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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... Laurie Carmount, curator of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, and Elisha Weiss, community development coordinator, prepare for the Festival of Trees which runs Nov. 24-26. Meanwhile, the Haliburton and Minden Santa Claus parades will be held this weekend. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

\$200K in funding for green tech start-ups

By Alex Coop and Lisa Gervais

Two emerging county businesses received a massive financial boost Tuesday afternoon.

Representatives from Northumberland Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC), Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) and the Government of Canada announced a \$100,000 investment in Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve's biochar project and another \$100,000 for Minden's Quantum Passivhaus Nov. 21.

Andy Campbell, executive director of the HCDC, told Wendy Curtis, executive director of the Northumberland CFDC, "we would like to thank you for your support for a couple of projects we've got underway in Haliburton County."

Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest, wants to see the company's subsidiary, Haliburton Forest Biochar (HFB), reach a commercial scale.

The \$100,000 investment will help, he said during a brief press conference

Tuesday afternoon.

"We still have a long way to go, but we're doing things that no one else is doing," said Cockwell at HFB's headquarters on Kennaway Road. "And we're doing these things right here, in Haliburton."

HFB uses the waste from low quality timber collected from the Forest's saw mill and turns it into biochar, which can enhance plant growth or sequester carbon.

The \$100,000 investment is part of a total project cost of about \$671,000.

In Minden, Quantum Passivhaus is a house design and build company, composed of both passive house-certified builders and planners. It provides smart homes and properties that meet current lifestyle needs. The grant will help create the Minden Passive House Centre, at 8 Peck St., which will comprise a manufacturing facility, showroom and training centre.

Chip Robinson, one of the principals, said during a short press conference Tuesday

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Police, EMS and firefighters responded to the construction site of Minden's new fire hall on Tuesday afternoon. Two workers were sent to hospital after roof trusses collapsed.
Photo by Guenter Horst.

Ministry investigates roof truss collapse at fire hall

By Mark Arike

Two construction workers were sent to hospital Tuesday afternoon after roof trusses collapsed at the site of Minden's new fire hall. One of the men was airlifted to a Toronto-area hospital with a critical injury, according to Janet Deline, spokesperson for the Ministry of Labour.

"It was reported that a crew of workers were installing trusses when the trusses fell to the ground causing a worker to fall as well," Deline told *The Highlander*.

The incident happened around 1:30 p.m., according to OPP Const. Jackie Hildenbrand. Emergency services and the OPP responded.

Although their names haven't been released, one of the workers is a 29-year-old resident of Bracebridge. The other is 33 years old and from Burlington, Hildenbrand confirmed.

Their employer is Greystone Project Management Inc., a Huntsville-based company. The ministry is currently investigating the incident and has issued one requirement to the company to ensure the scene isn't disturbed, said Deline.

In an interview on Wednesday, Pat Dube, owner of Greystone, said that wind gusts caused the trusses to fall.

"The day started and winds were calm, but after lunch gusts had picked up," said Dube. "That happened as we were mid-course in erecting long-stand trusses. The system, once fully erected, is a stable structure. But, in the meantime, it's vulnerable to wind. They toppled over and that's what caused our carpenter to fall to the ground."

He said the man who was airlifted suffered a broken arm and hip.

"He's getting surgery today. We spoke to him yesterday evening and he was in good spirits," said Dube.

Dube said all safety procedures were in place and that his employees are certified to work at heights.

He expected the ministry was going to release the site by noon yesterday and that it would be active later in the day.

This is the second incident of its kind to happen to the company. In June of last year, winds were also blamed for knocking over trusses at a condominium development on Newcastle Street. But no one was injured.

"While trusses are being installed with wind, they are vulnerable. These are the only two incidents in our company's history," he said.

The township hired Greystone last year to build the hall, located off Highway 35. It's expected to cost \$2 million.

Partridge to lead county council family

The county will have a new warden in the very near future.

Suzanne Partridge, the deputy mayor and Ward 2 councillor for Highlands East, will take over from outgoing warden Brent Devolin.

She declined to comment on her pending acclamation at the Nov. 22 County Council meeting but said she would speak out at the Dec. 12 swearing-in ceremony.

In a report to council, CAO and county clerk Mike Rutter said nominations

closed Nov. 15.

"The clerk's office received only one qualified nomination form from Councillor Suzanne Partridge. Therefore, the acclamation and swearing in of the Warden-elect will occur on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. in the council chambers," a report from Rutter said.

They are still looking for a deputy-warden. Interested councillors can make their pitch Dec. 13 with a January vote to follow if needed. (Lisa Gervais)

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Municipalities claim victory in Bill 148 fight

By Mark Arike

Local politicians breathed a great sigh of relief after finding out that municipalities won't have to spend as much money as anticipated because of Bill 148.

After receiving input from the province's 444 municipalities, the Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Municipal Affairs announced they planned to amend the bill, also known as the *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*, to ensure volunteer firefighters are exempt from on-call provisions. This also applies to municipal workers, who provide utility and snow removal services.

Prior to the decision, municipalities in Haliburton County projected increases to their budgets ranging from tens of thousands of dollars to more than \$1 million.

"We appear to have dodged a bullet, and that's the good news," said Brent Devolin, county warden and mayor of Minden

Hills. "Obviously, this change is the most substantial since the bill was tabled."

In Minden Hills, additional costs were pegged at \$820,000. The majority of that was for wages and benefits.

"Seventy-five per cent of it was to deal with snowplowing and fire," he said. "To have three-quarters of it not being dropped on our heads ... we're obviously very happy."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt called it a "massive relief to small, rural communities."

"We appreciate not only those who spoke on our behalf but also those who listened," said Moffatt.

Someone didn't do their homework in exploring the full outcomes of the bill.

Carol Moffatt
Mayor, Algonquin Highlands

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario requested changes to the bill.

But Moffatt wants to know how such "potentially devastating financial impacts got as far as they did in the discussion."

She believes "someone didn't do their homework in exploring the full outcomes of the bill."



Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt says the province didn't do its homework on the draft of Bill 148. *File photo.*

Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Dysart Mayor Murray Fearrey were also happy to hear the news.

"I'm glad they came to their senses," said Fearrey. "That would have been a terrible burden to rural Ontario."

"It means a lot," said Burton. "We were a bit concerned when it first came out."

The bill, which includes a minimum wage increase and other changes, has now been passed into law.

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Highlander news

College students and faculty busy catching up

By Mark Arike

Students and faculty returned to class at Fleming College's Haliburton campus on Tuesday, two days after the provincial government stepped in to end the longest college strike in Ontario's history.

While they are grateful to be back, some are concerned about how the rest of the semester will unfold.

"I'm worried because our program is already condensed and now it's even more condensed," said Olivia Lee, a student in the 15-week fibre arts certificate program. "It's super inconvenient."

Classmate Natasha Herbacko used one word to describe how she's feeling: stressed.

"The rolling ball has been stopped," said Herbacko, who explained that as a student one loses the momentum and energy they began with in September. She returned home to Courtice during the five-week long strike.

Visual and Creative Arts Diploma (VCAD) program student Taylor Craig said he feels "very short-changed" by the strike.

"It was a time for some real cultural progress and it was sort of stunted by some factors I'm not completely in the loop about," said Craig, who's from Oshawa. "I'm disappointed, almost offended."

He said he will try to stick it out and see how the next two weeks go.

"The pace is already ridiculous in a normal program ... I might not be able to



Part-time instructor Suzi Dwor, left, with students in the fibre arts certificate program on Tuesday morning. Photo by Mark Arike.

keep up."

For VCAD and Integrated Design diploma program students, the fall semester will go until Dec. 22 and break until Jan. 1 for Christmas holidays. Classes resume Jan. 2 and will finish Jan. 8. The winter semester will start Jan. 15 and classes will go for an extra week, until April 27. A winter break will occur a week later, from March 5-9.

The semester will be extended a week to Dec. 22 for fall certificate students, according to a post on the college's Facebook page. They have the option to return in May to make up missed courses.

"We will not further compress your accelerated courses and provide an option for you to graduate before spring convocation," the post goes on to say.

On Tuesday, Sandra Dupret, principal and dean of the campus, was available to answer students' questions during the lunch hour.

"So far, it's been great," said Dupret, speaking about the first day back in an interview. "There's students in the building, faculty are back. People are getting settled in, trying to readjust to the semester changes that are happening."

