meeting. "One thing is certain, our committee is not giving up." (Alex Coop)

Hospital in talks with ER docs

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has been trying to recruit emergency room doctors for months and that search might soon come to an end.

Two physicians have expressed an interest in helping out at the Haliburton hospital.

"The efforts that we have put in place are starting to pay off," said HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer during a board meeting on Dec. 1.

Plummer has worked closely with chief of staff Dr. Greg Karaguesian, the Central East Local Health Integration Network and Health Force Ontario to identify recruitment strategies.

In the summer, Karaguesian predicted there would be a shortfall of doctors in the department by the fall. (Mark Arike)

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Dysart council defers Forest's biochar zoning application

By Alex Coop

A week after Dysart's public planning committee recommended council allow Haliburton Forest to rezone part of its property for its proposed biochar facility, councillors deferred its decision until the new year.

Lingering concerns from residents - specifically members of the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association - about the facility's potential impact on the surrounding environment weren't enough to sway the committee's decision during a public meeting at the council chambers Dec. 5.

But during Monday morning's regular council meeting, Reeve Murray Fearrey said additional time was needed to make the final decision.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there and certain things being said that no one knows for sure," Fearrey said. "As reports come forward from the ministry, I'm sure they will be carefully looked at by everybody."

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.

Haliburton Forest plans to build the plant on 1088 Kennaway Rd., property already owned by the Forest. Part of that land is already zoned for general industrial uses.

But before a building permit can even be issued, the proposed plant still has to satisfy the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) or the project will not proceed.

That process can take up to six months.

During a public meeting Dec. 5, Karl Gonnens, president of the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners' Association, suggested the proposed biochar plant can be categorized as a noxious use under the township's zoning bylaw.

A building producing noxious material is not allowed to be built, according to the township's zoning bylaw.

But Dysart's director of planning and development, Pat Martin, told councillors Monday the Forest's proposition doesn't fall into that category.

"This is not a noxious use, it's burning wood," she said, adding the Haliburton County Development Corporation is also supportive of the project.

Teen threat locks down 54 schools

By Mark Arike

A 16-year-old boy from Gravenhurst has been arrested and charged with mischief and uttering threats after allegedly sending a threatening tweet to the school board on Dec. 9.

The board received what it described as a "generalized threat" at 9:05 a.m. and put all elementary and secondary schools in a "hold and secure" to ensure the safety of students.

It was lifted less than two hours later.

A hold and secure is used to "secure the school due to an ongoing situation," according to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB). When this happens, schools continue to function normally but all exterior doors are locked until the situation is resolved.

The Muskoka Crime Unit, Emergency Response Team

A hold and secure is used to "secure the school due to an ongoing situation."

TLDSB

and the OPP Internet Intelligence Unit identified the person responsible at 11 a.m. and determined there was "no ongoing threat to school safety."

"Everybody is safe," said Catherine Shedden, TLDSB communications manager.

The boy cannot be identified under the provisions of the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

About 16,000 students attend 54 schools in the TLDSB. It includes the City of Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County and Muskoka.

The investigation continues and anyone with information is asked to contact Bracebridge OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers

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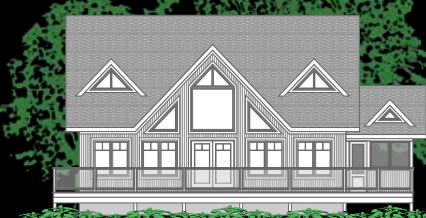
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Carnarvon farmers' market may need new home

By Lisa Harrison

The Carnarvon Farmers' Market may need a new home next year, and the Stanhope Community Centre park could fit the bill.

Angel Taylor, chair of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, told Algonquin Highlands council of the potential need for a new space during council's Dec. 8 meeting.

The Carnarvon market, one of three operated by the association, is usually held from mid-June to Thanksgiving in a parking lot at Rhubarb Restaurant at the intersection of Highways 35 and 118. The Carnarvon market operates Fridays from mid-June to Thanksgiving. Taylor said the majority of patrons are from AH.

The association has learned the parking lot is being sold, so there is no guarantee it will be available next year. Taylor said the Stanhope park on North Shore Road off Highway 35 could be a good alternative. It features sufficient

space, washrooms and a playground.

An informal poll shows many patrons would follow the market to the park, but Taylor said vendors are concerned about being away from the main thoroughfare. Promotional work and signage would be needed to redirect traffic to the new location.

Taylor reported research that shows only 6.5 per cent of Ontario farmer's markets have three or more locations, and 50 per cent of markets fail within the first five years. The association has successfully operated multiple markets since 2009 and has 49 vendor members. This year vendors reported gross income of \$528,160, of which \$170,628 came from Carnarvon.

Councillors agreed the market would be a beneficial addition to the park. They approved the use of the park as a fallback location, subject to the association providing liability insurance of \$5 million with the township as an additional insured.



Cheri Hicks shops at the Carnarvon Farmers' Market this summer. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Fire Chief honoured

Minden Hills fire Chief Doug Schell received a certificate at council's Dec. 8 meeting. It was presented by the Ontario Municipal Management Institute. It designates him as a certified municipal manager. Schell said he was "very happy" with the honour and it was "a nice way to end the year." *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

MH in brief

Minden Theatre owner putting cart ahead of horse: Reeve Devolin

By Lisa Gervais

Reeve Brent Devolin said Minden Hills Theatre owner Rahim Lakhani is putting "the cart ahead of the horse" in coming before council with parking and other requests.

Lakhani made a written agreement request to the Dec. 8 regular council meeting, asking council to waive a requirement for 10 parking spots in lieu of cash "given that the theatre's operating model is a not-for-profit."

He also asked that council provide parking at night and on weekends in the municipal lot in front of town hall, and that council waive planning and building permit fees.

Council voted to receive Lakhani's request but Devolin and councillors Pam Sayne and Jeanne Anthon expressed concern.

Devolin said what Lakhani is proposing for the Minden Hills Theatre is "new and uncharted territory" for the township. He said there is a private developer, in Lakhani, registered as a numbered company, who is talking about operating as a not-for-profit.

"It's complicated ... we have to see whether the not-for-profit comes into existence. A lot of those details have to be flushed out before consideration of this. I am not in favour of any of these requests at this time."

