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Just before 11 a.m. Monday, Dysart firefighters responded to a structure fire on Benson Cove Lane near Eagle Lake. Photo submitted by Wendy Snelgrove.

Minden crippled by road and bridge costs

By Lisa Gervais

Excuse Minden Hills' road superintendent for feeling a bit like Oliver Twist these days.

Travis Wilson wants more money to service the municipality's roads system. But, unlike in the iconic book and films, it isn't that councillors don't want to give him more, they just don't have any more to give. Wilson spoke with *The Highlander*

recently about some of the challenges his department and the township are facing.

"It is a difficult time, not just for our ... township, but for all of Ontario," Wilson said. "This council has done a lot for my department since I started here; the roads budget has significantly increased since 2015 and we are gaining some ground; however, the costs are continually increasing and there is a need to continue this practice or find other sources of

funding in order to catch up, maintain and rehabilitate what we own."

Wilson said nine roads in particular are the source of many complaints. They include Bobcaygeon, Blairhampton, Scotch Line, Caribou, Peterson, Tennyson, Plantation, Green Gables and County roads. They make up 33.4 km, of the road system. Wilson said the cost to rehabilitate these roads is a minimum of \$4.1 million. Ideally, they would then be resurfaced once every seven

years for another \$1 million. So, that's \$5.1 million before even looking at 94.6 km of additional roads that the township is responsible for.

Wilson goes on to say that before the township can even think about rehabilitating those roads, there are other roads that require preventative maintenance first.

To put it into context, Wilson had \$260,000 in his 2017 budget to resurface

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Road conditions a challenge for Minden Hills

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low class bituminous roads (LCBs). The roads crew really needs to do about 18 kms a year. To do that, they would have needed \$490,000 in that budget. They only had 53 per cent of what they should have been spending.

Wilson doesn't blame council.

"The difficulty municipalities are facing throughout Ontario is nothing new; years of provincial funding has come to a halt with the last big show of funds being in 2008, requests for increased levels of service and the onus to make ends meet is the responsibility of the municipalities of Ontario," he said.

The other challenge is township roads aren't like Ministry of Transporation (MTO) and county roads. Township roads were simply historical paths widened over time with minimal granular materials and hard-topped or left loosetopped. They weren't properly designed or engineered.

Take Bobcaygeon Road, for example. The old road really needs to be chewed up with four inches of granular A put down, followed by double surface treatment, Wilson said.

That's \$1.3 million without event thinking about culverts, ditches or fixing areas susceptible to frost or repairs. Four years down the track, it would need a slurry seal. That's another \$200,000. At year seven it would need a single surface treatment. That's another \$290,000. At year 14, there could be another treatment. Wilson said the demands never end.

The township has another 117 km of loose-top roads. This year they did about 15 per cent of the required maintenance. Everywhere Wilson looks, there are budget shortfalls and

work that has to be done, such as rehabilitating bridges. Wilson's strategy is pretty simple despite the odds. "If we can make a few investments at strategic times using preventative maintenance it will save us in the future."

Reeve Brent Devolin said it's become a political fight to address the infrastructure gap in Ontario, which is now about \$5 billion. "We need help from the provincial government. It isn't chicken feed." He said he would use Wilson's reports as "fodder" when he attends conferences in future as he fears the alternative to provincial money is ratepayers seeing increased taxes.



The aftermath of the blaze. Photo submitted by Dysart fire department.

Cause of Eagle Lake cottage fire undetermined

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Dysart had 14 firefighters and five fire trucks on scene, but according to a press release from fire Chief Mike Iles, the fire had progressed too far upon arrival and the structure was unable to be saved. The fire also involved a small tool shed and some of the surrounding bush. They

were quickly extinguished upon arrival.

The Minden Hills fire department was also called to

Luckily, no injuries were sustained in fighting the fire, the report says. The estimated damage is approximately \$300,000.





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Highlander news



A deep hole was dug to access the damaged cables. Photo by Mark Arike.

Internet and telephone outage affects 1,500

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By Mark Arike

It took Bell workers three days to restore Internet and phone service to 1,500 customers affected by an outage in the Haliburton area last week.

The disruption started on the afternoon of Oct. 17 when a company digging in the area of Highland Street and Lake Avenue cut

several major cables, said Vanessa Damha, senior manager of media relations for Bell.

Although Damha wouldn't name the company that cut the cables, North Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC) was doing work in the area at the time. Grant Roughley, the

company's vice president, hasn't returned phone messages and emails seeking

"We typically do not name thirdparty companies that interfere with our infrastructure, as with this cable cut, but we do pursue them directly to recoup damages," said Damha.

When asked about the cost to fix the damage, she said Bell would be addressing it privately with the company responsible.

With the recent outage, emergency calls to 911 couldn't be made from landlines. Dysart's emergency committee met to ensure they had all the bases covered, said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

"It wasn't a big exercise, but it was a good gathering of the minds," he said.

Dysart fire Chief Mike Iles informed residents of the outage and notices were put up at the post office.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) issued a "Code Grey" Oct. 18. Its aim is to "coordinate a safe and effective response when the facility experiences a loss of utilities," states a press release.

Its main phone line was working because

of "internal and external efforts." Calls were initially rerouted to a cell phone and then to the Minden hospital.

"I am pleased to say that due to the immediate and comprehensive response of our IT team and our leadership team, as well as collaboration with our community partners, we did not experience

any disruptions in patient care during the interruption in telephone services," said Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of HHHS.

There was a period when they were unsure if the ambulance patch phone at the Haliburton hospital was working. An ambulance was stationed there so staff could be informed of any incoming ambulances

via their radio system, explained Plummer. It stayed there until they knew the patch phone was working properly.

Community Support Services, a division of HHHS, reached out to its clients, seniors and people with disabilities during the disruption to ensure they were safe. The outage had minimal financial impact on the organization, said Plummer.

It didn't affect the Haliburton Highlands OPP, said Const. Dianna Dauphinee. The OPP can use social media to inform the public about issues that impact service delivery, she said.

Todd's Independent Grocer was unable to process debit and credit card transactions for four hours. Fortunately, they were able to reconnect after getting a wireless modem from their support team.

Store owner Steve Todd estimated a \$3-4,000 loss in revenue.

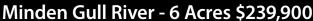
The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce didn't receive any calls from its members.

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Dysart construction projects on schedule

The baseball diamond wedged between the Dysart municipal office and A.J. LaRue Arena is undergoing a massive transformation. Radius Contracting Inc., a Vancouver-based company which won the bid in June to design and build a new skate park in Haliburton, began construction two weeks ago. Concrete was poured on a large portion of the skate park on Wednesday, and Robert Poyner of Radius expects the park to be complete in approximately three weeks. The cost of the park is \$210,000. Dysart's skate park committee has raised more than \$171,000. A few feet away, the municipality office is undergoing a major upgrade. Rodco Enterprises is building an addition to the main building, which according to Dysart's chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee, will cost the municipality \$800,000 plus tax. Rodcoe's project manager, Travis Baum, told The Highlander they're expecting Dysart staff to be moved in by February 2018. He also expects construction crews to begin framing next week. The warm weather has made work much more pleasant, he said. "It's been like summer, which has been great," he says. (Alex



the concrete. Left: Framing will begin shortly at the Dysart township office. Photos by Alex Coop.

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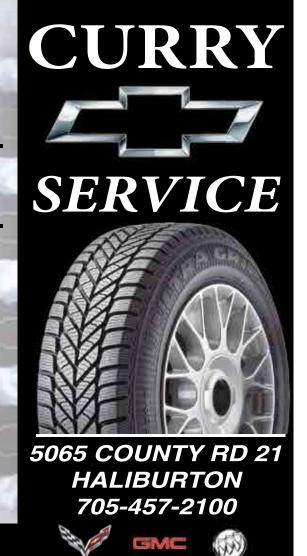
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Left to Right: Elizabeth Riddle (widow of Gordon Riddle), Bradley Robinson, Honorary Lieutenant-General Richard Rohmer, Dwight Thomas and Tim Waite of Haliburton County Paramedic Service. *Photo submitted by Tim Waite*.

Three county paramedics earn service medal

By Mark Arike

Three of the province's 109 paramedics who received an exemplary service medal this year are from Haliburton County. They are Bradley Robinson, Dwight Thomas and the late Gordon Riddle.

To be eligible, paramedics must complete 20 years of exemplary service, including at least a decade performing duties involving

potential risk, said Tim Waite, chief and director of Haliburton County Paramedic Service, in a report. The award can be awarded posthumously.

"It's an honour for Haliburton County Paramedic Service to have staff recognized for their dedication to pre-hospital patient care and receive the prestigious exemplary service medal," said Waite.

Robinson has 29 years of service under

his belt and is still a paramedic. Thomas, who is retired, served more than 35 years. Riddle was also a paramedic for more than 35 years.

The prestigious award is issued by the Governor General of Canada. Honorary Lieutenant-General Richard Rohmer recently handed them out during the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs' annual general meeting in Ottawa.