Students who decide to quit are eligible for a full refund, if they apply within two weeks. The government has also established a \$500 "hardship" aid to help full-time domestic and international students who incurred unexpected costs.

Drew Van Parys, Fleming's executive director of marketing and advancement, couldn't confirm if any students have withdrawn at this time.

"We won't have an exact number until [Dec. 5]," he said.

For more further updates, visit flemingcollege.ca/return.

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Green just got greener

Forestry was Haliburton's main economy back in the day. There are still people working in the industry, but it's not at the scale it once was.

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve's new biochar facility is a perfect example of a modern twist on an old industry.

The production of biochar uses the waste of low quality timber collected from the Forest's saw mill. Using high temperature burning without oxygen, it's converted to biochar. Biochar can be sold and used in a number of ways. One is mixing biochar into soil to increase plant growth and sequester carbon.

They're working on a plant on Kennaway Road. The project is valued at \$671,000, and it's anticipated it will create up to 20 jobs.

It doesn't get much greener than that. Or does it?

If you're wondering what's going on at the former Carquest in downtown Minden, it's a business called Quantum Passivhaus. They design and build houses. They have passive house-certified builders and planners who provide smart houses and properties that meet current lifestyle needs.

They're building a centre that will include

a manufacturing plant, showroom and training centre.

Work on that project is well underway. It's pegged at a \$350,000 investment. It will create a minimum of six jobs. Principal Chip Robinson said they're currently working on four projects and that number is just going to climb.

Which brings us to this week's news.

The federal government, through its community futures development program, formally announced \$200,000 in grants. Both local projects are getting \$100,000 each.

In the case of the biochar plant, that's about one-seventh of their costs. In the case of the Minden project, that's about one-quarter.

Everyone knows that start-up businesses face challenges – and those challenges can be exceedingly expensive, and sometimes, deal breakers – so this federal influx is huge.

But, the larger picture is what Haliburton County's economy is going to look like in future. We have gone from forestry to a heavy reliance on tourism. And, while tourism is a very good thing, the problem is Haliburton County is still considered to be one of the poorest counties in Ontario. So,

tourism is not the sole answer.

The answer is a diversified economy.

Projects such as the one on Kennaway Road and the one on Peck Street in Minden



By Lisa Gervais

are excellent examples of the types of industries the county should go after. And, what we really like about these are they are home-grown. The Forest has a long and storied history here. As for Quantum Passivhaus, the Xerris are a Minden mainstay. Both have a vested interest in seeing their fledgling businesses grow. They want to make a livelihood from it, but more importantly, create jobs for their friends and neighbours.

Even better, both are so-called "green" initiatives. They are aimed at making the county more environmentally-friendly. They have a long-term goal of sustainability – both for themselves and the planet.

So, we applaud the federal government decision to grant both businesses a good chunk of our, taxpayer-funded, money.

Building for the future?

So, Minden Hills is progressing with what we could consider the major rebuild of the S.G. Nesbitt arena, affectionately known as Plan B which clocks in at around \$6.5 million. Plan A was cheaper but relatively meaningless considering the state of the building which would be akin to using a donut to stop a waterfall and Plan C which evidently costs too much (fair argument). First off, seeing as this is a democracy, somebody is not going to be happy and somebody is. Those who wanted the pool are out of luck as are those who want (ed) a running track. However, if you wanted a gymnasium you must obviously be a happy camper.

What strikes me most about the plans and the subsequent results is that I don't think what we're going to end up with is a realistic long-term solution to what's needed in Minden Hills. I don't think it adequately reflects what's needed in a changing county and a changing world for that matter. Take the demographic statistics quoted in the actual study, specifically the mean age of the area which is 53.5 compared to the provincial average at 40.4. What is this telling us? For one, we have an older than average population in the county and it's only going to trend older, simply because older adults are retiring to communities like

ours and the long-term plans of the arena should reflect that. Every effort should be made or have been made to accommodate some sort of walking track. You only need to go to a mall in the city to see how these are being readily utilized. Seems only natural that something could be done to make this a reality in the new building.

The flipside to that age demographic stat is the implied fact that young families are simply not a major part of this area but ironically by not providing something to attract families in the future (indoor play centre?) you're certainly not helping the cause in creating more growth. The basic premise here is that in order to have long-term growth in problem areas you've got to look towards long-term solutions. Build it and they will (hopefully) come.

For me the most disheartening aspect of the "long-term" plan is the fact it attacks the current dilemma with decidedly current thinking. To cut to the chase, where is pursuit or at least the exploration towards alternative energy sources that could help mitigate the costs of running the facility? Was solar-power even entertained as an option? My guess is probably not and if so, it didn't take simply because of the assumed costs involved which always seems to be a perfunctory (and dated) answer. Thing is, by

initiating something in alternative energy for the facility you're taking a genuinely long-term view.

We all know costs aren't going to go down long-term but chipping away with anything as an alternative says a lot about where you're heading. Having an expandable energy creation system that could be augmented at assigned phases in the future leaves the door wide open for technological breakthroughs as they become more commonplace (and cheaper). The cheaper and better the technology in the future, the more this alternative energy goes from stemming the tide to wholeheartedly beating back costs. Adding this kind of real alternative says a lot about the kind of forward thinking you have in your community. It's symbolic.

Sure, the current plans will meet most of the current needs, and yes, of those in the near future as well but are we truly projecting a smart vision for the next 30 years for both the building and for the community? I guess time will tell.



By Charlie Teljeur



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What's your biggest challenge once winter arrives?



Kathleen Perecko

Haliburton

Getting out of bed.



Karen Foien

Haliburton

Just getting out of the laneway.



Crystal Bennett-Foiey

Haliburton

It's the mental/emotional aspect of the season. I love winter, but so many people don't, so it's tough hearing people hate it so much.



Brad Bradamore

Haliburton

I have an 800 ft laneway. Getting out of there is tough sometimes.



Judie MacDuff

Haliburton

The icy roads.

Photos and interviews by Alex Coop

A county shout-out over climate change

Dear editor,

The only way to make the most recent climate science special report good news is to shout about it. Yet another report was released Nov. 3, 2017. Its scientific conclusion, that we're living in the warmest period in modern history, is not news. That the emissions of greenhouse gases and human choices are the major cause of the exceptional changes in surface, atmospheric, and oceanic temperatures; that there's melting glaciers; diminishing snow cover; shrinking sea ice; rising sea levels; ocean acidification; and increasing atmospheric water vapour is not, in this communication age. I'd venture to say we no longer need to be convinced. I venture our local news reporters and council members accept climate change is real. I'm grateful and commend them for the environmental committees and actions

taken to date. I'd venture to say enough of us believe we have an urgent problem and have accepted survival as we know it is at risk. So what would be new news? It will be news when our community organizations, service groups, councils, and newspapers lead us to ask ourselves this. How can we not be putting everything we can into preventative and preparatory measures? It will be news when climate change is at the top of our agendas and its own column. If there's one thing this county has historically and rightly applauds itself for, it's seeing a problem, organizing, fundraising, and creating solutions. This then is a shout-out to this county or as we like to say, My Haliburton Highlands. It's time to make our bio-region's environment a priority.

Carol Kilby
Algonquin Highlands

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Zach Lock of Lock Tree Service gets pine blocks ready to burn as they are unsuitable for use. The photo was taken near Little Trading Bay, or as the locals call it, Johnny Cake Bay. It was also taken as a storm was rolling in. Photo submitted by Kyal Smith.

Being a bit dopey

Doh! Or, rather Doe! I guess.

What a stench.

I was warned. "You only need a tiny amount to get those bucks going; it really stinks." These were the wise words of Norm at Outdoors Plus. But, now, all he'd done was tempt me. Not waiting to be outside, in the fresh air, where a nasty niff or small spillage would not matter, I'd opened the small bottle of whitetail buck attractant and accidentally spilled a good slug of it on the carpet in my office. Holy moly did it stink, and stink a stink like no other. I gagged a couple of times and ran for cover, fingers squeezed tightly over nostrils: the only saving grace being that my office is a small room situated off the rear of the garage, and so from the house my lovely wife could not smell my mistake.

Otherwise known as #1 Doe-P, this foul

smelling concoction is sold in hunting stores, and unless you are quite dopey you may already have guessed that it is made to smell just like doe pee. All I can say is that those lady deer sure do have stinky pee. And the bucks ... why any self-respecting male would want to venture within a mile of a woman that could create an aroma like that I do not know!