In his letter to council, Lakhani wrote that an agreement would "showcase the support from the municipality for the project. Without the contribution and support of the municipality towards the success of this project, it will be impossible to showcase the strength of the team. These are critical stages for transforming the property from an abandoned building to a multi-use performing arts center and we request support during these tough times of the project."

Lakhani did not respond to an email seeking comment.

No extension for Fowler

Minden Hills council has rejected a request from Fowler Construction to extend the completion date for the Quonset Hut Pad and services contract without penalty.

They made the request for the Dec. 8 meeting.

The work was supposed to be done Nov. 30 but had not been completed.

Director of community services, Mark Coleman, said "this request came out of the blue to me."

Coun. Jean Neville was worried that if council granted the request it might get backlash from other tender applicants. *(Lisa Gervais)*

\$465 per boat for Bob Lake fiasco

Minden Hills taxpayers paid approximately \$465 per boat for Bob Lake residents to get their crafts off the water in late September and early October.

A report to the Dec. 8 council meeting revealed only 20 boats were removed between Sept. 30 and Oct. 10 – at a cost of \$9,281.79.

Director of community services, Mark Coleman, outlined the costs of the operation after council carved an 11-day window of opportunity after the private owner of the boat launch blocked public use in the summer.

Coleman outlined the costs in his report. They included surveying (\$2,890.54), legal and mapping, title searches, licence agreement, by-law and disbursements (\$1,667.41) and security (\$2,223.84). There is also a pending invoice from the private landowner of the boat launch for \$2,500, bringing the total to just over \$9,000.

"And we're not done yet," said Reeve Brent Devolin who said a long-term solution must still be found. Nor does the money so far spent account for staff and council time.

Council struck a deal with the private owner after a delegation from Bob Lake came to council in the fall. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Kinsmen host vintage snowmobile races

The Minden Kinsmen Club will be staging two vintage snowmobile races in the new year, club president Andy Rickard told Minden council at its Dec. 8 meeting.

He said the dates are Jan. 21 and Mar 11, 2017.

"We would expect about 50 racers, 100 pit crew and possibly 300 spectators," Rickard said in a memo to council.

He said the support required from the township would be the same as for auto racing, such as emptying trash cans and washroom maintenance.



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County approves ambulance purchase

By Mark Arike

After raising their concerns and requesting more information from the county's chief and director of emergency services, council gave him the nod to purchase a single stretcher ambulance for 2017. The decision was made at yesterday's meeting.

Early in November, Craig Jones recommended council authorize a pre-budget approval to save three per cent, an offer made by the manufacturer. The deal was based on a Nov. 30 deadline.

It would arrive next spring and replace a seven-year-old ambulance with an odometer reading of about 300,000 km.

"If we didn't commit early, we'd probably go through our budget process and we'd probably get the vehicle in September or October," said Jones.

However, despite taking their time, the manufacturer will still offer the discount, he told *The Highlander*.

Last month, Jones presented two options. The first was the ambulance on its own at a cost of \$140,000, half of which will be recovered from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The other was the ambulance equipped with a power cot/load system, bringing the total to \$190,000.

At the time, Councillor Cheryl Murdoch expressed concerns about buying an ambulance that can only accommodate one stretcher.

"I'm not sure that this council sitting here has made the decision as to whether we want two or whether we want one," said Murdoch.

Jones said that vehicles with two stretchers put paramedics "in a very unsafe position."

"The decision ... was made based on paramedic safety," he said, adding there are only one or two multi-patient accidents each year.

Councillor Murray Fearrey wasn't concerned about the early purchase, but wanted council to take its time.

"I'd like to get more facts here before I make a decision," said Fearrey.

"I sort of feel we're being put in an awkward position because we're looking at the safety of the paramedics ... and our residents," said Councillor Liz Danielsen. "It's a really hard one to balance."

"I think the value of a right decision outweighs a three per cent cost saving," said Councillor Brent Devolin.

During the Nov. 23 meeting, council instructed Jones to bring back more information to the next meeting on what other rural areas are doing.

In 2014, the county transitioned from a dual stretcher with a lap belt in the patient compartment to a single stretcher with a "safety seat," according to Jones's four-page report, reviewed on Wednesday. The change was made because of scientific evidence that shows "an increase in paramedic fatalities and serious injuries" due to the configuration of the dual stretcher ambulance. With a single stretcher vehicle, paramedics can wear a three-point seatbelt while providing patient care.

Of 50 emergency services surveyed in Ontario, only seven use dual stretcher vehicles, reported Jones.

His report included findings from America's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and incident data for Haliburton County.

The matter will be discussed again in 2018, said Jones.

Highlands East in brief

Road, between the cemetery and public works yard in Gooderham.

The club was founded in 1967 and currently has 25 members, most of whom are local. They shoot for three hours on Sundays and adjust their schedule for inclement weather. The season runs from May until October.

The Chief Firearms Officers conduct an inspection every two years, said Ruddock.

The current lease, which dates back to Aug. 1, 1997, states the club would pay \$1 per year for the property.

Council approved the request in principle, but it will undergo review by the municipality's lawyer.

Gun club looks to renew 20-year lease

The Gooderham Century Gun Club wants to renew its lease with Highlands East so gun enthusiasts can continue to practice shooting their firearms in a safe space.

The club's 20-year lease expires July 31 of next year.

"In the 20 years, we've never had a problem down there," club president Russell Ruddock told council on Monday. "We've never had any accidents."

The facility is located at County Road 503 and McColls

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HSAD students paint healing mural

By Lisa Gervais

When Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD) students, Emma Gawne and Dylan Behan, depart town for their new life in Halifax they will be leaving a little bit of themselves behind.

Soon-to-be graduates of the visual and creative arts diploma program, the two have just completed a mural for the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre in Haliburton.

[The mural] brings a sense of healing and comfort to the space.

Gawne and Behan
Art students

It is in the hallway that leads to the centre's counselling room, where women often make tough decisions about whether

or not to keep a child.

Gawne and Behan are life partners as well as painting partners and responded to the centre's call for action, hoping to "bring a sense of healing and comfort to the space."

Gawne describes the work as "landscape and moving water." Behan adds they chose the colours purposefully and the painting was designed with a "sense of movement."

There are flowing white lines and circles to create "a visual space within the mural where women can go to a place of healing," Gawne said.

Asked how much time it took to complete the work, Gawne laughs, "we stopped counting hours" over a six-week period of time.