Funding application to cover only half of project

Questions remain over wood-fuelled heating for Haliburton

By Alex Coop

While consultants prepare an application for provincial funding that would cover half the cost of a wood-fuelled district energy system in Haliburton, Dysart councillors and its consultants are still unsure where the other half of the approximately \$5 million project will come from.

"We're still working on that," said Mike Rutter, an MSc engineer for Biothermic, one of the companies partnering with Dysart and TorchLight Bioresources Inc., a Canadian consulting and research company, to bring the system to Haliburton.

Rutter, Malcolm Cockwell, Haliburton Forest managing director and Jamie Stephen, managing director of TorchLight, presented council with an update Oct. 23.

Councillors gave consultants the green light Sept. 25 to gauge the downtown core's interest in the energy system.

Stephen said most of the business owners showed interest in the project, especially if it lowers heating bills.

The system will be able to heat multiple

buildings using underground pipes. A central energy centre will act as the heat source. An estimated 44 buildings will be included in the network and will require an energy output of 1.7 megawatts.

Stephen reiterated the project's capital cost will be extensive.

Piping will cost approximately \$1.4 million, while the transfer systems in each building that will connect to the network will cost approximately \$600,000.

The municipality will be asking the province to fund those two capital costs in the Ontario Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge Fund application.

Consultants are estimating the central energy centre and a chipping centre will cost approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.3 million, respectively. The central energy centre will be built somewhere in Haliburton, while the chipping centre will be located at Haliburton Forest. Neither will be covered by provincial funding.

"If you ask for 100 per cent funding, you lose 10 points out of 100," Stephen told councillors, referring to the application

process. "Your best chance to get the money is to ask for half the cost."

Deputy Reeve Andrea Roberts said there are still a lot of misconceptions among the public, referring to an encounter with someone who called the wood-fuelled concept archaic.

Stephen said he deals with that all the time, but emphasized no part of the proposal is experimental and that modern wood boilers are highly efficient and governed by strict government pollution controls.

Cockwell said he and his staff are excited about the possibilities.

"We are really looking forward to the opportunity to see our wood chips used locally," he said. "The logging crews are also very excited."

The fuel for the proposed system would come from wood chips produced by Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve's sawmill.

The deadline for the Ontario Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge Fund is Nov. 14.

County in brief Date set in murder trial

A Fenelon Falls man charged with killing Bowmanville resident David Palmer, will go on trial in a year.

A representative from Lindsay Court Services said William Savage's trial will begin Oct. 22, 2018. The time and location have yet to be determined. She confirmed that Savage is in custody.

Palmer, then 47, was last seen alive Oct. 2, 2015. His car was found 12 days later near Spruce Lake Trail. Investigators discovered his remains May 6, 2016 in that area. Nearly six months later, Savage was arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

The cause of death has not been released. (*Mark Arike*)

Bobcaygeon man still missing

A Bobcaygeon man, last seen in the Minden area nine months ago, is still missing.

Glen Swanton, 54 at the time of his disappearance, was last seen by family Jan. 16. Police found his abandoned car near the Burnt River in the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) the next day. A four-day search turned up nothing.

"Mr. Swanton has not been located," said Jackie Hildenbrand, community safety officer for the CKL on Monday. She said the investigation is ongoing.

Police didn't suspect foul play at the time of his disappearance.

Swanton is six-feet-tall and 210 pounds with short brown hair. He wears glasses and is clean shaven. He was wearing blue jeans, a black windbreaker and black winter boots. Anyone with information is urged to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. (*Mark Arike*)

AH hits minor snag with playground

A day after Algonquin Highlands council moved forward with plans to install a new playground in Stanhope Sept. 21, staff discovered the septic bed for the Stanhope Library lies beneath the existing playground.

That led to council directing staff to install a new septic for the library by Oct. 12 in order to have the playground installed in the same configuration as initially proposed. The decision was made during an Oct. 5 council meeting.

The current system is 42 years old, a report to council said. It was ordered and scheduled to be delivered and installed the week of Oct. 16 with a final completion deadline of Nov. 3.

Due to the high estimated cost of approximately \$12,000 and the fact that only one company was able to install the system by Oct. 12, council's resolution directed staff to use its Sole Source Procurement Purchasing Policy to purchase and install the new system. (*Alex Coop*)

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What's the plan for roads and bridges?

We've heard a lot about mandatory septic inspections and where all of that septage might go in the future. One municipal councillor, Dysart et al's Dennis Casey, said recently he thinks it will be an election issue.

And, while we've been focused on feces, another very large problem continues to plague our lower-tier municipalities.

The cost of simply maintaining our roads and bridges is starting to cripple Minden Hills, Dysart, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

The story is pretty simple. As our communities have grown, so has our road network. However, as is the case in most of rural and regional Ontario, old travel routes were simply made into roads long before the days of engineered roads. A lot of our roads are sitting not far off the Canadian Shield. With our climate, and a growing number of cars and trucks, they are getting badly beaten up. So, municipalities are struggling just to do the bare minimum, let alone any enhancements.

This is what people are talking about when you hear them mention the infrastructure gap in Ontario.

It means we would need about \$5 billion in this province every year for the next 10 years to get our roads and bridges up to the state of where they should be.

Minden Hills roads superintendent Travis Wilson gave us a glimpse into that world at the last committee of the whole meeting.

In short, Minden Hills needs millions of dollars – yes, millions of dollars – to get its roads and bridges into the shape they should be in.

Where is that money going to come from? How can ratepayers fund millions upon millions of dollars of road and bridge work?

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) thought they had the solution.

They reckoned that if Ontarians paid an extra percentage point on the HST, it would raise \$2.5 billion a year for local roads and bridges, arenas and other infrastructure.

To us, it seemed like a fairly reasonable, and simple, plan. Not to mention, better than seeing our property taxes raised by eight per cent a year to cover the shortfall.

AMO, which lobbies on behalf of hundreds of local governments, called on Premier Kathleen Wynne to increase the sales tax to 14 per cent from 13 per cent and launched a campaign. They said that based on their polling, they had the support of three-quarters of Ontarians.

But, Wynne's Liberals didn't bite. With an election less than a year away, they were likely afraid to raise taxes.

The plan was shot down almost as quickly as it was raised at the AMO conference in Ottawa this summer.

The Wynne government response? They already give municipalities \$4 billion a year, up from \$1.1 billion in 2003. Besides, they said, they're doubling gas tax revenues

to municipalities beginning in 2019 and have embarked on a \$190 billion, 13-year infrastructure program to build new public transit, hospitals, schools and more.

Hmm ...



By Lisa Gervais

We'd hope more money has come to municipalities since they have been hammered with downloaded provincial government services. And, we haven't heard about any new public transit, hospitals or schools slated for Haliburton County.

Once again, it looks like the provincial government's so-called solution to an Ontario-wide problem is city-centric.

Up here, when the roads are broken, we don't have the option of taking public transit. And, quite frankly, you know things are really broken when a rail trail has to be used for a vehicular traffic detour because a bridge is out on Ritchie Falls Road.

It would appear our premier is more worried about her party and the fate of her cabinet ministers seeking re-election next June than municipal leaders and the ratepayers they represent. Since dismissing AMO's one per cent solution out-of-hand in August, we're still waiting for her government's plan.

We'd like to hear it before returning to the polls in June.

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Read me

As you look at this opinion piece; you are reading. You are looking at grammar, spelling, topic and sentence structure and hopefully you will enjoy reading this. I love to read. I spend every free moment with my nose in a book. Every spare bit of change buying new novels to add to my ever growing library. I feel at home surrounded by rows upon rows of comics, literature, history books, biographies, prose and, of course, a good cookbook.

But this wasn't always the case. When I was younger, I refused to learn. It drove my parents and teachers mad. But I dug my heels in and decided that I could go through life ignoring the written word. That was until that fateful day, when I was about seven and had to use the loo. I saw the sign on the door of the public washroom but I scoffed at it, continuing my way into the stall to do my business. Upon leaving, I commented to my mom that there was a hole in the floor beside the toilet and there was no water in the bowl. My dear mother pointed at the 'Out of Order' sign that I had chosen to ignore and made me sound

every last syllable out until my face flushed with embarrassment. That day, I decided to learn to read. But reading doesn't come easily for everyone. Imagine that when you looked at this page all you saw was a bunch of unhelpful squiggles and lines. Many children and even adults have trouble reading. Learning disabilities such as dyslexia, ADHD and auditory processing disorder are the most common reasons why children struggle with this skill. If you know someone that's having literacy issues, give them a hand. Remember to keep things in perspective, do your research, clarify their goals, and stay positive. Be your child's strongest advocate, offer them new solutions and just listen to them. If your kid just needs to talk about what they are going through; sit and listen to them talk about what is bothering them. Maybe your child feels like they are all alone with their problems. Tell them what difficulties with learning you had or still have. Just remember to stand by them.

One of my biggest fears is Abibliophobia – the fear of running out of reading

material. But not this month! October is National Book Month. A whole month dedicated to reading and the love of literacy. It started



By Anabelle Craig

in 1950 to celebrate authors, readers and books and is observed by many bookworms across the US and Canada. Their motto is, "Fall into a Good Book", which as a lover of word plays and all things corny, I find their tag line quite punny.