But you can't smell it, can you? I, on the other hand, am now sitting in my office some six hours later, trying not to wretch as I pen this missive. The smell, while somewhat dissipated, still lingers rather heavily. And, as I sit submersed in it, I realize that the stench is something akin to one I've smelled before. And, now that know I've nailed down just where I've caught whiff of it previously, it is perhaps even more disgusting. You see, a few

months ago, I was working on a renovation and found what I can only describe as a mouse graveyard. It was a hole in a wall into which many mice had been lured by some unknown aroma – maybe doe pee – and then fallen into a trap never to get out and slowly to die and rot. The putrid remains, which we had to shovel out, hummed terribly. Even with face masks clamped tightly on, we struggled to clear the vile rodent carnage and the smell of the death of a million mice has lingered with me, figuratively, until today when it was writ large upon my nasal passages once again.

Oh, how this smell makes me want to vomit. Oh, how I struggle to write to you at the moment. It is only the Vicks VapoRub that I have smeared under my nose that allows me to continue.

But more to the point, why does synthetic doe pee smell like a hundred rotting mouse carcasses?

And, perhaps even more pressing is the matter of my mental stability. Why, oh why, am I torturing myself like this, all in the name of hunting deer? Is this a sign? An olfactory bolt from the blue, telling me that I am a fool to pursue such a noble but barbaric act, me being a stupid Englishman and all. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't, but my lovely wife has made it very clear that if my new buck attractant ever sets foot within the house I'll never be able to hunt again for multiple reasons, at least one being that she'll break every finger on my trigger hand!



By Will Jones

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Antenna to be built on Paudash Lake property

By Mark Arike

A solar company will install a nearly 200-foot-tall communications antenna in Highlands East to keep its power projects running smoothly.

In September, Peterborough Solar Projects Corporation mailed notices to 48 landowners within 500 metres of a private property off Highway 28 near Paudash Lake to let them know about their proposal. The antenna will ensure the company's 12 solar projects safely connect to Hydro One's distribution grid.

"We are currently developing a portfolio of 15 solar projects, 12 of which require transfer trip protection controls with Hydro One," said Paul Ernsting, generation project manager, in an email. Two of the projects, including the antenna, are in the municipality.

In 2016-17, they investigated leasing copper and fibre optic lines but determined those options weren't feasible.

"Fibre optic lines were not available in all areas," said Ernsting in a letter to the only respondent. "Due to the geographic spread of these projects, leased copper lines were also not a feasible solution. As a result, wireless communication was the only economical feasible option to connect the 12 projects."

The tower will have a maximum footprint of 25 square metres and will be set back 250 metres from the highway, according to a document. Its base will be enclosed by a



Jessie Lane, left, and Paul Ernsting recently provided Highlands East council with an update on a solar communications antenna that will be built on a private property in Paudash Lake. Photo by Mark Arike.

chain-link fence.

"The antenna is set well back from the highway to limit its visibility as much as possible. It is not expected that the antenna will have an impact on the surrounding property values," said Ernsting.

The company has received approvals from Transport Canada and NAV Canada, the country's civil air navigation service, for the antenna installation.

All the projects are proceeding to construction and notifications are being

provided to the municipality, he told *The Highlander*.

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Woman charged with impaired driving

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP charged a 28-year-old woman with impaired driving after she failed a roadside screening test.

In addition to her impaired driving charges, Alexandra George of Dysart was also charged with failing to notify a change of address-license and driving a vehicle without a validated permit, according to a press release.

Police charged George Nov. 9 after responding to a single-motor vehicle collision on Haliburton Lake Road just north of Highway 118.

A grey coloured Acura was heading southbound on Haliburton Lake Road when the driver left the roadway and struck a rock cut, according to police. The driver did not sustain any injuries.

George is scheduled to appear in



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the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Jan. 3, 2018. Her driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle she was driving was impounded for seven days.

Police charge man after traffic stop

An 88-year-old man from Highlands East was charged with driving while under suspension Nov. 6 after Bancroft Ontario Provincial Police responded to a call on Loop Road.

Police responded to the call in the morning, according to a press release. Officers observed the man driving his car on the highway without a license plate. The name of the accused was not released by police. He was eventually released on a summons to appear at the Ontario court of Justice in Bancroft on Dec. 5, 2017.

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"No more need for paper immunization records, as ICON is a secure, online tool that parents and guardians can access anytime," said Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease control, epidemiology and evaluation for the local health unit. "ICON allows parents and guardians to view, print or update their children's immunization records. The system also provides notification when a child requires new vaccines."

To access the system, which is available at hkpr.icon.ehealthontario.ca, an Ontario immunization ID and PIN number are required. To get this information, residents can call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 1507. (Mark Arike)



Clients read to their children at the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre. *File photo.*

Pregnancy centre gets \$10K

By Lisa Gervais

More young women facing an unplanned pregnancy will get the guidance and support they need to thrive as parents and build healthy families thanks to a \$10,000 donation from the Jericho Foundation.

Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre executive-director Julie Goodwin said the foundation is a private funding source based in Markham.

She said the money means the centre can now accommodate more young mothers in its Home With A Heart Program.

Launched in 2015, it helps women learn more about things such as meal preparation, budgeting, time management and organizing a healthy and vibrant home.

"The centre is deeply grateful to the directors of The Jericho Foundation for their tremendously kind gift," Goodwin said in a media release. "Each year, more than 30 young mothers struggling with a range of needs associated with unplanned pregnancies seek our help. By expanding our Home With A Heart Program through this gift, we can now provide support to more young mothers annually who

formerly faced the uncertainty of an unplanned pregnancy, with the skills, training and confidence they need to create a happy and thriving life for themselves and their families."

Founded in 2005, the centre is the only 100% donor-supported service of its kind in Haliburton County which, according to Goodwin, offers warm and understanding support to women. She said staff and volunteers give emotional and practical help to approximately 50 unique clients in a safe, caring and non-judgmental environment.

The clients complete an average of 400 client visits at the centre per year. The money from The Jericho Foundation will be used to obtain equipment and resources to build the capacity of Home With A Heart, such as computers and training software and major appliances for the centre's newly-constructed simulated kitchen.

"Ultimately, The Jericho Foundation's investment enhances the Centre's ability to familiarize these clients thoroughly with the tasks and knowledge they need to thrive as parents and build healthy families," Goodwin said.

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Take Notice that the Budget Standing Committee, comprised of all members of Council, will meet on Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the first draft of the 2018 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk.

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Meeting & Events

Nov 30 - 9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Dec 14 - 9:00 am, combined COTW/Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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Highlander news

Ryerson finally gets his picnic shelter

By Lisa Gervais

Rebecca Neave is looking forward to the annual Ryerson Memorial Ball Tournament in Minden since the newly-built picnic shelter will be named in honour of the little boy she gave birth to on May 23, 2009.

And, while Ryerson only lived until July 12 of that year, his legacy will live on at the ball diamonds in the village.

On Nov. 9, Minden Hills council passed a motion to name it 'The Ryerson Memorial Shelter.' It's been a long time coming. Years, in fact.

"But, finally, it's there," Neave told *The Highlander* in an interview.

Director of community services, Mark Coleman, said the project was completed this past summer and was funded in part by donations at the 2012 ball tournament, and held by the township until the project was finally completed.

In memory of Ryerson, and in recognition of the community fundraising efforts, a facility sign has been produced, he said.

Coleman said staff and Coun. Lisa Schell, who has championed it, will be organizing a date and time in the near future for a small dedication and naming ceremony.

The funds raised by the community and held in deferred revenue totaled \$2,242.90. The value of the completed project totalled \$25,260.90.

Neave joked the tournament seems to be cursed with rain every year, so it will be nice to have the shelter in place in 2018, and it will mean a lot to see Ryerson's name on it.

It is another stage of closure on a difficult 50-day period of her life.

She says 10 days after bringing Ryerson home from hospital, he wouldn't eat, she had trouble waking him and, as she would later learn, he was having seizures. One night, dad Spencer Bacon took him to Minden Hospital. Ryerson was having a seizure and was sent to Peterborough and then to Kingston for a lengthy hospital stay.