But they "feel really good about it."

Gawne said "we have left a mark in Haliburton. Haliburton had a massive impact on us. We wanted to give back."

Centre board member Dawn Brohman said "it's beautiful and it's moving. It touches your soul." She said she was grateful for the students' time and talent.

"I feel drawn to it," adds the centre's Geri Woudstra.



Haliburton School of Art and Design students, Dylan Behan and Emma Gawne, stand in front of the mural they painted at the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre in Haliburton. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Algonquin Highlands in brief

No water at Algonquin Highlands main office

Water from the public supply station at the Algonquin Highlands main office on North Shore Road will remain unavailable for now.

The well that serves the Stanhope complex that includes the office, library

and community centre is running clear following a thorough cleaning. However, staff told council Dec. 8 that they want to find a more effective maintenance plan to prevent another buildup of iron bacteria, which is considered a common nuisance and not a health threat.

Water remains available to the public at the Stanhope Airport at 1168 Stanhope Airport Rd.

AH approves fee changes for 2017

Algonquin Highlands council has passed the comprehensive fees and charges bylaw under which property owners will see both increases and decreases next year.

Under the approved changes, building department fees for decks, docks and porches in Algonquin Highlands will double to \$200 from \$100. Certain septic and sewer system fees have decreased, while fees have increased for airport hangar lease fees and more.

The bylaw was passed at the Dec. 8 council meeting and takes effect Jan. 1, 2017. Current bylaws can be reviewed at algonquinhighlands.ca in the Government section.

Dorset Lions legacy project on the move

The Dorset Lions Club can proceed with the next steps in a legacy project for the ball diamond park in Dorset.

The Lions envision a new play and social space to celebrate the international club's 100th anniversary next year. Delegates to Algonquin Highlands council's Dec. 8 meeting asked council to expedite a tender for the planned basketball half-court to ensure it is completed in time. The Lions acknowledged the project will be delayed if

a pending Ontario150 grant is denied.

The delegates also asked for specific staff resources and equipment up to \$5,000, and approval for a fundraising program to reduce project costs.

Council agreed to proceed with the tender, provide the requested resources and equipment, and administer a trust account for fundraising. Tax receipts will be available for donations over \$25. Legacy project plans include the basketball half-court, a new entranceway, a walking trail and new fencing and landscaping.

Economic development strategy for Dorset

Algonquin Highlands may help fund an economic development strategy for Dorset next year.

The funding request was made to AH council during the Dec. 8 meeting by Jennifer Pilon, economic development coordinator for the Township of Lake of Bays (LOB). Dorset is split between the two townships. Pilon outlined a proposed economic development strategy for Dorset and three other LOB communities. The strategy would include identifying strengths, needs and resources, engaging the community in setting priorities, establishing a strong foundation for future development and measuring performance.

Pilon asked AH to consider contributing 15 per cent of the estimated project cost up

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to a maximum of \$8,000. This amount was determined by dividing the cost among the four communities according to size, which left 30 per cent for Dorset, split equally between the two townships.

AH contributed \$5,000 toward general economic development in Dorset in 2015 and will do so again this year. A decision on funding the formal strategy was deferred to 2017 budget deliberations.

AH considers rezoning for new apartment

Algonquin Highlands council is considering a zoning bylaw amendment to permit the conversion of an attached garage into an accessory apartment for temporary use.

The existing residence on the Beech Lake property is legally constructed, although the attached garage is set back from the high water mark by 21 m instead of 30 m. During a public meeting on Dec. 8, staff reported the shoreline residential (SR) Type 1 zoning would need to be changed to SR1 with an exception in order to permit the accessory apartment and the reduced setback. Councillors spoke favourably about the property owner's intended use of the apartment for family members aging in place. However, although planning decisions do not set precedents, councillors expressed concern that approving this application might encourage other property owners to argue precedent for apartment projects for other purposes. Council

deferred the application. The amendment bylaw will come back to council at a later date as a temporary use bylaw.

Firefighters get access to counselling

Volunteer firefighters in Algonquin Highlands will have access to individual and family counselling services following council's decision to expand AH firefighters' insurance coverage.

Fire chief Mike Cavanagh recommended the additional insurance in a report to council at the Dec. 8 council meeting.

Cavanagh said the expanded coverage is similar to corporate employee assistance programs and would include access to confidential counselling for mental health issues. The potential for emergency workers to develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) has been a concern for municipalities and for the Ministry of Labour, which is requiring municipalities to develop PTSD prevention plans. The expanded coverage could aid in the prevention of PTSD. Firefighters whose PTSD could not be treated sufficiently under this program would be referred to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). Council approved the expanded coverage at an annual cost of \$1,440 based on 60 firefighters (AH currently has 53). The purchase will be included in the 2017 budget. (Lisa Harrison)

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Documentary to help usher in Dysart's 150th Federal funding provides planning committee with big boost

By Alex Coop

The origins of Dysart et al will be revealed Jan. 7 as part of the township's 150th birthday, and Kim Emmerson is very excited.

His documentary "Dysart 150 -The Movie" will be previewed that day, exactly 150 years after the township first formed.

The doc will complement his already released book "Alexander Niven: The Biography of an Early Haliburton County Surveyor," which was released more than a year ago.

"What a good opportunity to educate people on how Dysart really came to be," Emmerson said, pointing to the celebrations that will begin Jan. 7, which in addition to a screening of his documentary, will include public skating, a fire and light show, outdoor games, food vendors, a beer tent and bonfire pit.

Emmerson is also a member of the Dysart 150th planning committee.

"Dysart has a different history than a lot of other townships," he said. "It's quite a story."

During a trip to London, England this summer, Emmerson and his wife Linda documented their journey as they backtracked their way to the very beginning of Dysart's origins, which Emmerson says began with a group of men agreeing to buy the land for 50 cents per acre.

"In the end, we find out that they lost their shares on this deal," he said. "Their business model wasn't well researched."

But the experience was unforgettable, he adds.

"Being at these places and seeing how they lived and where they were, it gave us an appreciation for how wealthy and affluent these investors were."

The planning committee was granted \$10,000 from the federal government after successfully applying for a grant to help support celebrations between July 7-9 to commemorate Dysart's and Canada's 150 birthday.

The summer celebrations will take place at Head Lake Park all weekend long.