So, this month visit your local library or bookstore and snuggle up with a good book. Each story transports you to a whole new world full of adventure, places to discover, amazing people and magical animals. And, since words are everywhere, you might as well learn to embrace them. From birthday cards to stop signs, to menus and magazines, to reading your mail or the directions on the frozen lasagna. They may even prevent you from peeing in a broken toilet.



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: How important is the internet to you?



Gord Winstanley

Carnarvon

I've still got an old flip phone. I'm not much into the computer.



Kim Roberts

Haliburton

Very. I think it's almost more important in a rural community to be able to have reliable internet access.



Kyla Paterson

Haliburton

I don't have a cell phone or anything, so all I use is Wi-Fi.



Laurie Wishart

Ancaster

It's essential. We do some business while we're up here and we have family that come up and do business.



Rob Taylor

Haliburton

Obviously, it's important. It's part of everybody's life now. It's almost a lifeline.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

World Stroke Day

Dear editor,

World Stroke Day is Sunday Oct. 29. This vear's theme is "What's Your Reason for Preventing Stroke." Stroke effects everyone – we all have a reason to prevent it. The effects of stroke on survivors can be devastating to a person's body, mobility and speech, as well as how they think and feel.

Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability globally. It can happen to anyone at any age, and impacts everyone: survivors, family and friends, workplaces and communities. From making individual changes, to advocating globally and locally for policies that will deliver healthier communities, we can all do something to prevent stroke.

Statistics show that globally there are \$17 million strokes, \$6.5 million deaths, and \$26 million survivors. One in six will experience stroke in our lifetime. Ninety per cent of strokes are linked to 10 risks we can do something about.

1. Control high blood pressure.

- 2. Do moderate exercises five times a week.
- 3. Eat a healthy, balanced diet (high in vegetables and fruit, low in sodium).
- 4. Reduce your cholesterol.
- 5. Maintain a healthy BMI or waist to hip
- 6. Stop smoking and avoid second-hand smoke.
- 7. Reduce alcohol intake (men: two/day, women: one/day).
- 8. Identify and treat atrial fibrillation.
- 9. Reduce your risk from diabetes, talk to your doctor.
- 10. Get educated about stroke.

We can all do something to prevent stroke. The Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group is raising the Stroke Recovery Canada/March of Dimes Canada flag at the Minden municipal office Friday, Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m. Join us to celebrate World Stroke Day.

Lois Rigney Chair: H.H. Stroke Support Group

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

The insects defy logic, still flying around in late October, like this butterfly. Photo by Jill Moulton.

The Outsider

Hunting in another guy's territory

What do you reckon happens when two strangers, two hunters no less, meet in the woods?

Both prowling through their territory, silently hunting that elusive quarry. Each hears a rustle, a twig snap and senses go into overdrive, and then bam, they meet face to face. Kind of awkward, eh?

I asked what you thought might happen because it happened to me, just last weekend, and the outcome was not what I expected.

Let me set the scene. It was the opening morning of the moose hunt and a kind neighbour of mine had granted me permission to take a wander through his back 40 in the hopes that I might stumble upon a moose both stupid enough and deaf enough to allow a club footed novice like me to get within firing range.

The air was crisp as the sun shrugged off the veil of dawn. I sucked in a deep breath of the fresh morning and smiled as, clad in blaze orange, I crunched somewhat less than silently through the fallen maple leaves, my gun slung over my shoulder.

There were lots of signs of wildlife, even discounting the almost constant chattering barrage of the squirrels. Deer tracks crisscrossed muddy spots in the track; raccoons had made hand-prints on the river bank; and a bear, who obviously eats the same smash of seeds and berries for his breakfast as my lovely wife, had left ample evidence in the form of a large poo. I even saw a healthy pie of moose nuggets and the odd old track or two. Nothing to get overly excited about but the day was going well.

Venturing off the beaten path, I struck out into the thicker forest and clawed my way up through spindly pines towards a rocky bluff. Just as I was nearing the top, scraping though the underbrush, I heard a rustle and saw movement out of the corner trotted nonchalantly off of my eye. A large grouse trotted out in front of me, not 10 yards away. I twitched. It saw me. It didn't fly, though, instead the bird did a swift U-turn and headed smartly over the bluff.

Mistake.

I heard a strange squawk and some rustling then silence. I scrambled up to look over the rock. Below, just yards from me was a lithe fellow dressed from head to toe in orange. I stared at him. He looked up at me, his beady black eyes piercing and wild. Both of us stood motionless for what seemed like an age.

My adversary, a shiny coated fox, with a paw pressed down on the grouse's head and a mouthful of feathers, held my gaze without fear, without blinking.

My heart pounded but I dared not move for fear of breaking the spell and it wasn't until he took the bird in his jaws and

down the hill that I let out my breath.

I had to sit down for a moment and process

what I'd just witnessed, what I'd just been part of. I'm sure on reflection that the fox had already been stalking the grouse but my bumbling entrance into the hunt had turned it back into his path and sealed its

I grinned the whole way back to the truck.

I hadn't seen any part of a moose, other than a couple more piles of those dry nuggets but I am claiming a successful hunt on the first morning of the moose season. My fellow orange-clad hunter and I, whom I guess is the real owner of that territory, bagged one.

He wasn't very into sharing our kill, though ...



By Will Jones



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TSW grilled over flood damage to local lakes

By Lisa Gervais

Long before spring flooding in Minden, Tim Currie said he knew his property was at risk.

The Gull Lake resident says the lake level wasn't nearly as low as it has been in past autumns.

In fact, the water level was only about a foot below his fixed dock. It's usually two to three feet below, he said.

"Last winter when the ice froze, I knew I was in trouble because there wasn't a lot of space between the dock and the ice. In the spring, the winds blow the ice around and this year was significant. The winds push the ice six to eight feet up the shoreline. The ice lifted my fixed dock (which is 60' x 12') 18 inches in the air. The ice broke metal supports and wood stringers. It cost me over \$1,000 to get temporary repairs and another \$3-4,000 in repairs at the end of the season," Currie told *The Highlander*.

"Lake life has changed and it's important that we feel confident in those who manage water levels and ultimately impact our valued investments," Currie said.

Former Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid says there are still more questions than answers when it comes to the Trent-Severn Waterway's (TSWs) role in the spring flooding, and what she perceives to be "inconsistency in water release planning."

Currie is her neighbour and she said he's not alone in terms of ice damage.

"The ice has never reached that height before. There were many reports of ice damage this spring on Gull Lake," she said.

Reid added, "these inconsistencies have been going on for years now and it's just not right for our politicians (local and federal) to hide behind the 'climate change' excuse."

In her opinion, rainfall events in April, 2013 and May, 2017 "were not that unique. What has changed is the lake levels in the fall ... they are too high and therefore there is limited capacity to



Tim Currie's dock was thrust a foot-and-a-half into the air last winter and spring. Photo submitted.

handle the spring melt."

She said Gull Lake hasn't frozen solid in the past two winters but has major cracks which are evidence of water level changes in winter. She said due to the inconsistent ice, there are fewer ice fishermen and she no longer walks on the lake in winter.

Jewel Cunningham, director Ontario waterways, said that "in October 2016, water levels on the lower Gull River Watershed (Gull Lake, Horseshoe Lake and Twelve Mile Lake) were at their normal winter set. As the fall continued, drought conditions resulted in low inflows, causing many residents and cottagers to experience issues with their water intakes. In response to this situation, flows were gradually

increased for a time and then reset to winter levels by the end of the year. A late February melt combined with rain resulted in high flows, increasing water levels underneath the ice, in turn raising the ice," she said.

She said that was followed by historically high precipitation leading to widespread flooding.

"Water levels and flows can and do fluctuate for a number of reasons and dam adjustments to re-balance water levels and flows may cause lakes to rise or drop while moving towards targets. It's a complex process that takes into consideration storage capacity of the lakes on the system, timing of fish spawning, requirements for flood mitigation, typical fall and winter precipitation levels, downstream typography including constrictions like narrow river beds or dams, and overall volumes and flow rates."

Cunningham said decisions are based on research, engineering, and experience and monitoring is continuous and in consultation with Environment Canada.

"Waterway staff must weigh the risks and requirements of many stakeholders to arrive at optimal levels. They must also take into account variables over which no control is possible such as topography and to allow for variations in climatic conditions (rain, snowfall, temperature, etc.) based upon records of trends, extremes and averages."



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Flood dumped sewage into Gull River

Private member's bill would eliminate gaps in information: Sayne

By Lisa Gervais

The Township of Minden Hills supports a private member's bill that would change the way residents find out about raw, or only partially-treated, sewage discharges and bypasses at the waste treatment plant.

Sometimes, particularly when there is a lot of rain, municipalities can't treat all or some raw sewage, before it is released into rivers and lakes, said Ivan Ingram, the municipalities' environmental and property operation manager.

He confirmed that 4,600-cubic metres of totally untreated sewage was bypassed this spring. One cubic metre equals about 230 gallons.