Mark Coleman, director of community services, Rebecca Neave, mother of Ryerson, and Amanda Rowden, who organizes a ball tournament in the young boy's memory, stand in front of the new Ryerson Memorial Shelter. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

On July 9, his condition took a turn for the worse and he had to be transferred to the CHEO in Ottawa.

"A couple of hours after Spencer and I got to the hospital, the doctor met with us and told us everything and we knew that our little guy wasn't going to get better, so we had to make the decision of what to do. Ryerson got put on life support on my birthday, July 10 and Spencer and I made the decision to take him off of life support on July 12. I held him in my arms while Spencer was beside me."

During those hospital stays, Amanda Rowden picked up the phone and called Neave and the next day told her they were organizing a baseball game to help out with costs.

"It was just such a hard time and hit the community so profoundly," Rowden said. "Just being a mom, I guess it just broke my heart." She said growing up in a small town, she was taught that you reach out and help in whatever way you can. That ball game turned into an annual tournament that attracts 16-18 teams with raffles, home-run

derby's and prizes.

Rowden said she doesn't do it alone, with husband Justin and friends Craig and Tammy Smith a huge support, not to mention the teams that take part.

Last year, after a lot of hard work and challenges, she said they were blessed with a double rainbow over the ball diamond. It felt like Ryerson.

"It's so nice," she added of the upcoming picnic shelter dedication.

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Highlander news

MPP Laurie Scott's sexual assault training bill gains support in house

By Mark Arike

Judges and justices of the peace will have to complete sexual assault training if local MPP Laurie Scott's private member's bill becomes law.

On Nov. 16, Bill 120, named the Mandatory Sexual Assault Law Training for Judicial Officers Act, received full support in the legislature and passed its second reading. It went to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy and will return to the legislature for a final vote.

"With so many recent stories of judges making insensitive comments while presiding over sexual assault cases, there is a clear and urgent need for this training for sitting judges," said Scott in a press release. "Requiring that all judges are properly

trained to handle sexual assault cases will actually go a long way towards strengthening Ontarians' trust in our judicial system."

The bill has been endorsed by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario and clinical traumatologist Dr. Jacqui Linder.

Scott is the women's issues critic for the Progressive Conservative party. She has been outspoken about human trafficking and introduced Bill 148, the Saving the Girl Next Door Act, in 2016. It passed second reading in February of that year and was referred to the standing committee. In the summer, she earned an award from the Boost Child and Youth Advocacy Centre for her commitment to the issue.



MPP Laurie Scott.

Highlands East to scale back Canada Day party

Highlands East will once again spread Canada Day festivities across the municipality in 2018, but on a slightly smaller scale.

On Nov. 15, council approved a federal grant application to Celebrate Canada and a \$5,000 investment from the municipality.

"The general consensus of opinion was we should do it again," said Coun. Cecil Ryall.

Last July 1, during Canada's 150th birthday, celebrations were held in Cardiff, Wilberforce, Highland Grove, Tory Hill and Gooderham. Representatives from each hamlet have agreed to host celebrations "in a similar style," according to Joanne Vanier, community economic development and committee coordinator.

"A passport system will be continued, but some of the frills associated with the 150th year will be eliminated," said Vanier.

Visitors in 2017 had a chance to win a prize by getting a passport stamped at each location they went to.

Canada Day in 2018 takes place on a Sunday. (Mark Arike)

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Chamber looks to tackle workforce gap

By Alex Coop

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is looking to create a workforce development tool to help encourage small to medium-sized businesses to establish themselves in the county.

The idea was presented to Dysart council Nov. 20 and County Council Nov. 22 by chamber manager Autumn Smith.

“Our community does a good job of engaging the population we do have and making it attractive for them to live here, but not a lot is being done to attract the population needed for economic development,” Smith told councillors.

In addition to a shrinking labour workforce in the 25-44 age category, businesses are having a hard time attracting new workers in the Highlands, said Smith, and there aren’t enough young people entering the labour force.

According to data collected by the chamber, cooks, retail managers and salespeople are going to be the top three

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6421 Retail salespersons	291	306	42	57	3
3012 Registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses	212	232	32	52	4

According to data collected by the chamber, cooks, retail managers and salespeople are going to be the top three jobs with the highest demand in the next five years with 71, 66 and 57 positions needing to be filled. *Data from chamber presentation.*

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Registered nurses and psychiatric nurses came in fourth place with a demand of 52 positions.

One part of the workforce development tool will be a video that will showcase the “wide range of industries in the Haliburton Highlands,” said Smith.

An early cut of the video was shown to council Monday.

The video will also be accompanied by other educational tools that will encourage small business to set up shop here.

Deputy-mayor Andrea Roberts said a lot of this information should also be delivered to students in school.

Smith agreed. “We realize there’s a disconnect among students when it comes

to what’s available for them here,” she said, adding the chamber is working closely with the high school to strengthen its relationship with them.

The total cost of the project is \$10,000. Smith said the chamber is approaching all townships for funding. An application to the province’s Rural Economic Development Program is also being put together.

Green projects to have impact further than local area

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afternoon that, “we are really grateful for the support from the government of Canada. Starting something like this is not for the feint of heart ... it’s a bit of a roller coaster. And, we had some additional challenges built in like the flood and all the things that you go through as a start-up.”

He said the grant has already helped them to purchase equipment and upgrade electricals to run that equipment at the \$350,000 centre. He said the support is helpful “because frankly I’m not sure we would have done it without it ... it just helps us get over that start-up hump and get through.”

The investments come from the Eastern Ontario Development Program’s Collaborative Economic Development

Projects’ funding stream.

Curtis said she was very intrigued by HFB’s ongoing development of green technology.

“This project has so much potential to grow,” she said, adding it could one day create up to 20 jobs.

In Minden, Curtis said every year funds are set aside for projects “that have the propensity to have a greater, broader, regional impact ... further than just the local CDC area.”

She said Quantum Passivhaus qualified for a number of reasons, including business expansion, manufacturing, job creation (they plan to hire at least six people), innovation and green technology.

Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, also



A \$100,000 grant is officially announced at Quantum Passivhaus’ centre in downtown Minden Tuesday. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

released a statement about the two projects.

“We are proud to support projects with companies like Haliburton Forest Biochar Ltd. as they commercialize green technology, expand their facilities and create jobs for Canadians,” said the

statement.

About the Minden project, he added, “I’m proud to see this company growing to provide innovative clean building solutions to area residents with this investment and support from the CFDC’s.”



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Highlander arts

Romeo and Juliet hit stage for summer festival



Artistic producer Scot Denton, left, lifts the curtain on the 2018 Highlands Summer Festival season at a gathering Sunday at McKeck's Tap and Grill. Photo submitted by Lorne Campbell.

By Mark Arike

The Highlands Summer Festival has big plans for its 19th season.

"I am truly excited with the five productions we are presenting this coming summer," said artistic producer Scot Denton, who revealed the 2018 lineup at McKecks Tap and Grill last Sunday. "I am certainly looking forward to this season and hope our audience finds it equally entertaining and enriching. There is something for everyone in each of the productions."

The theatre company will open its season July 2 with William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, a timeless romantic tragedy. There will be a total of eight performances at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

"The production will be particularly attractive to the young people in our

community, both in on-stage roles and as audience members," said Denton, who will direct it.

Cliffhanger, a thriller by James Yaffe, will hit the stage July 16 and continue until July 24. Playwright A.R. Gurney's *The Dining Room* will open July 30 and go until Aug. 8. *Not Quite Sherlock*, a one-man show by Chris Gibbs, runs July 11-13. And finally, CBC radio host Tom Allen returns July 25-27 for *Weimar to Vaudeville*, a historical musical revue. Allen will bring his band of musicians with him. Two years ago, Allen performed in *The Judgement of Paris*, also one of his productions.

This season, evening shows will start at 7:30 p.m. More 2 p.m. matinees have been added on Fridays and Sundays, said festival president Jack Brezina.

For more information about each play or to buy season tickets, visit highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.



Outlaws, Lovers and Heroes

The Highlands Chamber Orchestra presented 'Outlaws, Lovers and Heroes,' a performance of pop culture classics from assorted movies and television shows, such as *Batman*. Music director Daniel Manley conducted the performances, which were held at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Nov. 18. Vocalist Beth Kipping also made an appearance halfway through and performed a Morricone song from 'Once Upon a Time in the West' and Barbara Streisand's 'Evergreen' from 'A Star is Born'. The Highlands Chamber Orchestra is a group of more than 40 musicians based in Haliburton.