Road calming experiment reveals room for improvement

By Alex Coop

The results of a temporary "pop-up" traffic calming experiment on a busy stretch of road in Haliburton were presented to councillors Monday morning, and members of the Communities in Action Committee who performed the experiment say that area could benefit from some adjustments.

"It's a confusing environment for pedestrians and cars because there are no lines in the area," Sue Shikaze told councillors, referring to the parking lot entrance across from Baked and Battered.

The experiment was done on County Road 21 from York Street to the parking lot late September.

Nearly 25,900 cars were recorded during the experiment, many of which were entering or exiting the parking lot by the town docks.

This is where many of the problems arise, Shikaze said, referring to the lack of space pedestrians have access to when waiting to cross the road, and the aggressive left turns some drivers make when entering the

parking lot.

Nearly 30 per cent of vehicles driving by the pop-up block during the two-day experiment were driving more than 60 km/h. Vehicles of all types entered and exited the parking lot, including trucks hauling large trailers.

But because the experiment took place at the end of September, the committee wasn't able to analyze the effects of the pop-up installation on trucks hauling boats.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said the installation provided them with valuable information, but was concerned about the lack of information regarding vehicles carrying boats, and whether or not those vehicles could even turn into a constricted parking lot entrance. The installation reduced the parking lot entrance from its original width of 16 m, to 6 m.

Shikaze said the committee's next steps include updating the pop-up design based on feedback, and perform the experiment during the summer when boats are being transported to the docks.



A part of the pop-up installation located by Baked and Battered in September. Photo from Communities in Action Committee's presentation to council.

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Storm defender Gage Hutchinson carries the puck through the neutral zone. Photo by Alex Coop.

Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Atoms

The Highland Storm Atoms hosted the Mariposa Lightning at the A.J. LaRue Arena Sunday. It was a close game from the very beginning. Addison Carr was the first to score early in the first period and Avery Degeer scored, assisted by Cody Keller, two minutes later. But, with 20 seconds left, the Lightning scored their first goal of the game to make it 2-1 Storm.

The second period started with a goal by the Lightning and then another three minutes later. The Storm were down 3-2 going into the third.

Cooper Coles scored the first goal of the third, tying the game 3-3. However, with 4:55 remaining, the Lightning scored

to take back their lead. The Storm were not going down that easy, and with three minutes left, Austin Boylan scored and the game stayed tied. The final score was 4-4.

On Saturday, the Atoms travel to Huntsville to face the Huntsville Otters at 3:30 p.m. (Submitted by Amber Card)

Tom Prentice and Sons Tykes

The Highland Storm Tykes travelled to Port Carling on Saturday to play against the Muskoka Rock. The whole team came out strong, winning 11-3. They were back in action the following day in Gravenhurst against the South Muskoka Bears. The final score was 7-1 for the Bears. All the players worked hard and the whole team should be proud of how far it's come. The Tykes are back in action this weekend in Marmora for the Centre Hastings one-day

tournament. (Submitted by Tamara Bain)

The Highlander/ Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Storm Midget A lost to the Huntsville Otters 4-1 Saturday in Huntsville. The Storm started slow in the first period. The Otters took advantage of a few Storm penalties and the large ice surface and took a 4-0 lead by the end of the first.

Now, the Storm had to step up and they did. The second period offered lots of end-to-end action, penalties, and a Storm goal. It occurred while on a power play with good puck control and passes. It was a shot from the point by Shawn Walker that made it in, assisted by Greg Crofts and Jon Morrison. The Storm picked up some momentum and had some awesome opportunities as the second period ended.

Storm reports

Both teams came out strong in the third, with entertaining action and great effort. Nearing the end, the Storm were on a 5-on-3 power play and the Otters' frustration grew. That led to some aggression being displayed. The clock ticked down to a 4-1 Storm loss. Special mention to goalie, Parker Smolen, who faced countless shots but stood strong.

On Sunday, the team crushed the Muskoka Rock 4-1 in Port Carling. The first period offered lots of back and forth action but remained scoreless.

Both teams worked aggressively to get on the scoreboard in the second period. The Storm maintained control of the puck after an awesome rush. Passes from Ryan Prentice and Trevor Turner found the stick of Owen Patterson-Smith. He maneuvered through the defence and his keen eye found the top corner for the first goal. That gave the Storm a jolt of momentum and they continued to dominate the game.

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The Highlander's 3-Stars of the Week



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Ryan Prentice MIDGET

The Highland Storm Midgets were on the road for two games this past weekend. After falling to the Huntsville Otters on Saturday, the Storm were looking for a bounce-back performance against the Muskoka Rock on Sunday. Ryan had the hot hand, leading the offence with three helpers, on the way to a 4-1 Storm victory.

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Colin Glecoff PEEWEE

On Dec. 10, the Highland Storm Peewees hit the road to battle with the Muskoka Rock. In an offensive outburst for the Storm which saw eight goals tallied, Colin was a threat all game, recording two goals himself. The Storm play one more game to wrap up 2016, when they take on the Otters next Saturday in Huntsville at 4:10 p.m.

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Darian Maddock PEEWEE

The Highland Storm Peewees had only one game this past weekend, travelling to Port Carling to face the Rock. It was enough of a showing for the Storm tender to warrant a three-star nomination. Maddock stood on his head the entire game, holding the Rock to a single goal, while his offence did the rest of the work resulting in an 8-1 Storm shellacking.

Local League Weekly Schedule

Thursday, December 15

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

Saturday, December 17

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

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Highland Storm



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Less than a minute later, Crofts made a quick pass from behind the net to the open Owen Gilbert, who was in front of the net and ready to slam in the second goal. The Storm continued to push. A few minutes later, they successfully duplicated the previous goal. This time it was Nik Dollo who was open in front of the net and ready to score the third goal. The pass from behind the net came from Patterson-Smith. It was a fast-paced third and the Rock pushed hard. That resulted in a goal and closed the gap to 3-1. Both teams worked hard, as did Crofts when he raced ahead of the Rock's player and picked up the puck for a breakaway. He rushed to the net but was hauled down resulting in an opportunity for the rare penalty shot. Later, Chris Thompson's tenacious attitude paid off as he fought for the puck, maintained control while being pestered and managed a shot, getting the goal. A great 4-1 win for the Storm. *(Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)*

Haliburton Timber Mart/ Canadian Tire Novices

The Highland Storm Novices had a full schedule this past weekend starting on Friday, when they travelled to Oakwood to play the Mariposa Lightning. The Storm came out flat in the first and found themselves trailing by three early.