In a report to council, Ingram said the existing reporting protocol sees the township's contractor, the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), immediately call the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change's (MOECC) Spills Action Centre to report it. OCWA then notifies the health unit by phone. OCWA then provides the spills centre and health unit with a written report. It is then the health unit's responsibility to notify residents who may be affected, Ingram said.

Under the proposed bill, the MOECC becomes the lead agency when it comes to notifying the public.

Now, Deborah Johnston, manager of environmental health, said the health unit conducts a risk assessment to determine the threat to public health. It takes action based on the level of risk, including issuing boil water advisories and notifying affected residents, for example, issuing a media release or updating information to its website. She said they continue to work with the municipality after a spill or bypass.

"That was the case during this past spring's flooding (and resulting state of emergency) in Minden Hills when the health unit worked closely with municipal officials to educate residents about taking precautions/ protective measures during and after the flooding," she said.

When it comes to the bill, "we welcome any effort that increases awareness and transparency about environmental

hazards that may pose a risk to public health," Johnston said.

Under Bill 141, by MPP Sylvia Jones, Ingram said the municipality has to report how long and how much has been discharged and the reasons for it. The MOECC must post the information to a government website as soon as possible, but within 24 hours of being notified. The bill passed first reading on May 31, 2017, and is currently with committee.

"Basically, this will make the MOECC responsible for making the public aware

of any spills or bypasses that will have an impact for downstream water users," Ingram said. However, he said the township will still play a role, at the bare minimum posting to its

still play a role, at the bare minimum posting to its website. He said some municipalities have an app that can alert cell phone users quickly.

To date, he said, "the municipality is doing what it is mandated to do."
Reeve Brent
Devolin said they'd

have to talk to both the MOECC and the health unit about who does what and when.

Coun. Pam Sayne welcomed council backing the bill, saying there are now "obvious gaps in information" and

clarification is needed "so the public knows where to get information."

The Friends of the Gull River Watershed talked about the situation during post-flood public meetings in June.

A spokesman, Patrick Walshe, told *The Highlander*, "simply posting notifications on a website is a very passive means of alerting residents of sewage spills. This is 2017 – a combination of telephone, email, text messaging, newspaper and radio announcements and social media would allow instant, notification of a water alert to affected residents.

"It has been a concern to many of us that there has not been proactive outreach to those affected by sewage spills. It is an important issue for a community where affected water is in a confined area such as a river. It is highly unlikely that anyone in Minden takes water directly from the river or lakes, but people do use river water which is passed through their filtration systems to wash dishes, prepare food, etc. We have a right to know that water quality is being affected by sewage spills and when these spills are ameliorated. We would strongly support any initiative which creates awareness of sewage spills so that we can adjust our water usage accordingly."

Council received the report as information, supported the bill, and will write a letter to the minister of the environment to express support.

The spring discharge:

The township discharged intermittently from approximately April 6-May 20.

The 27 Orde St. pumping station bypassed for approximately one hour in total during the flood, the wastewater treatment plant for the entire dates.

When the bypass began, Minden Hills notified the Spills Action Center and then the health unit. Ingram said people on the Minden sewer system reported no infiltration of sewage into their homes.

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HALLOWEEN Safety Tips From The Minden Hills Fire Department

Choose safer alternatives for lighting, such as battery operated candles, flashlights and glow sticks, instead of candles for carved pumpkins and other Halloween decorations.

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Landfill, roads deficits strain Minden Hills budget

By Lisa Gervais

Landfills and roads have put unexpected pressures on Minden Hills' budget this year.

At a committee of the whole meeting Oct. 12, councillors were told about projected deficits of \$110,000 at the Scotch Line landfill and \$260,200 in the roads budget

The biggest surprise for Reeve Brent Devolin was a drop of \$66,451 in projected tipping fees at the landfill.

From August, 2016 to August, 2017, the fees have dropped from \$222,646 to \$156,195, Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager, told council.

"Tipping fees at the end of August are down by 50 per cent compared to the end of 2016," Ingram said.

Devolin said he was "perplexed," saying he goes to the landfill once a week and doesn't think there is less material.

Ingram responded, "I can't explain why." He said it might be because contractors are burning clean wood rather than bringing it to the landfill and that some contractors are taking loads south of Minden where tipping fees are cheaper. Building permits are down, too, he said, which means less construction waste.

With regards to the amount of material at the landfill, Ingram said it had accumulated over a period of five years so was deceptive. He added there was still four months for tipping fee revenues to climb.

"It's a crap shoot and you guesstimate, and it depends on the economy," he said.

Devolin said he would still like to see more data and Ingram asked what more the reeve wanted, saying he had already talked to the building department about the drop in permits. He added that council had raised fees, and another factor is that people are recycling more. Ingram reported recycling revenue is down 34 per cent, compared to the end of 2016,

His report cited that money had been lost due to dealing with flood waste material, that bulldozing costs are expected to exceed budget estimates by \$35,000 and that \$69,000 was unbudgeted for remedial work at Scotch Line neccessary following a provincial officer's cleanup order.

Meanwhile, roads superintendent Travis Wilson said in a written report to council that 2017 "has held many unpredicted costs and over expenditures in the roads department." He said one of the biggest impacts has been \$171,000 in flood costs.

Other unexpected expenditures included bridge work on Soyers Lake Road and Ritchie Falls, a failed Bobcaygeon Road culvert, emergency equipment repairs and unbudgeted costs for construction on Peck Street.

On a brighter note, CAO-treasurer, Lorrie Blanchard, said that for the first time since the new OPP billing formula came into effect in 2015, Minden Hills will have to pay about \$26,000 less than it did last year.

"I'll take it. It's not huge but it beats going in the other direction," she said.

County in brief

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More public Wi-Fi coming to Minden Hills

While people can already use free Wi-Fi at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, library, arena and community centre, there may be more coming to downtown Minden next

At an Oct. 12 committee of the whole meeting, County of Haliburton director of IT, Mike March discussed plans for a public Wi-Fi network for the Minden Hills administrative office and Bobcaygeon Road.

He recommended allotting 75 per cent of the existing 100 Mbps Bell fibre bandwidth for staff and 25 per cent for public. He suggested a trial period next summer that could be monitored by staff.

If it's determined more bandwidth is required, the township can look at other options, March said, including acquiring greater bandwidth.

Coun. Jeanne Anthon asked if that would mean Wi-Fi in downtown restaurants and March said although it was a case-by-case basis, the answer was yes.

Interim fire chief named

Mike Bekking has been appointed the interim fire Chief for the Township of Minden Hills.

Bekking replaces Doug Schell, who has left the municipality for a job with Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

He was formally appointed by bylaw at the Oct. 12 committee of the whole meeting.

Tenders awarded

Francis Thomas Contracting has won the tender to supply and install a nine foot Artic V-Plow to go onto the township's new, 2017 F 250 4x4, three-quarter-tonne pickup. The cost is \$9,094.81.

Council also awarded a tender for the exterior cleaning of the elevated water tower. Under a single source procurement, the work is going to Landmark Municipal Services, for just under \$17,000.

The roads department is getting a new loader to replace a 1987 Case Loader. The successful bidder is Nortrax Canada for a 2017 John Deere 544K-ll-HL. The quote also included a broom, plow and wing. The cost is just over \$172,000, to be referred to the 2018 budget.

Other tenders awarded included: providing telephone and internet services for the 2018 election to Intelivote Systems Inc., for approximately \$33,000 and giving Amer & Associates the job of preparing an economic development strategic plan at a price of approximately \$38,000. (Minden Hills briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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Highlander business

HCDC takes local approach to help businesses

By Mark Arike

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has a had a hand in the success of most businesses in Haliburton County.

"We deal with 250-300 clients," said outgoing board chair Andrew Hodgson during the organization's annual general meeting on Oct. 11 at the Pinestone Resort. "That's pretty much all of Haliburton when you stretch that over 32 years."

Since starting in 1985, the non-profit organization has dispersed nearly 2,000 loans to businesses totalling \$76 million. In the last year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017), 61 loans valued at about \$3.36 million were handed out. In terms of dollar value, that's a 25 per cent decrease from

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last year when 79 loans at \$3.6 million were issued.

Of the 95 loan applications, 61 were approved, three were declined and 12 were withdrawn. A total of 161 jobs were created or maintained with those loans.

HCDC is one of 61 rural Community Futures Development Corporations in Ontario. It receives funding from FedDev Ontario, an economic development agency of the federal government. It's one of the most active lenders in the province and has the largest investment fund of all 269 Community Futures Development Corporations in Canada, according to

Richard Wannan, a former bank manager who joined the team as a loans officer last February, has seen first-hand how HCDC is making a difference.

"I often bump into people I know and one of the first questions I hear is, 'How do you compare it to a bank?'" said Wannan. "Well, I start with a smile and then say, 'It has a real community focus.'"

He explained that HCDC is comprised of a board of directors, all of whom are local. Their focus is "community and economic sustainability." About a dozen members attend investment committee meetings to determine how the organization can help businesses

"They've committed over 360 hours of volunteer work in the past year to keep our community growing. That's something I never really saw in my previous role," he

Wannan finds it most rewarding to see the smiles on business owner's faces when they receive support.

Since its inception, \$2.9 million in loans have been written off. The loan loss rate is 3.88 per cent.