Above left: Members of the orchestra play the cellos. Above right: The strings and wind instruments take over near the end of a performance. Left: Music director Daniel Manley discusses the history of the music. Photos by Alex Coop.

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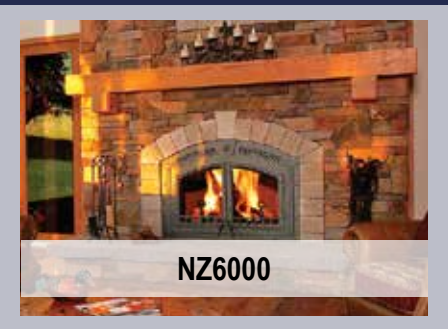
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McKecks operating partners Karen Frybort and Aaron Walker, left, hand over a cheque to HCSA president Dave Lloyd, secretary Tom Nicholson and vice-president Craig Bowker. Photo by Mark Arike.

Restaurant donates \$1,500 to sledders

By Mark Arike

Since snowmobilers are a boon to business at McKecks Tap and Grill during the winter months, its ownership has decided to give back to the organization that contributes to the tourism activity. On Nov. 21, operating partners Karen Frybort and Aaron Walker gave a \$1,500 cheque to representatives of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA).

"We wanted to do something to prepare for the sledders," said Frybort. "Without them, we're closed."

The HCSA is a member of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), a non-profit organization that is the coordinating body for organized snowmobiling in the province. The HCSA maintains 380 km of groomed trails in the county. During the winter, 12 paid

groomer operators run six days a week. This costs about \$150,000 annually, according to HCSA president Dave Lloyd. Volunteers look after signage, bridge repairs and trail brushing.

The discretionary funds will be "put to good use," said vice-president Craig Bowker.

"It's really unprecedented to have this generous of a donation come forward to our club," said Bowker. "I don't think we've ever seen it."

He said the association will let Frybort know how the money will be spent, once its earmarked.

The money is from profits earned in the summer, said Frybort. The business made a \$300 donation last year and has been an advertiser in the HCSA's map.

To learn more about the HCSA or to get involved, visit hcsa.ca.



Until next time ...

A USB stick, several business cards, issues of local newspapers and various group photos were crammed into a time capsule and lowered into a granite rock Nov. 17 at the fish hatchery in Haliburton. "The vision we had [for the fish hatchery] around that table more than 20 years ago has been realized," said the hatchery's president Larry Hewitt, referring to the initial planning that took place among some of the hatchery's earliest members. Hewitt thanked local councils, MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott for their support for the hatchery, in addition to all the volunteers. The hole in the granite rock was drilled by Total Site Services and will be cemented shut. It will be opened in 25 years. Pictured above: From left: Dysart councillor Susan Norcross, MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott, hatchery president Larry Hewitt and Dysart deputy mayor Andrea Roberts. Photos by Alex Coop.

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Living well

Tai Chi helps physical, mental and spiritual health

By Lisa Gervais

On most days in Haliburton County, people gather to “play” tai chi, as long-time instructor Wilma Thomson likes to describe it.

She says classes are held in Minden, Carnarvon, Haliburton, Wilberforce, and just outside the county in Kinmount and now Maynooth.

There are eight instructors in the northern area of the Peterborough-Lindsay branch of Taoist Tai Chi. They train, are qualified to instruct and volunteer their time to teach. Thomson goes to all six communities.

“There are a total of about 100 participants,” she says. “The numbers vary, because in the summer, we get participants from the GTA who come up to the cottage to stay. In the winter, there are some snowbirds [who go away].”

Thomson moved to Haliburton 15 years ago and says she loves it. She sings with the Highlands Festival Singers; plays clarinet with the Highlands Concert Band and the Highlands Wind Symphony; helps out at Killara Station with the veggie gardens in season and cross-country skis in the winter. She’s a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

The Highlander dares to ask how old she is and she replies, “you’re asking a woman how old she is! I’m in my 70s.”

She says she first learned about Taoist



People from Kinmount, Carnarvon, Haliburton, Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Peterborough do tai chi in the Galway Community Centre, just outside of Kinmount. *Submitted.*

Tai Chi in the early 1980s.

“It was just something that appealed to

me ... I started while I was still living in Scarborough, and was thrilled to find it in Haliburton when I moved up.

“I love the movement, the feel of it, how it helps my body. I’ve been fortunate not to have any severe physical issues; however, I’ve seen many people who have, or even not so severe, who have been helped by the practice of Taoist Tai Chi. It’s why I instruct. I can see the benefits to those who participate, some of whom have arthritis, Parkinson’s, osteoporosis, balance issues.”

Taoist Tai Chi is sometimes called a moving meditation, she said, and it

definitely helps to destress. “It helps physically, mentally, emotionally and even spiritually.”

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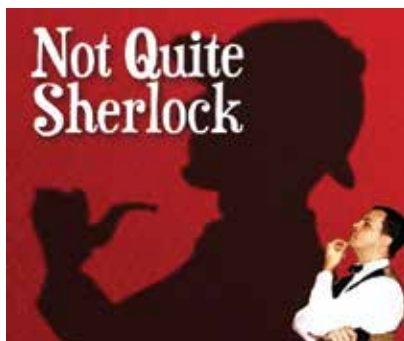


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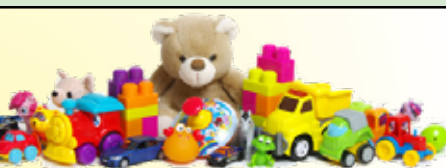
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Hoedown raises \$10K

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary raised a net total of \$10,000 for the Minden hospital Nov. 18 at the community centre. The Highlands Trio performed several songs for guests after dinner. A silent auction, with dozens of items that included Senators tickets, piqued a lot of people's interest as well. Pictured top left: Shelley Blakes of Minden places a bid. Top right: Guests are served dinner. Left: The Highlands Trio performs for guests after dinner, (photo submitted). Right: Carolyn Plummer thanks everyone in attendance for their support before dinner. *Photos by Alex Coop.*



Students making ripples

The latest batch of students at the Finn Artists' Center got to show off their work at the opening of an exhibition entitled *Ripples in the Water* Nov. 18 in Minden. The students took Carole Finn's fall classes. She encouraged them Saturday by saying, "just keep going and be ambitious. You all have talent. I'm so proud of you." The exhibition is continuing. The next classes begins in January. Pictured left: Patricia Walshe is working on a project that involves painting old barns. Right: Instructor Carole Finn discusses some of the pieces with exhibition visitors. *(Lisa Gervais).*



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Mothers host gift sale

The Haliburton Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre hosted its first Christmas Craft and Gift Sale Nov. 18. Mothers from one of the centre's programs set up booths at the main office in Haliburton. Proceeds went to the mothers, explained Julie Goodwin, the centre's executive director. The organization wants to make it an annual event, Goodwin added. Pictured left: Dianna Lapage and her daughter Bay Lapage. Lapage makes all her items from recycled materials. "It's something the whole family can help with," she says. Right: Ruth Casey, left, purchases a bear from Sherri-Lynn Barry. *Photos by Alex Coop.*

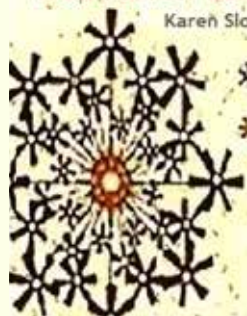
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Christmas comes to downtown Minden

Lights and Delights kicked off the Christmas season in Minden Nov. 17. The main street was closed to traffic from the CIBC to Sassy Digs and Mayor Brent Devolin threw the ceremonial switch as the main drag was lit up about 6.30 p.m. There were Christmas Carols, courtesy of the St. Paul's Church choir, a band in the gazebo, a bonfire for marshmallow roasting, hot chocolate and candy canes, and popcorn. Several merchants stayed open late so people could begin their Christmas shopping. Meanwhile, the Festival of Trees begins this weekend, Nov. 24-26, and the Santa Claus parade is this Saturday, Nov. 25. Pictured top left: These two elves were handing out hot chocolate with marshmallows. Top right: Emcee Jack Brezina and Santa share a laugh. Left: Mayor Brent Devolin speaks at the street lighting. (Lisa Gervais)



Extendicare Haliburton says thanks

Extendicare Haliburton, on Nov. 16, thanked the Haliburton Rotary Club for a \$5,000 cash donation that has allowed it to purchase a 70-inch television and to help with transportation costs for residents. Pictured with the new TV are Gord Forbes and Garry Swagerman, of the pastoral care committee, resident Neva Hobden, of the Proud Pioneers, and Rotarian David Zilstra. Swagerman said the residents use the television to project lyrics for sing-a-longs and also have Netflix movie nights. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Highlander sports

HHSS basketball teams feeling confident

By Alex Coop

Interest in basketball is at an all-time high at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"We've never had this many kids try out for junior basketball," Sam Little, the junior team's head coach, told *The Highlander*.