Shortly into the second, the Storm found their stride and the scoring began. The Storm continued their offensive pressure for the remainder of the game, resulting in a 7-4 win. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Liam Harrison. Excellent defence and goaltending sealed the deal.

On Saturday, the Novices were off to Parry Sound for a double-header in league game action. The first game was a battle from start to finish. Johnston scored the first goal of the game and put the Storm on top. Excellent defence by Brady Burtch, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms minimized the scoring power of the Shamrocks. Hard checking by MacLean Rowden and Austin Latanville led to many turnover opportunities and Scheffee capitalized

with another goal. The Storm won 2-0.

In the second game, the Storm didn't quite have the same speed and precision and found themselves down early. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept them within reach but they just couldn't develop any offensive pressure. The Storm skated well and fought hard but dropped this one 4-0.

After some much-needed rest, the Storm were back on home ice in Haliburton on Sunday, squaring off against the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. The Storm pressured early but found themselves behind after two periods. The Thunder were relentless in their offensive pressure and had a 4-0 lead with minutes remaining in the third. Johnston netted a goal just before the buzzer to end the 4-1 loss. The novice team is back in action on Saturday, when they host the Mariposa Lightning in Haliburton at 11 a.m. *(Submitted by Janice Scheffee)*

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

On Saturday, the Highland Storm Peewees headed to Port Carling to face the Muskoka Rock. The Storm opened the scoring with a wrap-around goal by Nick Phippen, unassisted. With both teams battling back and forth, the Storm scored again with a goal by Dylan Keefer, assisted by Ty Mills. The Rock scored one at the end of the first to put the score at 2-1 for the Storm going into the second.

The Storm took control in the second, scoring three more goals, two from Keefer and the third by Colin Glecoff, putting the Storm up 5-1.

In the third, the Storm kept control of the game, scoring three more goals: Keefer assisted by Mills; Glecoff assisted by Hunter Winder and Evan Armstrong and Keefer assisted by Hall and Ben Robinson. Great goaltending by Darian Maddock gave the Storm an 8-1 win. Next game is Saturday at 4:10 p.m. in Huntsville against the Otters. *(Submitted by Ron Hall)*

Jets reports

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

The Jets hosted the Cold Creek on Saturday in Bancroft. The Jets looked to keep building on their second half of the season focus against the second place Comets in their LLFHL Eastern loop play. Bancroft started the game with an aggressive attack and secured an early first period 1-0 lead with Kennadal Marsden's snap shot that beat the Comet tender low glove side. Jules Croskery gave the Jets a 2-0 first period lead, finishing off a sweet pass from Katie Funk as she stepped out from behind the Cold Creek net. Both teams battled to find the next marker but both tenders kept the score at 2-1.

Bancroft travelled to Lindsay on Sunday to face off against the pesky Lynx squad. Jordan Brownlee gave the Jets a late first period 1-0 lead capitalizing on a determined effort in the Lindsay end, putting home a loose puck off a scramble in the Lynx goal mouth. Both teams tried to find the tie-breaker but could not find the twine at the other end of the rink.

The Jets take on the Keene Wolverines next weekend in a home-and-home battle - Saturday at 2 p.m. in Keene and Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in Bancroft. *(Submitted by Dan Marsden)*

The Leveque Brothers / Rock Breakers Peewee Jets

The peewees played a double-header in Peterborough on Sunday against the Ice Kats. The first game saw some great end-to-end action with outstanding saves by both goalies. The Ice Kats proved they were an improved team as they challenged the girls on every play. The Ice Kats had a one-goal lead in the third period but the Jets tied the game with 33 seconds left. Goals scored by Avery Coens and Ava Smith. Assists to Trista Young (2) and Olivia Villamere (2).

In the second game, the Jets came out wanting the full two points. With good defensive plays to keep the puck out of their end, the forwards capitalized on the opportunities and netted three goals giving Bella Smolen the shutout with a final score of 3-0. The girls will play their final home game in Haliburton Saturday at 6 p.m. before the holiday break. *(Submitted by Melissa Armstrong)*

The Parkview Dental/ Canadian Tire Bantams

The Bantam Jets travelled to Lakefield Saturday to take on the Ennismore Eagles. The girls dominated, beating the Eagles 7-0.

The first period was scoreless and despite having two players in the penalty box, they skated hard and controlled the play in the Eagles' end.

The second period saw the team get scoring momentum with three quick goals one after another. Starting the Jets off was Hannah McMann who received a beautiful pass from Beth Brownlee. Next, on a shot from Paige Billings, Mackala O'Connor was in the right place to get the rebound. Billings then skated end to end and put one past the Eagles' goalie, top shelf, unassisted.

The girls continued to pressure the Ennismore net in the third. Olivia Martin scored on a breakaway pass from Carling Pepin. Brownlee added her second of the game assisted by Kendra Bandy. Martin also scored her second, unassisted. The final goal of the game, and her second as well, was by O'Connor assisted by Marissa Cannon.

Courtney Semach was solid in the net for the Jets and earned the shut out. Hard work and team work resulted in the final outcome.

On Sunday, the Jets played another exciting game against the Lindsay Lynx on home ice. The Lynx dominated the first period, scoring all three of their goals in the first half. Although down by three, the Jets didn't give up and skated hard. With 11 seconds remaining, Pepin fired the first goal past the Lynx goalie, assisted by Brownlee.

The Lynx continued to control the play throughout the second period but Cannon was able to put one in the net, assisted by Bandy. The score was now 3-2 in favour of the Lynx. In the third, the Jets' efforts paid off with 18 seconds remaining on the clock. Billings pumped the tying goal between the pipes of the Lynx, assisted by O'Connor. Semach had an amazing game in net for the Jets contributing to the tie, and made an awesome save on a nerve-wracking penalty shot by the Lynx in the third. Final score 3-3.

We wish the Jets all the best as they hit the road this weekend with games in Keene and Peterborough. *(Submitted by Linda Goulet)*

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Big three needed to age well

By Lisa Gervais

When it comes to making Haliburton County more senior-friendly, the big three needs are transportation, housing and health support to allow seniors to stay in their own homes.

These are some of the findings to date of The Aging Well Committee. Community planning consultant, Kate Hall, made a presentation of what seniors are saying at community lunches recently.