"Coming from the financial industry, that's remarkable for a bank let alone HCDC," he said.

The average loan is \$38,000. The service sector represents the most funded sector



Andrew Hodgson speaks at the Haliburton County Development Corporation's annual general meeting. This was his last meeting as chair of the board of directors. Former vice-chair Peter Fredricks is his successor. *Photo by Mark Arike*.

at \$29.4 million or 39 per cent of all loans since 1985. Retail is next at \$14.5 million or 18 per cent followed by construction and manufacturing, both of which sit around \$8 million or 11 per cent of the investment portfolio. Tourism is a close fourth at \$7.5 million

Since 2004, 73 loans at \$1.88 million were issued through the Access to Capital fund. The funds are for façade development, underutilized buildings and IT enhancements, said Wannan. With internet improvement projects underway by company North Frontenac Telephone Company, business can borrow funds at zero per cent if they incur costs to hook up to high-speed.

Through the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP), more than \$350,000 went toward business development and \$97,000

for community innovation. Administration costs were \$50,000. Between funds disbursed and leveraged, more than \$1.5 million was injected into the community.

"That's a big impact in this community," said assistant director Patti Tallman.

When it comes to helping non-profits, HCDC has the Local Initiatives Program. It's for direct capital or non-capital costs of a project. In the last year, 13 of the 15 applications were funded. A total of \$31,000 was disbursed with organizations leveraging another \$47,000.

In his remarks, Hodgson said HCDC is successful because it partners with businesses, government and non-profits to lend a hand. He expects the organization will continue to focus on jobs, economic growth, housing and internet connectivity in the coming year.





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Highlander arts



Left: High school students move to the sounds of percussion instruments. Right: Cree composer and conductor Andrew Balfour speaks to students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Photos by Mark Arike.

Students connect with Indigenous culture

By Mark Arike

Cree composer and conductor Andrew Balfour took local students on a creative journey of movement and sound, and gave them a glimpse into the dark history of Canada's Indigenous peoples.

Balfour, who hails from Winnipeg, brought percussion instruments and led outreach presentations at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Oct. 23. Students in grades 7-12 participated.

"It's an interactive music experience with some history," said Valerie Kuinka, general director of the Highlands Opera Studio (HOS). $\ddot{}$ "It's really how music is part of the Indigenous culture and how we share that."

In the summer, Balfour brought a semi-staged workshop performance of Mishaabooz's Realm to the HOS. His production combines opera with First Nations singers

and instrumentalists.

At the high school, drama and music students were split into two groups. He led them through exercises that included communicating by using sound and body language only. The goal was to build an "environmental soundscape," said Kuinka.

"What I want to do is put together the idea of an aboriginal identity with the form of opera," said Balfour. His educational program was developed in the last seven years through the National Arts Centre's "Music Alive" outreach program. It's accessible to students of all cultures.

HOS received financial support from the federal government to bring Balfour's production to Haliburton. Full performances of Mishaabooz's Realm will be shown at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Dec. 21





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Hospital auxiliary raises \$22,000

After a successful Taste of Germany event last year, which raised more than \$18,000, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary raised more than \$22,000, minus expenses, during its Taste of Canada fundraiser Oct. 21. The dinner featured food from across Canada, including cedar planked salmon, roast beef and maritime shrimp. Dessert Ontario apples and Haliburton maple syrup drizzle, made by auxiliary members, were offered after. Food was served by Haliburton's Heritage Ballet, and was followed by a live and silent auction. Money raised this past weekend will go towards the purchase of a complete blood count device (CBC), according to auxiliary past president, Tracey Lear. CBCs are used to evaluate overall health and detect a wide range of disorders, including anemia, infection and leukemia. The auxiliary was created in 1971 and has been able to purchase more than \$1.3 million worth of medical and non-medical items for the hospital. Pictured above: Guests browse the silent auction items. Photo submitted.



Celebrating volunteerism

More than a dozen booths filled the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School for the Haliburton Highlands Healthy Communities Volunteer and Family Wellness Fair Oct. 21. Visitors had the opportunity to talk to volunteer organizations and not-for-profits heavily involved in the community. There were also interactive activities, such as Taoist tai chi, a pound workout, yoga and line dancing. Brigitte Gebauer, co-ordinator of volunteer resources for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said the event was a good opportunity for HHHS, and other organizations, to highlight their various services and volunteer opportunities. "We need about 10 more drivers to help with programs like Meals on Wheels," she said, adding currently they have about 60 volunteer drivers. The event was made possible by the Municipality of Dysart et al, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services: Community Support Services, Canoe FM and the Haliburton and Kinmount Lions Club. Pictured above: Margee Shelly takes part in a pound workout led by Meghan Reid. Photos by Alex Coop.

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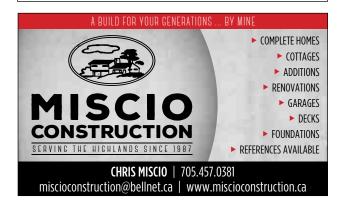
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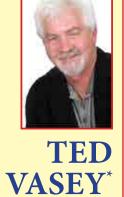
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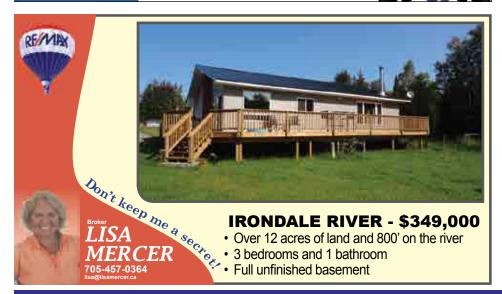
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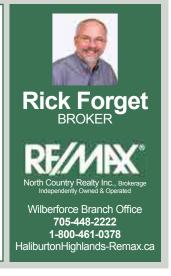
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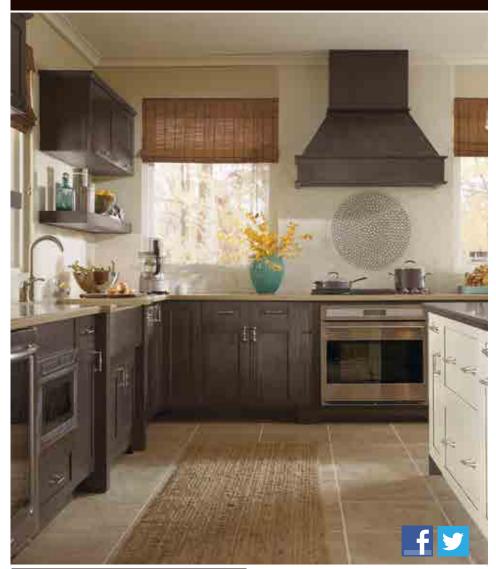
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Education and research still primary goals for land trust

By Alex Coop

After taking over as chair last year, Mary-Lou Gerstl says the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's focus moving forward continues to be the acquisition of properties and education.

"That's the road we want to stay on," Gerstl told *The Highlander* during the land trust's fundraising banquet Oct. 22.

The event raised more than \$8,000 and featured a silent auction and dinner.

Members of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA), who were at the banquet, said some of their objectives align themselves well with the land trust's.

Rita Moore, the CHA's Love Your Lake Project coordinator, and John McHardy, the project's community relations coordinator, said the organization has analyzed 72 lakes, more than 13,000 properties and 1,000 km of shoreline.

"The work being done there is very complementary with the land trust's objectives," said McHardy, adding the awareness around septic systems and healthy shorelines has grown significantly.

McHardy and Moore went on to accept Algonquin Highlands' 2017 HHLT Enviro-Hero award on behalf of the Love Your Lakes Program.

Gerstl also pointed to some of the land trust's projects involving species at risk,



Katy Krieger looks at some silent auction items. Photo by Alex Coop.

such as the Bat Project, which documents bat populations on its four nature reserves to understand how a specific fungus has impacted them.

The project is made possible by a \$104,000 grant from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

The Turtle Road Mortality Project, which wrapped up at the end of 2016, was hugely successful, she said, and members of the land trust are looking to maintain the barrier walls that are protecting turtles from the highway.

But like any not-for-profit, funding and staffing continue to be a challenge.

"We have one staff member paid for two days a week. We wish it could be five," she

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While the weather was summer-like, Abbey Gardens held its annual Fall Festival Oct. 21. The event included a large pumpkin patch, animals, live music, wagon rides, pony rides and outdoor games. There were also crafts for kids and several vendors.

Pictured above left: The Kegel family feeds chickens. Above right: From left, Truth and Grace Graham with their friend Mackie Schultz. Left: From left, Greg, Emmerson and Avery Walker. *Photos by Alex Coop.*



Highlander events





Celebrating 75 years of curling

The afternoon of Oct. 22 was a celebration of everyone who helped make the Haliburton Curling Club a place where people could build friendships and have fun, said the club's past president Rick Ashall. Many of those memories were shared through a video put together by Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate and future Humber College film student Rowan Tofflemire, which featured past and current club members. The event also featured several pieces of memorabilia on display, such as old photos and a classic curling uniform. Pictured left: Past and present curlers listen to opening statements at the anniversary event in Haliburton. Right: Club vice-president Kent Milford during the opening ceremonies. *Photos by Alex Coop*.