More than 20 students tried out and the final roster will include approximately 15 players.

"There's a lot of strong, natural instincts out there," said assistant coach, Will Arnup.

Senior head coach, Paul Longo credits the growing basketball culture in the Highlands for heightened interest in the sport.

"I'm so impressed, we had 22 guys come out to senior tryouts," he said. "There's a great vibe around the school when it comes to basketball."

Some students, previously dedicated to the school's hockey program, have migrated over to the basketball courts, said Longo.

"Both programs are great. It's just about giving kids more options during the winter."

Despite a student population of less than 500 students, expectations are fairly high for both teams.

The seniors have been Kawartha and COSSA finalists for three years in a row. The juniors, aside from some early-season struggles last year, shined in the Kawartha finals last season with strong performances against some of the area's top teams.

The school is also looking forward to seeing Grade 12 student Emily Domerchie play a critical role on the team.

While girls have played on boys teams in the past, it's a rarity, said Longo.

"The team really respects her," he said. "She's not being treated any differently."

She's also a Grade-A student, he added.

Domerchie, who moved to Haliburton from Wisconsin earlier this year, has been playing basketball for more than six years.

She said she's never played on a boys team before, but it doesn't bother her one bit.

"At first I couldn't believe there wasn't a girls team," she said. "I tried to start a girls team but the interest wasn't there. I'm just

Both programs are great. It's just about giving kids more options during the winter.

Paul Longo
basketball coach

so glad I get a chance to play, because I was worried I wouldn't be able to."

Her teammate and Grade 12 student Sam Longo praised her basketball skills.

"She's really fundamentally sound, like, way more than we are," he said. "She's played a lot more organized basketball."

He described this year's team as small and fast.

"This year, our team isn't too tall, so that added quickness will help us play stronger defence across the floor," he said.

Longo, who has been part of the school's basketball program for four years, recently applied for an engineering course at the University of Toronto.

"We'll see what happens," he said, referring to a potential victory lap year at HHSS.

The home opener is Dec. 5.



Red Hawks guard Owen Patterson Smith soars in for a layup during practice. Photo by Alex Coop.



It's ice time

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hockey head coach Ron Yake talks strategy with his players during a practise. The Red Hawks' first game of the season is today (Nov. 23) at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Puck drops at 1:30 p.m. File photo.



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Going for the goal

Luke Gruppe carries the puck up the ice against the Kawartha Coyotes. The Storm edged out the Coyotes in a 7-6 win. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

Storm reports

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

The Highland Storm travelled to Bracebridge Nov. 17-19 for the Tim Greavette tournament, where they made the semi-finals, losing 3-2 in overtime to the South Muskoka Bears.

The team got off to a good start with a 5-2 win over the Wasaga Stars. Thanks to great passing, the Storm came out strong in the first period, capturing a 3-0 lead. The first two goals were scored by Owen Smith, assisted by Owen Patterson-Smith. Next, it was Manning who deflected a shot from Prentice. In the second, Boice passed to Patterson-Smith who scored to widen the gap to 4-0. The defence stood strong, shutting down the Stars.

In the third, more great passes put the puck on Boice's stick and he made it 5-0.

The Stars answered with two on the power play but the Storm prevailed 5-2.

Next, the Storm met their match, losing 3-0 to the Lincoln Blades.

The next day, they regrouped against the Ennismore Eagles. The teams were well-matched and the game was filled with end-to-end, aggressive and entertaining action with scoreless periods. The only goal, by the Storm, came early in the third, resulting in a 1-0 win.

That put them in the semi-finals against the Bears.

After a scoreless first period, the Bears potted two in the second.

The Storm didn't get their breakthrough until early in the third. O'Neill to Flood to Patterson-Smith, and then a goal. Then in an exciting end to regulation play, the Storm tied it while on a power play.

Sadly, though, it was the Bears that scored in O.T. for a 3-2 Storm loss.

Next game is Nov. 24 at 8:30 p.m. in Minden vs. the Brock Wild. *(Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)*

The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House/Dollo's Foodland Bantams

The Storm took on the Brock Wild in Minden Nov. 17. They ran into penalty trouble after dominating the first few minutes of the period and the Wild took full advantage, scoring first with two Storm players in the box. The Wild went up by two after some undisciplined play put the Storm at a disadvantage again, sending another two players to the sin bin. Desi Davies' goal cut the Brock lead in half but the Wild regained their two-goal cushion when Storm goaltender Ben Landry mishandled a low shot.

From that point on, in the second period, the Storm came flying back with four unanswered goals, by Tyson

Clements, Jaxon Gill, Tim Turner, and his second of the evening by Davies, to allow the Storm to take a 5-3 lead going into the final frame. Clements scored again early in the third on a sniper backhand and Davies got the hat trick in a convincing 7-4 Storm victory.

On Nov. 18, the team travelled to Whitby to play the Durham Crusaders, hoping for a better result than their 11-4 loss in their first meeting early in the season. It did look promising at the start with Gill scoring 90 seconds in, giving the Storm the lead. They held on throughout the period. Nate Miscio made some absolutely stellar saves but the Crusaders finally broke through with a couple of quick goals to take a 2-1 lead into the third.

The turning point was the third Crusader's goal after substantial pressure by the Storm, who came that close to tying the game at two. The Crusaders popped in a couple more before Davies found the back of the net. Losing 5-2, the game was far closer than the score indicated.

Next bantam game is Nov. 24 in Minden vs the Huntsville Otters. *(Submitted by Gord Hoenow)*

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

On Nov. 18, the Storm hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Both teams battled hard in the first period but the Storm struck first, with Cooper Coles scoring unassisted. But the luck was with the Shamrocks and they scored three quick goals to put them up 3-1 going into the second.

The battling continued in the second frame and Storm goalie Taylor Consack was up to the challenge.

The Storm got back on the board in the third with Austin Boylan, assisted by Kaine Brannigan and Gage Hutchinson to put them within one. The Storm kept at it with Kyan Hall tying it, assisted by Aiden Perrott. The Shamrocks got a goal by a deflection to give them the go-ahead goal and the final score at the buzzer was 4-3 Shamrocks.

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The Peewees head to Brighton Nov. 25 for a one-day tournament and then to Elmvale for a 4:30 p.m. game Nov. 26. (Submitted by Ron Hall).

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On Nov. 16, the Storm travelled to Port Carling to take on the Muskoka Rock. The Storm started out strong in the first period. Evan Jones passed to Jace Mills for the first goal.

Going into the second period, the Rock fought back hard and the Storm were unable to keep ahead, resulting in a 10-1 loss.

A big shout out to Liam Harrison for receiving player of the game for his hard work.

They returned to Port Carling Nov.19 for a second game against the Rock. In the first period, Parker Simms passed to Maclean Rowden for the goal. Two minutes after that, Isaac Lee got ahold of the puck and passed it to Mills, who put the puck in the net for the Storm's second goal.

The Storm played hard and with determination but the Rock took the lead and ended the game with a 9-2 win.

Emery Bagshaw took home the player of the game for the Storm.

The Atom AE take on the Almaguin Ice Devils for a doubleheader on Saturday, Nov. 25 at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the A. J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. (Submitted by Lisa Reinwald).

Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes

On Nov. 18, the Storm travelled to Sunderland to play the Brock Wild. Teamwork, skating and shooting ability gave the Storm a 7-1 win. Jack Tomlinson got two unassisted goals, Easton Burk got his first of the season, assisted by Luke Gruppe, and Jaxen Casey assisted Mason Latanville's goal to finish out the period.

Halfway through the second, Zach Prentice helped Tomlinson get his first hat trick of the season. The final goal of the game was scored by Evan Perrott, assisted by Ethan DeCarlo.