Hall said that agencies that rely on volunteer drivers are simply not able to meet the demands of the aging population. She said creative initiatives, such as ridesharing and car sharing, could be part of the solution. For example, she said people living in seniors' apartments or condominiums could look at sharing a car to split costs since the average price of maintaining a vehicle in Canada is about \$10,000 a year. She said it could be explored as part of co-op fees.

It was also suggested that some type of affordable public transportation is needed in the county. Hall noted that this was discussed at the recent Haliburton Highlands Transportation Summit. She said transportation is key "to enable people to fully participate in all aspects of life." There are a lot of wonderful events planned for seniors but if people can't get to them, it's an issue, she added.

The needs of an aging population also have to be taken

into consideration by municipalities planning new housing developments for seniors, she noted. In the context of Whispering Pines, for example, the problem is there are no sidewalks for people to walk or cycle to stores.

"We need a broader mix of housing types," Hall added, and "there are not affordable options."

Under the area of community support and health services,

Hall said one of the biggest complaints is that every time seniors visit a different health care professional they have to go through their medical history. They would like to see a shared, electronic, medical record.

Older county residents also want more health care professionals and personal support workers. They are asking for better co-ordination of health services, for example, a day when a number of seniors could be transported to Peterborough for medical appointments. They would also like a drop-off location for medical equipment they are using, such as heart monitors, rather than having to return them to Lindsay or



Aging Well Committee volunteer, Marjorie Cartwright, puts out a call for volunteers at the recent Haliburton meeting.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Peterborough.

They also queried whether health service providers could visit seniors housing, for example, a nurse to take blood for tests, rather than seniors having to go to appointments.

And, of course, there is a demand for more long-term care beds.

Hall will now be working on a report to take to County Council in early January.

Committee member Marjorie Cartwright put out a call for more volunteers at the Haliburton lunch.

"We would really like help pushing the county along and Dysart or else nothing is going to happen," she said.

Committee lead Angela Andrews agreed, "It won't go anywhere ... we do need more people to consider joining and pass the word along."

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Highlander sports

Forest readies for 'Olympics of dogsledding'

By Lisa Gervais

When Haliburton Forest announced via the Canadian News Wire (CNW) Group that it would be hosting the 2017 IFSS Sleddog World Championships, they were excited that the press release service had a potential audience of 90.9 million people.

A total of 197 news outlets, including Yahoo, the National Post and the Vancouver Sun, picked up the story.

Project manager Tegan Legge and forest colleagues, Dave Blakey, Phil Primavera and Cameron Ferguson shared the astounding numbers while holding a lunch planning session recently.

The Forest will host the championships Jan. 23-Feb. 1, 2017.

"It's the world ... it's the Olympics of dogsledding," an excited Blakey said.

It's also a lot of work.

The Forest will be closed for recreational use but people who have leased trailer sites are eager to come in as spectators so organizers are looking at logistics around routes and schedules. They anticipate thousands of visitors.

As for competitors, the last two world championships peaked at 173 total teams. Already with Team Canada and the U.S. alone, this year's event stands at 161 teams

with 95 individual athletes, and organizers are still waiting to hear back from 18 other countries. The Forest hopes to see up to 3,000 people coming on the weekend alone during the nine-day event that will feature sprint, skidog, mid-distance and long-distance races.

"Panic ... but in a good way," Blakey says. Blakey is the trail boss. He started more than a month ago, brushing and cutting stumps to widen trails. They've also cut a couple of new trails and softened some corners. They're also working on micro-cabins for shelter. The long race will require two nights spent outdoors. It means that support staff, such as vets and cooks, will be required to sleep out too.

The championships are an internationally sanctioned competition. The first was held in Saint Moritz, Switzerland in 1990 and they are staged every two years. The last was in 2015 in Bernau, Germany. The last time they were held in Canada was 2009 in Daawuam, Que.

"It's exciting ... we're putting on a show ... it's a great opportunity to get behind a big event," Blakey says.

For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, log onto worlddogsleddingchampionships.ca.

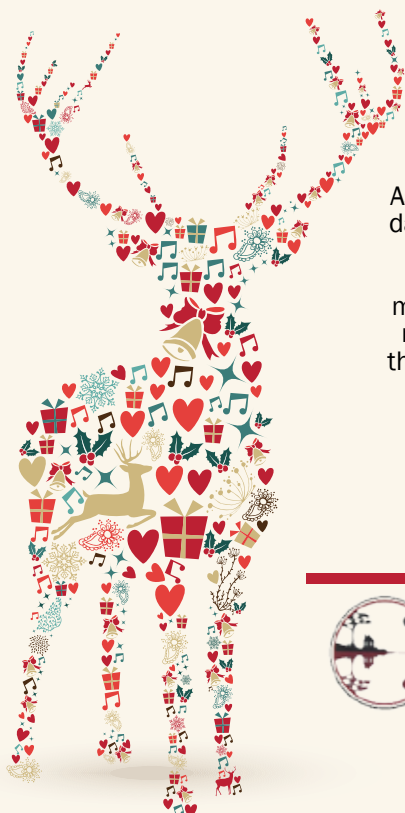


Minden Skating Club results

The Minden Skating Club had 10 skaters compete at the annual Port Carling Skating Competition held Dec. 2 and 3. The results were: Ava Allaire (Star 3 silver), Abby Rosik (Star 4 (U13) second), Madison Allaire (Star 4 (O13) first), Hannah Gartshore (Star 3 silver), Gillian Rosik (Star 3 bronze), Melanie Walter (Star 5 (U13) second, Star 5 elements second), Chloe Hartwig (Star 2 bronze) Madison Robinson (Star 2 silver), Liah Gallant (Star 3 silver) and Skye Miscio (silver interpretive second).

Back row: Ava Allaire, Abby Rosik, Madison Allaire, Hannah Gartshore, Gillian Rosik. Front row: Melanie Walter, Chloe Hartwig and Madison Robinson. Absent: Skye Miscio and Liah Gallant. *Submitted.*

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Try it Fair attracts hundreds

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Dozens of booths were set up in the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's gymnasium, with themes ranging from arts and crafts, to health and technology.

The event was organized by the Haliburton County Public Library.

"We had about 150 kids come through our booth earlier today," Bessie Sullivan, library CEO, said during the event. "We're really trying to promote self-directed learning and stimulate some curiosity."