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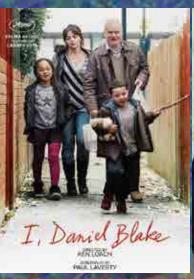
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Storm schedule October - November

Thursday, October 26 Atom Storm vs. Kawartha Covotes 6 p.m. Emily/Omemee

Friday, October 27 /Saturday, October 28 ATOM AE Millbrook Rep. Tournament **Atom Centre Hastings** Atom Tournment

Bantam Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 7 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Saturday, October 28 LL Bantam I Storm vs. South Muskoka Bears 2 11 a.m. Bracebridge

LL Atom II Storm vs. South Muskoka Fitzmaurice Noon Bracebridge

LL Peewee Storm vs. Huntsville HRC 12:40 p.m. CSC (Jack Bionda)

LL Atom 1 Storm vs. South Muskoka HRC 1 p.m. Bracebridge

Sunday, October 29 Peewee Millbrook Peewee rep. tournament/Atom AE Millbrook Atom Rep Tournament

LL Atom 1 Storm vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2 1 p.m. A.J. LaRue Arena

Tuesday, October 31 Midget Storm vs. Mariposa Lightning 8:30 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt Arena

Thursday, November 2 Peewee skills development 6:30-7:30 p.m. Keith Tallman Arena

Ice Devils 7:30 p.m. SSJ Arena

Friday, November 3 Midget Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 9 p.m. Elmvale

Saturday, November 4 LL Peewee Storm vs. Huntsville Cottage Country 10:10 a.m. CSC (Don Lough)

LL Atom I Storm vs. Huntsville McDonalds 10:40 a.m. CSC (Jack Bionda)

LL Atom II Storm vs. South Muskoka Cottage Country Dent 11 a.m. A. J. LaRue Arena

Peewee Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 11 a.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Atom Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 2 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Atom AE Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 4:10 p.m. SSJ Arena

LL Bantam 1 Storm vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 4:15 p.m. BOCC

LL Bantam II at Parry Sound Shamrocks 2 5:15 p.m. BOCC

Sunday, November 5 Atom AE Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 10:30 a.m. Burks Falls

Atom Storm vs. Lindsay Muskies 11:30 a.m. Lindsay Recreation Centre

Midget Storm vs. Almaguin LL Peewee Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 2 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

> Peewee Storm vs. Brock Township Wild 3:30 p.m. Beaverton

Thursday, November 9 Atom AE Storm vs. Lindsay Muskies AE 6 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Friday, November 10 Atoms - Georgian Shores Fall Classic

Bantam Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 7 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Midget Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 8:30 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Saturday, November 11 Peewee Storm vs. Brock Township Wild 11 a.m. A.J. LaRue arena

LL Atom II vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 11 a.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

LL Atom 1 vs. Huntsville Hidden Valley Resort 11 a.m. Baysville

LL Peewee Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils Noon Burks Falls

Atom AE Storm vs. Huntsville Otters AE 12:30 p.m. A.J. LaRue

LL Bantam 1 vs. South Muskoka Muskoka Highlands 1 p.m. Bracebridge

Sunday, November 12 Atoms - Georgian Shores Fall Classic

Peewee Storm vs. **Huntsville Otters** 12:30 p.m. A.J. LaRue arena

LL Atom I vs Huntsville McDonalds 2 p.m. A.J. LaRue arena.

L.L. Bantam II Storm vs. South Muskoka Bears 2 2:30 p.m. Gravenhurst

Midget Storm vs. Brock Township Wild 6:30 p.m. Beaverton

Monday, November 13 Midget Storm vs. Sturgeon Lake Thunder 8:30 p.m. Bobcaygeon

Tuesday, November 14 Bantam Storm vs. Mariposa Lightning 7 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Thursday, November 16 Atom AE vs. Muskoka Rock 6 p.m. Port Carling

Friday, November 17 Bantam Storm vs. Brock Township Wild 8 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Saturday, November 18 Peewee Storm vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 11 a.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

LL Bantam I Storm vs. LL Bantam II Storm 11 a.m. Keith Tallman Arena.

Atom Storm vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

LL Atom I Storm vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 1 2:15 p.m. BOCC

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Bantam Storm vs. Durham

Crusaders 8 p.m. IPSC Sunday, November 19

Atom AE Storm vs. Muskoka Rock Noon Port Carling

Tuesday, November 21 Midget Storm vs. Kawartha Coyotes 8:30 p.m. A.J. LaRue arena

Wednesday, November 22 Peewee Storm vs. Kawartha Coyotes 6:30 p.m. Emily/Omemee

Friday, November 24 Bantam Storm vs. **Huntsville Otters** 7 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Midget Storm vs. Brock Township Wild 8:30 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Saturday, November 25 Peewees - Brighton Peewee tournament LL Atom I vs. South Muskoka Fitzmaurice 11 a.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

LL Atom II Storm vs. Huntsville Hidden Valley Resort 11:40 a.m. CSC (Jack Bionda)

Atom AE vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 12:30 p.m. A.J. LaRue

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LL Atom II Storm vs. Parry Midget Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 2:50 p.m. SSJ Arena

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Bantam Storm vs. Kawartha Coyotes 3:30 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena

Atom AE Storm vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 3:30 p.m. A.J. LaRue arena

LL Bantam I Storm vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2 4:15 p.m. BOCC

Sunday, November 26 Atom Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 3:30 p.m. Elmvale

Atom AE Storm vs. Huntsville Otters AE 3:40 p.m. CSC (Jack Bionda)

Peewee Storm vs. Elmvale Coyotes 4:40 p.m. Elmvale

Tuesday, November 28 Atom Storm vs. Woodville Hurricanes 7 p.m. Woodville/Eldon

Bantam Storm vs. Sturgeon Lake Thunder 7 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt arena

Midget Storm vs. Woodville Hurricanes 8:30 p.m. S.G. Nesbitt Memorial arena

Thursday, November 30 Bantam Storm vs. Kawartha Coyotes 7:30 p.m. Ops





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Highland Storm





The Atom A's won the Matt Duchene fall classic. Submitted.

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The Highland Storm hosted the Matt Duchene fall classic at the A.J. LaRue arena this past weekend.

They came out strong, winning all three of their Saturday games.

The first was against the amazing goaltending of the West Nipissing Sting but they were able to snatch a 2-1 win. Addison Carr and Colby Coumbs scored the goals.

The second was against the Bancroft Jets. This game was tied 1-1 until the last four minutes of the third when there was a flurry of scoring. Carr netted two, followed by a goal by the Jets.

Then, Carr scored again followed by Joshua Scheffee. With 25 seconds left, the

Jets answered back, but the Storm held on for a 5-3 win.

In the third game, the Storm dominated the Lindsay Muskies' AE team with a 9-1 win. Goals scored by Carr, Cheyenne Degeer, Mak Prentice, Brechin Johnston and Coumbs.

The three wins put the team into the semifinals Sunday, Oct. 22.

First, they faced the Deep River Knights and won 14-0. Goals scored by Johnston, Austin Latanville, Degeer, Beckam Reynolds, and Carr. Aaron Neave got the shut-out.

The final was against the Bancroft Jets. The first period was all Storm. The first goal was scored by Johnston, who picked up a rebound from a Degeer shot.

The second goal was scored by Carr, after a stellar pass from Kadin Card. The third goal was an awesome goal by Johnston,

who took the puck from his blue line all the way to the back of the net. But, the Jets came back with only 25 seconds left in the period and it was 3-1 going into the second.

The Storm continued to dominate with Carr scoring his second goal and Johnston his hat trick. It was 5-1 with a period left.

Carr scored his hat trick goal early in the period but the Jets still had some fight.

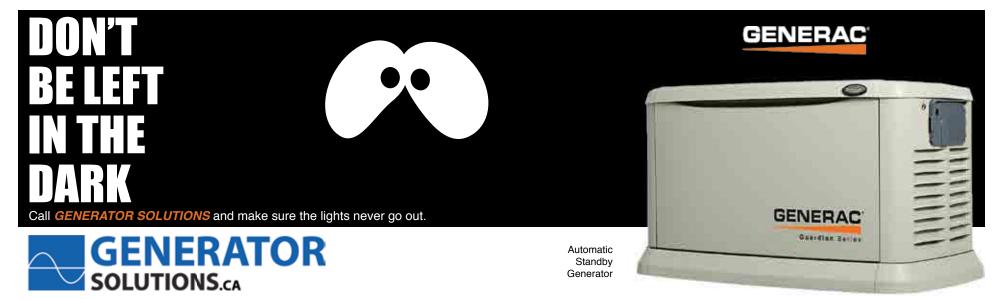
They scored three goals and pulled their goalie with two minutes left. It was a nail bitter until the buzzer blew but the Storm held on for a 6-4 victory and an A final win.

The Atom A's next travel to Omemee Oct. 26 to face the Kawartha Coyotes at 6 p.m.

and travel to Marmora to play in the North Hasting Tournament Oct. 28. (Submitted by Amber Card).