On Nov. 19, the tykes hosted their first home game of the season at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena and the crowd

was treated to a fast-paced, action-packed game.

Vanek Logan, during the opening shift of the game set the pace, with a beautiful backhand goal assisted by Matthew Scheffee. The Coyotes answered back just over a minute later and then put another over the shoulder of the Storm goaltender to take the lead. Logan rallied back with another quick goal off the faceoff, assisted by Mason Latanville. Seconds later, the Coyotes put one in the net, ending the period 3-2 Coyotes.

The Coyotes increased their lead to 4-2 early in the second. It was evident the Storm needed to step up their game and they did. From behind the net with his head up, Tomlinson sent a tape-to-tape pass to Logan, who was in perfect position in front of the net and beat the Coyotes goalie top shelf. Defenseman Evan Perrott used his speed and determination to tie the game only 11 seconds later, making it 4-4.

Tomlinson broke the tie in the third, with assists to Latanville and DeCarlo. Next, Prentice made a perfect pass to Logan, for a textbook breakaway goal. However, the Coyotes would not give up, scoring another goal minutes later.

With fans on the edge of their seats watching a Coyote's player coming in on a breakaway, Storm goaltender Carter Braun came up with a huge save, protecting the Storm lead.

Neither team was backing down from the challenge of aggressive play in the final minutes of the game. Latanville buried the puck in the back of the net off a rebound to extend the Storm's lead. And, with just over a minute left in the game, Braun come up big again holding the Coyotes off. With 3.8 seconds left in the game, the Coyotes scored but the Storm held on for an exciting 7-6 win. (Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson).

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The Storm hosted the Parry Sound Shamrocks at the S.G. Nesbitt arena Nov. 18.

The team fought hard but lost 5-1. The only Storm goal was scored by Colby Coumbs.

The Atom A's host the Brock Wild Nov. 25 at 2 p.m. at the A.J. Larue Arena and on Nov. 26 travel to Elmvale to face the Coyotes at 3:30 p.m. (Submitted by Amber Card).

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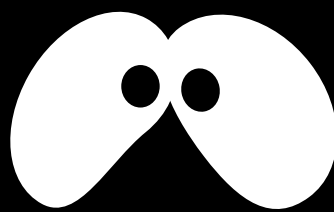
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The Highlander 3-Stars of the Week



Vanek Logan Tykes



Vanek demonstrated excellent skating, passing and shooting in this hard-fought game against the Kawartha Coyotes. Vanek's ability to play hard on both sides of the puck against a very tough Coyote team allowed him to be an unstoppable offensive force (with four goals). Diligent back-checking allowed Vanek to not only help defend but win puck battles and create significant offensive zone time.

Jack Tomlinson Tykes



Jack's powerful skating allowed him to win countless puck battles and put himself in great positions to contribute offensively with a goal and an assist. His relentless fore-checking and ability to find the back of the net demonstrated the Coyote's had no solution to defend him.

Carter Braun Tykes



Carter utilized excellent positioning and technique to keep the Coyotes at bay. Carter was very effective holding off a strong skating Kawartha team. He was at his best late in the third period, challenging the shooters when Kawartha was pushing hard in an attempt to tie the game.

Bancroft Jets report

Jets Bantams

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam Girls Jets had a busy hockey filled weekend.

On Nov. 17, the Jets travelled to North Frontenac to face the Napanee Crunch. The game ended in a tie with the lone goal for the Jets being scored by Haley Goulet,

unassisted. She forechecked hard, ended up in a scramble in front of the net, got the puck and shot it in past the pads of the Crunch goalie.

Nov. 18 saw the Jets take on the Peterborough Ice Kats on home ice in front of a large Hockey Day crowd. The first period was scoreless but near the end of the second, Goulet got a rebound goal in front of the net, assisted by Emily Alexander. Emma Tidey followed early in the third, with a beautiful right top corner wrist shot, assisted by

Gillian Rosik. Beth Brownlee fought hard for the puck in front of the Ice Kats net and tapped the puck in, assisted by Jaylin Frost. The final goal for the Jets, and her second of the game, was by Tidey, who took a pass from defensive player Ryan Rupnow and gracefully put the puck past the Ice Kats netminder for a 4-0 victory.

On Nov. 19, the Jets headed to Peterborough to play the Ice Kats again. The team came out flying and all of their hard work paid off with a 7-1 win. Trista Young started the scoring with a backhand, assisted by Brownlee. Goulet

added a single on the rebound, assisted by Hannah McMann. Rosik got the third goal of the game, with a snapshot top right corner, assisted by Tidey. McMann, with her signature hard wrist shot, added two to the scoreboard, assisted by Goulet. Mackenzie Hudder retrieved her own rebound and scored her first goal of the season unassisted. Tidey, assisted by Alexander, raised the puck and scored blocker side. Bella Smolen, once again held her own in net and played three amazing games adding to the team's success. (Submitted by Linda Goulet)

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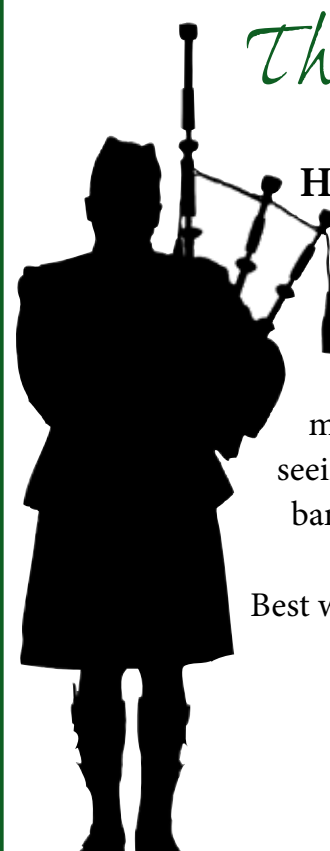
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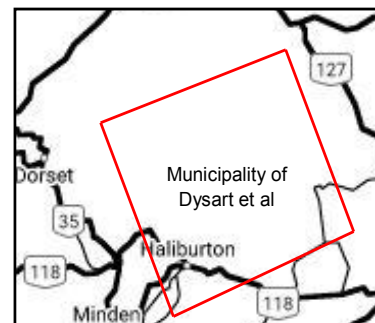


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Public Information Centre (#2)

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm

Location: Council Chambers at the Municipal Office
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Comments Invited

You are invited to attend the PIC to provide your comments so that they may be included in the study. Comments received throughout the course of the assessment will be considered in selecting the preferred alternative. Following the PIC comments will be received until January 5, 2018.

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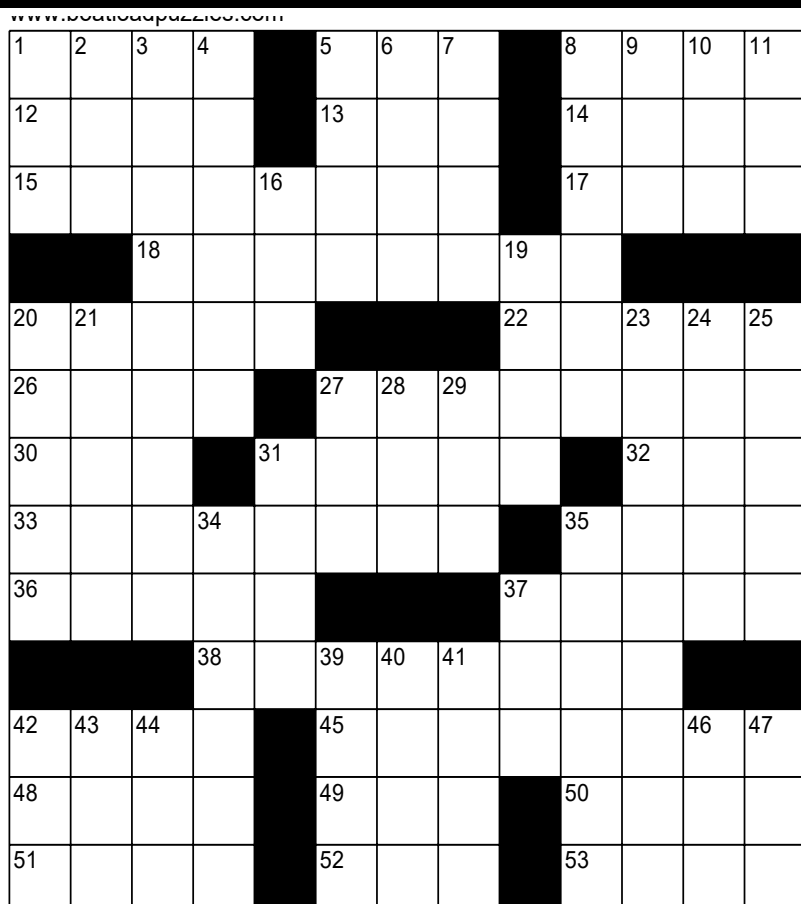
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What's on



Dancers from Verba Ukrainian Dance Company in Winnipeg will hit the stage prior to the local production of The Nutcracker. *File photo.*

Young dancers star in 14th year of The Nutcracker

By Mark Arike

Many young dancers will dominate the stage when Heritage Ballet's production of The Nutcracker returns to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Dec. 2-3.