A table covered in baked goods and other delicacies belonged to Deborah Rondeau, who said she will be moving to Haliburton shortly to set up her new business, Cooking with Deborah.

She has more than 25 years of cooking experience, but took a break from it for several years to pursue other opportunities.

Now, she's returning to what she loves the most.

"I missed cooking," she said.

Many of the vendors said this was their first time attending the fair, and considered it a success, especially during the early afternoon when the fair first opened to students at the high school.

(Alex Coop)



Top: From left, Barb Murphy and Bazza play the drums. Above left: from left, HHSS students Kevin Bunn and Lane Brohm build some lures at the Haliburton Fly Fishing Club's booth. Centre: Deborah Rondeau holds up a Christmas-themed dessert. Right: from left, Grade 11 student Sulyen Rondeau begins to decorate Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler's arm. Photos by Alex Coop

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Highlander events



Wind symphony plays for packed house

A packed house at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion had the chance to hear the Highlands Wind Symphony perform its 18th annual Christmas concert Dec. 9. Decorated piper Jim Thomson brought his talents to the performance and helped perform the Celtic Farewell, which was conducted by Lorie Reddering. Other performances were conducted by Glen Carter, Judy Cole and Dan Manley. Top: Carl Dixon plays the drums. Right: Piper Jim Thomson. *Photos by Alex Coop.*



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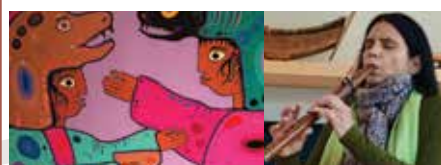
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Flooring Replacement Request for Proposal

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting submissions for the replacement of flooring in their Haliburton and Minden Hospital sites. Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Hospital/Hyland Crest Business Office, or the Haliburton Hospital Business Office, or can be faxed to you by calling (705) 457-1392 ext. 2235.

Mandatory site visit will be held December 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. sharp starting at the Haliburton site and continuing to the Minden site.

Proposals are due in hard copy at the Haliburton Business office no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 23, 2016.

Any questions please contact Peter Fearrey at (705) 457-1392 ext. 2230

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EVENTS

PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

“CHRISTMAS FAVOURITES”, directed by Melissa Stephens. Sun., Dec., 18, 11:15 a.m. Advent anthems, readings and carol singing with the Haliburton United Church Choir, 10 George St. at Pine St.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE and Communion Celebration, with guest singers Kate Campbell, John Miller and Deniella Rivard. Sat., Dec. 24, 7 p.m. at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St.

FREE LUNCH FOR SENIORS, Sat., Dec. 24th at Oakview Lodge, 12 – 2:30 p.m., RSVP by Dec 10th. Space is limited. Donations to the food banks gratefully accepted. 705-489-2463

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer and Jason are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl



Evelyn Margaret Gray

She entered the world on December 6, 2016, at 12:59 p.m., at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, Ontario, weighing 8 lbs, 1 oz. Evelyn is welcomed by her brother Jeremy, sisters Alyssa, Jessica, Jenna and Makenzie, grandparents John and Cheryl Schmidt, grandmother Margaret Gray, Uncle Derek & Aunt Heather and Uncle Sean & Aunt Lucy.



CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE, Sun. Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd.

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE 10:30 a.m. at Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Rd.

FREE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER at Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. Dec 25th, 2 – 6 p.m. All are welcome! Sponsored by Kawartha Bikers Church. For more info contact Lynn Binskin 705-448-9893 or Hazel & Digger Lanois 705-448-9692.

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

LANDFILL COVER AND COMPACTION MAINTENANCE SERVICES
April 1st, 2017 to March 31st, 2018

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for Landfill Cover, Compaction & Maintenance Services.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained online via <http://www.dysartetel.ca> or can be picked up in person at the Dysart et al Municipal Office on 135 Maple Avenue in Haliburton. Alternatively, you can contact Mallory Bishop, Environmental Coordinator at mbishop@dysartetel.ca to obtain the tender documents via email.

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EVENTS

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VON SMART exercise program for balance, strength, and flexibility. Minden on Wed. at 11 a.m. in the Hyland Crest Auditorium, and in Haliburton on Thurs. at 1 p.m. at Echo Hills. For more information contact Judy Webb at 705-286-5098 or Carol Browne at 705-457-4551.

Every Monday Pickle Ball – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Every Monday Pickleball at Haliburton High School, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Cost \$2, equipment supplied. Bring clean indoor running shoes.

EVERY TUESDAY. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 519, Coboconk Progressive euchre at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$2 per person

EVERY TUESDAY. Euchre at West Guilford Community Centre 7 p.m. For information, call 705-754-2464

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1 – 3 p.m. Call Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more info.

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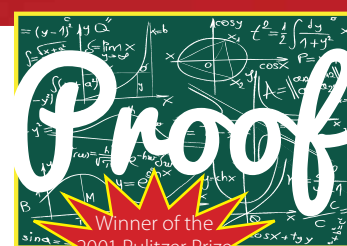
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Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome

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Hilda's Yard By Norm Foster

One ordinary family. One extraordinary day. Set in 1956, Sam and Hilda Fluck are finally on their own after their children Gary and Janey leave the nest. Then, on a September morning, their world changes when Gary loses his job, is the target of gangsters and Janey leaves her husband only to find love again. A heart-warming and hilarious look back at a not so innocent time. **Performances July 31, Aug 1-4, 9-11.**

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EVENTS

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10 a.m. - noon. Contact Lois Rigney 705-286-1765

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - WE CARE Meetings: Thursdays noon - 1 p.m., Sundays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900.