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Highland Storm





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Aaron Neave #33 Atom A



Goalie

Aaron had to be on full alert as the Jets pressed in the final period and late in the game. He shut the door and steered the team to the A championship.

Brechin Johnston #9 Atom A



Stats

Goals **Assists**

Brechin was feeling it in the final game as he kept the Bancroft goalie guessing and scored a hat trick to help the Storm win the A championship.

Addison Carr #6 Atom A



Stats

Goals

Assists

Addison was lightning quick once again as he blew by the Jets and netted a hat trick to help secure the A championship for the storm.

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

The Storm hosted the Matt Duchene fall classic in Minden this weekend.

The Peewees first took on the Ajax Knights. The Knights scored two in the first to put them ahead 2-0 going into the second.

The Knights kept the pressure on and netted two more goals, but with a second left, Kyan Hall scored from behind the net, assisted by Cooper Coles to put the Storm on the board. Starting the third period with momentum, Austin Boylan scored on a rush, unassisted, cutting the Ajax lead in half. On the power play, Ajax managed to score another to put them ahead by three.

With the Storm battling back, Coles scored, assisted by Hall, to cut the lead to two again. However, the Knights were determined to take control of the game and scored two more, taking it 7-3.

The Storm then faced the Essa Eagles. Both teams put out feelers and there was a lot of back-and-forth action, but the game remained scoreless going into the second. The Storm came out with a vengeance in the second

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Storm reports continued

period, and Hall scored, assisted by Avery Degeer. The Eagles came right back less than a minute later to tie it. Then, on a chip in by Gage Hutchinson, Hall picked up the puck and buried it to put the Storm back ahead by

The Storm held the lead through late in the third, but the Eagles managed to tie it. The Storm gave everything they had, hitting posts and crossbars trying to get the win, but the final buzzer sounded at 2-2. Great effort between the pipes by Taylor Consack. The Storm went on to face the Tweed Hawks in their final game of the day. The Hawks were on the board first and kept the lead going into the second. Both teams battled with Storm goalie Damon Harriss making save after save to try to keep his team in the game.

The Hawks kept their lead going into the third. The Storm gave all they had to try to tie it. With a shot from the point, Hall buried the rebound, assisted by Degeer.

With the Hawks putting on the pressure, they scored a goal to put them ahead 2-1. The Storm tried everything they could, pulling the goalie to try to tie the game to advance to Sunday, but the Hawks netted an empty netter to win 3-1.

The Peewees head to Millbrook Oct. 28 to play in the Millbrook tournament. (Submitted by Ron Hall).







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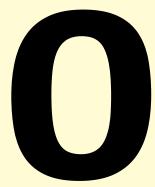
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gooderham United Church, 10744 County Rd 503, Gooderham on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A Service to Celebrate Frank's Life will be held at the Gooderham United Church on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Interment at Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham. Reception to follow at the Robert McCausland Community Centre, 1043 Community Centre Road, Gooderham.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would

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EVENTS

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(Resident of Minden, Ontario)

At Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Wednesday October 11, 2017 in her 74th year. Beloved wife of the late Ronald

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Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

Description of Lands

Roll No. 46 01 601 000 01600 0000; PIN 39235-0116(LT); Part Lot 15 Concession 2 Monmouth as in MO2012; Highlands East. File No. 16-03

Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,296.61

Roll No. 46 01 601 000 31800 0000; PINS 39234-0276(LT) & 39234-0283(LT); Part Lot 9 Concession 9 Monmouth as in H272751 south of shore road allowance along south shore of McCue Creek and north of shore road allowance along north shore of Mccue Creek; Highlands East. File No. 16-05 Minimum Tender Amount: \$5.343.04

Roll No. 46 01 901 000 05400 0000; PIN 39270-0217(LT); Part Lot 1 Concession 1 Glamorgan as in H257254; T/W H61579; T/W H257254; Highlands East. File No.16-08

Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,962.68

Roll No. 46 01 901 000 13300 0000; PIN 39270-0314(LT); Part Lot 4 Concession 1 Glamorgan as in H147203; Highlands Fast. File No. 16-09

Minimum Tender Amount: \$9,049.09

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

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NOTICE

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KBM Resources Group of Thunder Bay, Ontario has been retained by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to conduct an Independent Forest Audit, consistent with the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, on the management of the Bancroft-Minden Forest. The purpose of this audit is to assess forest management activities with the Bancroft-Minden Forest during the six-year audit period from **April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2017.** Specifically:

- Compliance with the Crown Forest Sustainability Act and associated Forest Management Planning Process;
- A comparison of planned versus actual forest
 management activities:
- management activities;
 The effectiveness of forest management in meeting
- objectives set out in the forest management plan;
- The effectiveness of previous audit action plans;Compliance with the terms and conditions of the
- Sustainable Forest Licence.

You are invited to comment on forest operations on the Bancroft-Minden Forest. Please visit www.kbm.ca to complete a public audit survey or mail comments directly to the contact listed below.

For more information, please contact:

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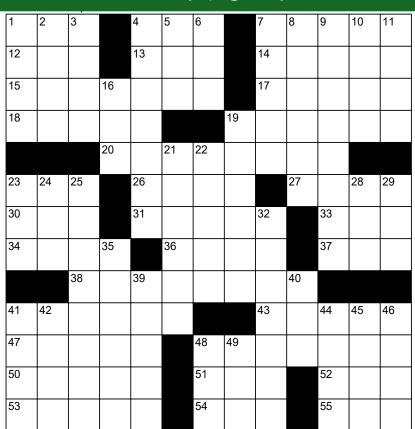
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- 13. Computer key
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- 17. Witness box
- 18. Hurricane
- 19. Responds
- 20. Tape cartridge
- 23. Health farm
- 26. Twofold
- 27. She, in Bordeaux
- 30. Sedan or coupe
- 31. Computer key

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- 36. ____ Carvey of "Wayne's World"
- 37. Harbor boat
- 38. Second largest ocean
- 41. Marilyn
- 43. Honorable
- 47. Desert haven
- 48. View
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- 51. Sadness
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- 1. Spoils
- 2. Blue-pencil
- 3. Presidential "no"
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- 6. List ender (abbr.)
- 7. Beginning
- 8. Spin
- 9. Wrist ornament
- 10. Fails to exist
- 11. Turner and Williams
- 16. Rainbow shape
- 19. Give in
- 21. Ice-cream treat
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- 23. Physics, e.g. (abbr.)
- 24. Average
- 25. Little Rock's state
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- 29. Manchester's country (abbr.)
- 32. Mount ____ (Seattle view)
- 35. Zebra marking
- 39. Misplaces
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What's on

Pin the tail on a werewolf this Halloween

By Lisa Gervais

Five days of Halloween fun kicks off in Minden Oct. 27 and runs right through to Oct. 31 with the annual trick or treat ritual.

The Township of Minden Hills is again hosting its Friday night family Halloween party at the Minden Hills Community Centre from 7-9 p.m.

Elisha Weiss, the community development coordinator, said admission is by cash donation only (no canned food), to be put towards future family events. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

"Once families get into the party, they can choose to dance until their hearts are content or if they are looking for something that involves a little less energy, they can wander over to the BINGO activity (new this year), craft/activity table or they can participate in the family activity station, which is different every year and is focused on the family completing a challenge as a unit," Weiss said.

She said this year's rendition is a pin the tail on the donkey activity, but instead of a donkey it's a werewolf and before families are given the tail, they have to find and answer, 10 different scrambled words that are hidden around the centre.

The family that has their tail closest to the werewolf will win a prize pack (family day pass to the Wolf Centre at Haliburton Forest, a children's book on a forest, and a board game of Animal-opoly), all donated. The costume contest is also back. The categories are best dressed (nine years and under), and 10-13 years, with a prize of one-hour of free ice rental at the Minden arena, and gift cards to local restaurants. There's also a best family costume category, which has a cash prize of \$50 and gift certificates to a local restaurant.

There'll be door prizes and spotlight prizes throughout the night "so lots of chances for people to walk away with something," Weiss said. The prizes have been donated by the township and local businesses.

Haliburton's the place to be Saturday, Oct. 28. Organizer Amy Brohm said they've modified the Zombie Walk to include more people, and are calling it the Haliburton Halloween Parade and Zombie Walk. They'll meet at noon at the parking lot of the Dysart municipal office, then walk down to Head Lake Park.

"All ages and all costumes are invited and welcome to come," Brohm said.

"We will have some prizes and hand those out at Head Lake Park. Sue Black will emcee along with Mark Arike, who will perform *Thriller*. We will also have some fun things for kids – like a fortune teller and a mystery tent."

It's a free event, but they are asking people to bring a donation for the Haliburton Food Bank.

The Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village hosts The Legend of Sleepy Minden



The lego character showed up to last year's family Halloween party at the Minden Hills Community Centre. *File photo*.