Of the 89 performers, the majority of this year's cast is between the ages of two and 18.

"There are tons of younger kids," said Julie Barban, choreographer and owner of the local dance studio. And many dancers have been part of the show in the past.

"Easily three-quarters of them [the dancers] have come back, whether it's their second year, third year or more," said Barban, who had to adjust some of the roles that are usually geared toward older dancers.

Although Barban hosts an audition, everyone lands a role. If a dancer wants a specific role, she requests they prepare a dance to show her.

"For some of the bigger roles, I'm already thinking of who will do what for next year," she said.

The cast includes a mix of students from her studio, Haliburton Dance Academy and non-dance students. There are also 12 adults from the community who will appear in what is known as the "party scene." A production team of 13 volunteers helps pull it off. Rehearsals, which take place on weekends, began the third week of September. Dancers practice 4.5-6.5 hours

per day. Similar to the last 13 seasons, it will include the music of Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and spectacular costumes. Dani Smolen will make a new tutu, maybe two, said Barban.

For the second time since 2015, professional dancers from the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company in Winnipeg will perform prior to The Nutcracker. They include Jennifer Droniuk, Paul Droniuk, Mikhas Chabluk and Johanna Chabluk.

It's a special treat for the local dancers. "It's cool for the kids to see because they don't have the opportunity, necessarily, to see that type of dancing at that level," she said.

The dance company is being brought to the community by Dance Happens Here Haliburton, a non-profit organization.

The full show, with an intermission, should run less than two hours. Saturday's performances are at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's show is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 each or \$50 for a family pack (four tickets). To buy tickets, visit onstagedirect.com/heritageballet.

In addition to making an appearance at The Nutcracker, the four Ukrainian dancers from Verba Ukrainian Dance Company will perform at the Haliburton School of Art and Design Dec. 1. The event, dubbed Kolomyjka, will feature dance, music and food. Admission is by donation and there's a cash bar. It goes from 7-9 p.m.



Last year's performance of a hugely-successful Nutcracker. *File photo.*

What's on

NOV & DEC 2017 • EVENT LISTINGS

Thursday November 23

11 – noon – Adult Shiny at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$5/person

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only Public Skating at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2/person

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Craft Group in Wilberforce, at Deep Roots Store, every Thursday. Call 705-448-9888.

November 24, 25, 26

8th Annual Festival of Trees, at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Funds go towards community programming. Admission \$5/adults. Kids free. MindenHills.ca/cultural-centre/cultural-centre-events/

Friday November 24

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Highland Wood Christmas Bazaar, 7199 Gelert Rd, at Haliburton Hospital. A great Christmas shopping opportunity! Handmade crafts, baking, silent auctions, hot chocolate & cookies for the kids from 10 a.m. – Noon.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Coboconk Legion Lunch: hot roast beef or liver & onions, \$9. Followed by country music jam

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

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

6:30 – 8 p.m. – Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade! – The annual spectacular evening parade of bands, marchers, horses, music, lights, and of course, Santa! Bring your non-perishable donations to the Food Bank, they will be collected by the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church at the parade.

Saturday November 25

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Highland Wood Christmas Bazaar & Open House, 7199 Gelert Rd, at Haliburton Hospital. A great Christmas shopping opportunity! Handmade crafts, baking, silent auctions, hot chocolate & cookies for the kids from 10 a.m. – Noon.

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

11:30 a.m. – Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade – Starts at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, follows Bobcaygeon Rd. through town and ends at the township office parking lot on Milne St. After the parade, meet Santa at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, free hot chocolate, and don't forget to bring your letters to Santa!

7:30 p.m. Highlands Christmas Shindig, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

6:30 p.m. Cardiff Light The Night. Come to the dragonfly on Saturday night as we come together as a community to light our Christmas tree. Bonfire, music, carols, hot chocolate and apple cider – and a special visit from Santa!

Sunday November 26

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. – 5th Annual Ugly Sweater Run/Walk, and nostalgic Christmas. Meet at Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Rd., Haliburton to catch the holiday spirit! 1.5 km or 5 km run/walks, prizes. All ages, dog friendly. Refreshments available after the run/walk. For more info contact Andrea Mueller at 705-457-1740 or amueller@dysartetal.ca.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

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

3 p.m. – "Sing Noel, Alleluia!" by Highlands Festival Singers, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Tickets \$15 general 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.

Tuesday November 28

7:30 p.m. – "Sing Noel, Alleluia!" by Highlands Festival Singers, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Tickets \$15 general admission.

Wednesday November 29

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

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!

Thursday November 30

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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).

Noon – 2 p.m. – Community Christmas Lunch, at Haliburton Legion. Presented by HHHS Community Support Services, RSVP by Nov 24th. Entertainment & delicious turkey dinner, with dessert! \$18/person. Call 705-457-2941 to order your tickets

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Oxtongue Lake Community Christmas Tree Lighting, 3971 Hwy 60, Dwight, ON. Tree lighting, caroling, hot chocolate & apple cider, snacks, followed by warm-up and social time in the community centre. All are welcome!

7-9 p.m. – Kolomyjka: An evening of Ukrainian dance, music and food, featuring guest artists from Winnipeg's Verba Ukrainian Dance Company. In the Great Hall of Fleming Collage's Haliburton Campus, 297 College Dr. Everyone welcome, admission by donation, cash bar.

Saturday December 2

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Santa's Workshop Craft Sale, at Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Wide variety of items knits, jewelry, stained glass, art, wreaths, gingerbread, fruitcake, gently used treasures, crafts and more! Hosted by Wilberforce Heritage Guild. Lunch provided by St. Margaret's Anglican Church.

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.

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Sunday December 3

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Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet.

2:00 p.m. – "Light in the Darkness: A Blue Christmas Service", sponsored by the churches of Haliburton, being held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 27 Victoria St. Haliburton. For some people, Christmas is a sad time of the year when they grieve the loss of a loved one. This service will include prayers, music and reflections, all are welcome, refreshments to be served after the service.

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 third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC.

Friday 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.

The Highlands Trio, Saturday, Dec. 9, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6 prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email rd129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Nov. 24 - Karaoke with Fred & Linda, 7:30-11:30 p.m.

Nov. 25 – 4-7 p.m. Highlands Trio, food available.

Nov. 26 - Christmas Bazaar 11 a.m. -3 p.m.

Ladies darts have resumed for the fall, Wed. afternoon at 1 p.m.

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

Nov. 24 - Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 25 - Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Nov. 27 - Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Nov. 29 - 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, please call the legion 705-448-2221 and sign up today. Travelling this winter? Get your travel insurance through your membership.

Dec. 2 - Wild life dinner. Still looking for help cooking and meat donations.

Dec. 10 - Santa Claus parade 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 27/18 - Crib tournament in Trenton 29/\$50 - 28/\$25 - 24/\$10

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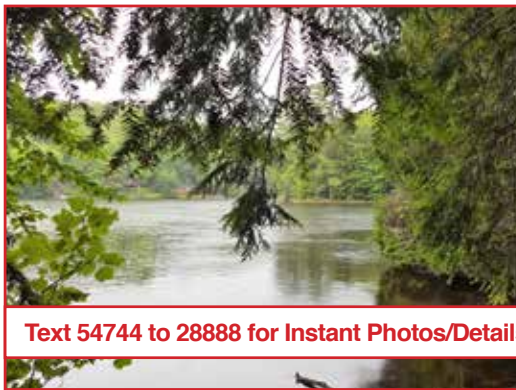
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