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The County Roads Department has a 24 hour call answer service (705-286-1762) should you require immediate assistance.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season

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8. Passing crazes
12. Fire remains
13. On a voyage
14. Thanks ____! (2 wds.)
15. Snow runner
16. Outlook
18. Coastal bird
20. Stairs
21. Tacked on
23. TV attachment
27. Ladybug, e.g.
29. Rowing implement
30. Bookworm
32. Skunk feature



DOWN

1. Spaghetti, e.g.
2. Requested
3. Baseball position
4. Deli meat
5. Avails oneself of
6. Leased car
7. Tardiness
8. Quiz choice
9. Boxing great
10. Speck
11. Messy place
17. Likely
19. Lack
22. Billy ____ Williams
24. Silent
25. Siesta
26. Right you ____!
28. Send
30. Seeded bread
31. Slippery fish
33. Earl Grey, e.g.
34. Invitation abbr.
37. Constant
39. Measuring device
40. Compass direction (abbr.)
42. Kindled again
43. Florida bay
45. Spill
47. Petrol
48. Numero ____
49. ____ moment's notice (2 wds.)
50. Tavern drink

35. Of course!
36. Appraise
38. Helium, e.g.
41. Turn aside
44. Highway curves
46. Entreaty
47. Central American country
51. Stately tree
52. Initial stake
53. Golden calf, e.g.
54. Small taste
55. Glide
56. Category
57. Amtrak depot (abbr.)

What's on

DECEMBER 2016 EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY WEDNESDAY Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$2/person. Public Skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, Noon – 2 p.m., \$2/person Carpet Bowling at Cardiff Community Centre, 1 – 3 p.m. Yoga at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. For all levels beginner to advanced. Contact Ingrid at 705-783-1691 or ingridbittner@gmail.com to register. Pay by cash/cheque.		Minden Community Centre Pickleball 9 a.m. – Noon. Raquets are provided, please bring clean indoor shoes. \$2/person. Contact Elisha Weiss 705-286-2298 or eweiss@minderhills.ca for more info. Tai Chi at Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre Wilberforce, 2 – 4 p.m. Toastmasters International meeting, 7 – 9 p.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden.		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.	Café Yoga , 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. at Baked & Battered. Get your happy on! Free with donation to Food For Kids program, Call Lynda 705-457-3121 for more info.	Santa Claus at Haliburton Foodland, 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bring your camera!
Community Christmas Carol Service at the Historic Essonville Church, 7 p.m. Public Skating , A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$2/person Public Skating , S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. Noon – 2 p.m. \$2/person		Adult Senior Skating , S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. Noon – 2 p.m. \$2/person	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 Toastmasters International, 7 – 9 p.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden	Adult Only Skate , A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. Noon – 2:00 p.m. \$2/person Adult Senior Skating , S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. Noon – 2 p.m. \$2/person	Café Yoga , 7:15 – 8:15 a.m. at Baked & Battered. Get your happy on! Free with donation to Food For Kids program, Call Lynda 705-457-3121 for more info. Public Skating , A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$2/person	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.
Christmas Day Service , 10:30 a.m. at Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Rd. (off Gelert Rd.) FREE Community Christmas Dinner , at Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce. 2 – 6 p.m. For more info call Lynn 705-448-9893 Sponsored by Kawartha Bikers Church.		Senior Adult Skating , S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. Noon – 2 p.m. \$2/person Sleigh Bells Ring , sleigh ride in Tory Hill, \$20/person 1.5 hours. yoursoutdoors.ca/packages/sleigh-bells-ring		Public Skating , S.G. Nesbitt Arena, Minden. Noon – 2 p.m. \$2/person Public Skating , A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$2/person • Dec 27 - Dec 30		Minden Hills Family New Years' Eve – 6 - 8 p.m. at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Grab your skates, toboggans and family, and join us for Public Skating, Toboggan Rides, and Hot Chocolate. FREE! New Years' Eve at Red Umbrella Inn with the Ya Babys! Get your tickets from Mark at thehairfounge9@gmail.com or at the Red Umbrella at info@redumbrellainn.com

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 Christmas meat draw, Friday, Dec. 16.

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, call 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com.

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 Pool 1:30 p.m.
 Spaghetti dinner 5-7 p.m.
 Jam session 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday Meat draw 2 p.m., early bird 3 p.m. sharp
 Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m., come out and learn – beginners welcome
 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 light lunch at approx. 11 p.m. DJ Pat Casselman – door prize and spot dances.
 Sunday, Jan. 1 – President's Levee – open house – 1-5 p.m.

FREE EVENTS!



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What's on



McKecks' chef Aaron Walker and general manager Karen Fryborg are planning for their Christmas Day complimentary lunch. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

No need to be home alone at Christmas

By Lisa Gervais

New owners of a long-established Haliburton County lodge are throwing a complimentary Christmas Eve lunch this year.

Oakview Lodge and Marina is hosting its seniors-oriented event from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Meanwhile, McKecks Tap and Grill will offer its fourth annual free Christmas lunch Dec. 25. And, the Municipality of Highlands East is again opening the doors to the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce for a free turkey dinner Christmas Day.

Oakview Lodge and Marina owners Anna Schmiegelow and Greg Hebert moved to the area just over a year ago. Schmiegelow said they have enjoyed getting to know people in the community and appreciate the support

and encouragement they've received.

"Now that we have the means to do it, hosting a dinner as a way of giving back to the community was an easy decision," Schmiegelow said.

She added they are specifically inviting seniors who are on their own.

"Over the holiday season, a lot of attention is given to families with children, which is wonderful. There is another significant part of the population that could also benefit from a little extra attention over the holidays – seniors who are on their own. For a variety of reasons, not everyone has the opportunity to spend time with family and friends during the holiday season. If we can brighten someone's day by providing them with a home-cooked meal in a warm, welcoming environment, why not?"

She said some of her and Greg's family

will drive 4.5 hours to pitch in on the day.

"It really is a great feeling bringing people together to do something meaningful for others."

Schmiegelow said if any seniors are alone over the holidays and looking for company on the 24th, they can call 705-489-2463. She said they only have 12 spots left and seats will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis up until Dec. 18.

McKecks manager Karen Fryborg said their tradition started four years ago, in 2012, when a bunch of the staff felt "displaced" due to various life circumstances so they decided to put on a lunch.

They rely on donations and volunteers to stage the event every year.

"We don't want anybody home alone and believe everybody should have a turkey dinner at Christmas," Fryborg said of the

alcohol-free event.

They will pick up seniors and bring them to the noon to 2 p.m. lunch, which will also feature Gord Kidd. They will also deliver take-out orders. Donations are accepted and will be given to the food bank. Fryborg expects between 40 and 60 people.

"We just get the reason for the season. Goodwill towards men and women. We are supposed to love each other that day," Fryborg said.

RSVP's to 705-457-3443 are appreciated but not necessary.

Meanwhile, the Highlands East website says that everyone is welcome at the annual, free community Christmas dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce on Christmas Day. Dinner will be served from 2-6 p.m.

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