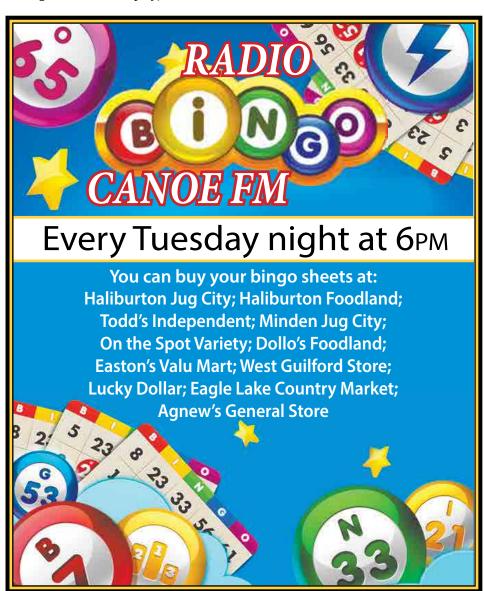
Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m.

"We are having staff and volunteers in costume and around the village," said Ruth O'Connell. Costumed visitors can get candy at the Bowron house and are encouraged to find one of the staff on the museum grounds. Staff will have prizes which they are handing out to those who find them. "I'm hoping the night is a lot of fun for both staff and volunteers and visitors alike."

Meanwhile, Cathy Barnett said they'll have Terror on Wonderland Road (1280 Wonderland Rd.) again this year, but it won't be as elaborate as 2016. She said they

are hoping to have it ready for Saturday, Oct. 28 and definitely for Halloween night, Oct. 31.

"We're doing a scaled back version. We're going to do what we can this week to put something out there so we don't disappoint and get some donations for the food bank (non-perishable items to fill a boat). Then, we'll get a better plan for next year. We've got thousands of dollars of stuff that has been bought to do this over the years. Our intention is to go back to what it was but we need to get some structure in place," she said.





What's on

NOVEMBER 2017 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday October 26

7 p.m. – Adult Art Class at Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden. How to make art using mixed media transfer. Call 705-286-3763

Friday October 27

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Lunch at the Coboconk Legion – Shepherd's Pie or Liver & Onions. \$9.

1 – 4 p.m. – Country Music Jam at the Coboconk Legion. Open mic and local talent. Food bank donations would be appreciated.

7 p.m. – Highlands Little Theatre invites you to the Haliburton Museum to see "Cut" by Canadian author, Lyle Victor Albert. Two musical acts, tickets \$15, contact Kate at the museum to get yours 705-457-2760.

7 – 9 p.m. - Family Halloween Party at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Games, prizes for best individual and family costumes, refreshments, music and dancing! Admission by donation, all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298

Saturday October 28

10 a.m. – 2 p.m – Household Hazardous Waste Day, at Tory Hill landfill site, for Highlands East ratepayers. Please present your valid Waste Disposal Card to the attendant. Contact 613-339-2442 if you have any questions.

Sunday October 29

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton, \$2/

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Public Shinny at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton, \$2/ person.

1 p.m. – Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library , 12th Annual Gala and Silent Auction, at Pinestone Resort. 1 p.m. Silent Auction & refreshments, 2 p.m. Author Jennifer Robson presentation. Tickets \$25 at Master's Book Store in Haliburton or the Book Nook of the Minden library branch or contact Brenda 705-457-2695.

2 p.m. – Highlands Little Theatre invites you to the Haliburton Museum to see "Cut" by Canadian author, Lyle Victor Albert. Two musical acts, tickets \$15, 705-457-2760.

Tuesday October 31

6 – 8 p.m. – Trick or Treating at Hyland Crest & Highland Wood Long Term Care! When you're out on Halloween night, don't forget to stop by and see our residents! They love to see the kids dressed up and give out amazing treats! Hhhs.ca

Saturday November 4

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Parklane Christmas Sale, 1 Victoria St. Bake table, crafts, books, trash & treasures, sandwiches, tea and coffee, and much more!

Accepting donations of "woolies" to be given to the 4C's Chrstmas giveouts.

Tables available for vendors, call 705-457-2617.

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Motorized Snow Vehicle Operator's Course, for people aged 12 and up. See hcsa.ca/drivertraining/ for details.

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Spirits and Splatters, paint party at Haliburton Highlands Brewing, 1067 Garden Gate Dr. \$45 per person. Join us for painting, pals and pints! spiritsandsplatters.com/event/paint-party-haliburton-highland-brewery

Tuesday November 7

10 – 11 a.m. Coffee & Colouring, at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month!

5 p.m and 6:30 p.m. – Hunters' Turkey Dinner, in two sittings, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. Tickets available at Church Thrift Shop 705-286-2541, Pharmasave and Organic Times. \$20/ adults, \$12/kids aged 5-12.

Wednesday November 8

10:30 a-m – 12:30 p.m. – HKPR Health Unit, Sexual Health Clinic, providing clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing, testing & treatment of STD's, and sexual health teaching. For more info, or to make an appointment call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Family-Friendly Flu Shot clinics, HKPR District Health Unit office, 191 Highland St., Unit 301, Haliburton, for families with children under age five. To book an appointment call 1-866-888-4577, ext 1507.

Wednesday November 15 6 p.m. – Haliburton Highlands

Genealogy Group, meeting at the Lions Hall, Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. At 7 p.m. two short films on Railway Days in Haliburton County. Everyone welcome, no charge. Call Gail 705-286-286-2225 for more info.

Saturday November 18

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Snowflake Bazaar, hosted by Haliburton Legion Ladies' Auxiliary. Crafts, bake table, lunch counter and so much more!

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Therapeutic Touch Level 3 (learn or refresh). For more information contact Susan Keith, RN/TTRT 705-457-3981 or email ch.concepts@sympatico.ca.

5:30 p.m. – "HoeDown for Health", a fundraiser event from the Minden HealthCare Auxiliary, to help purchase equipment and other needs. Join us at the Minden Community Centre – 5:30 social, 6:30 dinner and auction. Music by The Highlands Trio, sponsored by the Minden Rotary Club. Tickets \$40, call Mary 705-286-6676.

Tuesday November 21

10 – 11 a.m. Coffee & Colouring, at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month!

Wednesday November 22

9:30 a.m. – Noon – National Housing Day Presents: How's Your Housing? Come out to the City of Kawartha Lakes & Haliburton County's Housing Day Event, hosting speakers from local agencies discussing innovative solutions to local housing issues. Coboconk Community Centre, 9 Grandy Rd. For more info: see cklhpoverty.ca/events, jknot@knfht.ca, 705-887-3535 ext 33

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Friday November 24

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Poinsettia Lunch & Sale, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. Admission by donation.

Saturday November 25 7:30 p.m. Highlands Christmas Shindig, at Northern Lights Performing

Minden Santa Claus Parade!

Sunday November 26

Arts Pavilion.

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Christmas Artisan Market, at S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden. Free admission.

4 – 8 p.m. – Dorset Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Dinner, at Dorset Recreation Centre, pavilion, and fire hall. 4 p.m. – Decorate the tree at the pavilion, 4:30 p.m. at the fire hall – tree lighting, bonfire and carols, 5:30 social time at the rec centre, 6 p.m. dinner.

Wednesday November 29

7 – 8 p.m. – 100 Women Who Care fall meeting, at the Dominion Hotel, Minden. We meet for one hour three times a year and raise money for local charities in the county. Come see how we do it!

Friday December 1

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. Bucket draw, bake sale, Santa squares, 50/50 tickets. Admission \$5 (snow date Dec 2).

Satuday December 2

2 p.m. – The Nutcracker, presented by Heritage Ballet, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Over 80 performers from age 3 and up will perform this Christmas classic.

7 p.m. – The Nutcracker, presented by Heritage Ballet, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Over 80 performers from age 3 and up will perform this Christmas classic.

Sunday December 3

2 p.m. – The Nutcracker, presented by Heritage Ballet, at Northem Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Over 80 performers from age 3 and up will perform this Christmas classic.

Tuesday December 5

10 – 11 a.m. Coffee & Colouring, at the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month!

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1 p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC. Friday cribbage 1 p.m. start and fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion. com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Oct. 27, our Poppy Campaign starts, with canvassing on Friday, Oct. 27, Saturday, Oct. 28, Friday, Nov. 3, Saturday, Nov. 4, and Nov. 10. Sign-up board at the branch. Also, Oct. 27, Linda & Fred with our special "Scaryoke" from 7:30-11 p.m.. Get your costume on and come and sing the spirits away. On Oct. 28, the Highlands Trio at 4 p.m. Food available and no cover charge. Everyone is welcome. Our restaurant raffle draw this month is for the Bonnie View Inn. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Don't forget our raffle for hand hooked rug.

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

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Oct. 27 Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. and jam session 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 27 Poppy campaign starts. Sign-up sheets at the legion. Please call the legion or drop by and sign up. Bob Elliot, Poppy chair, 705-448-2221.

Oct. 28 Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp Oct. 28 Halloween dance 9 p.m. - close. \$5/ cover charge. Money given back in prizes. Cash prizes for the best costume. Everyone welcome. DJ Marilyn & Len.

Oct. 30 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome. Nov. 1 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

We are in dire need of volunteers for many different things we have going on. If anyone is interested in helping our beautiful legion, please call the legion 705-448-2221 and sign up today.

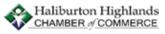


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Blessings on your day, and many thanks!

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