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Team Phoenix were the first to take the plunge as the 2019 Polar Bear Challenge took off at Frost Fest in Haliburton this past Saturday. *Photo by Hannah Sadlier.*

## Minden arena upgrade approved in tight vote

By Lisa Gervais

Mayor Brent Devolin broke a tie vote to deliver a \$12.5 million arena upgrade to Minden taxpayers last week.

He sided with Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell and councillors Jean Neville and Ron Nesbitt to defeat nay-sayers, Councillors Bob Carter, Jennifer Hughey and Pam Sayne in a 4-3 recorded vote.

In doing so, council has authorized the

township to borrow more than \$11.5 million to put towards the project. They'll also have to come up with more than \$1 million of their own, through "other means," according to CAO and Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard. She said the lender, Infrastructure Ontario Funding, will not cover all costs. However, Blanchard said that with reserves, "the piece we can't finance is very doable internally." Later in the meeting, Devolin predicted the

community could fundraise \$1 million toward the project.

Work is scheduled to begin this spring with a fall 2020 completion.

Council heard from both Blanchard and Director of Community Services Mark Coleman before voting.

Blanchard indicated if the township borrowed \$11.9 million over 25 years, taxes for waterfront residents would rise \$86.40 a year.

Carter said he did some of his own number crunching and the cost to waterfront property owners could be \$162 to \$178-a-year, or 10 to 12 per cent of their tax dollars over the next 25 to 30 years of the loan.

"Do we want to be paying 10-12 per cent of one's taxes for an arena?" he asked.

In an email, Blanchard said she couldn't speak to Carter's numbers, but her figures were for capital costs only, and she thought

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## Some councillors fearful of high cost

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Carter's included annual operating numbers.

Devolin retorted during the meeting that Carter's figures were based on zero fundraising and zero federal or provincial government dollars.

"No one has pledged a dollar that I know of," Carter replied.

Addressing figures from both the treasurer and director of community services, Carter further commented they were "a little misleading, like an episode of fun with figures."

Coleman outlined his opinion of what it would cost the township if it delayed or scaled back the project. For example, he said the arena ice plant would need significant equipment maintenance and replacement in 2019 to remain safe, at a cost of \$225,000.

Sayne said there were a number of budget items council had still not discussed, while going ahead with a \$12.5 million expenditure. A total of \$535,000 is committed to the 2019 budget.

She reiterated her concern that it was a single source contract for an expensive project. She also felt there had not been "a really good needs assessment" and that the issue had polarized the community.

"We have a lot of wealth in this community and we have a lot of people that are struggling ... my concern is we can't pay for it over time without putting a lot of people out."

While never actually talking about some county residents wanting an indoor swimming pool, Sayne added, "We haven't consulted with the broader community. It feels like the old railroad. Who's going to get it first? Dysart or Minden? We're stuck in that mentality of not pooling our resources together and that scares me in terms of our finances."

### Devolin argues for arena

However, Devolin argued "we've had a 50-year asset that we've enjoyed in Minden ... that I think we need to be responsible as stewards of the public purse to reshape for the next 50 years in our community."

He said Minden is growing at twice the rate of the provincial average and does not have any external debt. He said the township could carry three times the \$11.5 million debt load.

He added people without money and those ageing well want an opportunity to be active year-round and the proposed walking track, community sports facility and



The proposed walking track and gym for the now-approved Minden Arena upgrade project. From Parkin Architects.

community hub will allow that.

He added whether the project went ahead or not, it would not have a large impact on financially-challenged residents. He said those inroads will only come via expanded social supports and programs.

He said in other communities that have done similar projects, a recreational facility such as the one proposed for Minden will not only give residents something they want, but attract newcomers too.

"Do we have other significant challenges ... absolutely. But I think for this time, it's the right project for our community. We've done as much due diligence as we can. I think this is part of good long-term public policy for Minden Hills and for our future."

Neville echoed Devolin, saying, "The option to do nothing is not on the table. We have to spend money on that building or not use it all. So, I think this is the opportunity to do it and do it properly. It's for futures. It's going to give the community an absolutely wonderful boost. I am totally behind it."

In reference to Carter's tax impact numbers, she said she is a waterfront property owner and the tax increase isn't going to cripple her, she may just have to buy two fewer pairs of shoes.

With an audible sigh, Carter, who lives on the same lake as Neville, said it's not going to cripple him either but, "We, I believe, are here to represent everybody in the community."

"I just do not feel from my perspective it's responsible to spend \$12.5 million on virtually anything. It's a lot of money. I just don't see how we can do it when we're spending the rest of the day cutting our budgets and finding out what roads we can have and not have."

## OPP warn of gift card scam

Police are warning about a Google Play Cards scam after a local resident was duped out of \$8,000 last week.

OPP say it started with a call from someone claiming to be from the CIBC fraud section. They said the victim was told that bank accounts had been compromised and was asked to help capture the suspects. The victim was manipulated into providing access to their computer and its banking information. This allowed the scammers to get into personal accounts, and freely move money within the accounts.

The victim was told money had been deposited into their bank account and was then asked to withdraw money equivalent to the deposit to purchase the equivalent value in Google Play Cards. The victim, convinced they were helping get the scammers, complied.

OPP says the victim has since learned the money deposited to the involved account was from their own

additional accounts and the money spent on the Google Play Cards was their own money.

OPP remind the public to never provide banking information to anyone claiming to be a bank representative. If they are calling you, they will have your information. If someone asks you for your personal information this should raise your suspicions.

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Dysart et al Coun. Larry Clarke speaks during a Feb. 14 budget meeting. Photo by Joseph Quigley

## Dysart council works to trim 7.35 per cent tax hike

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al council worked to pare down a preliminary 2019 budget featuring a 7.35 per cent tax levy increase through an all-day budget session Feb. 14.

Council poured through the budget line-by-line over the course of the day, outlining where the municipality would spend over the next year and searching for ways to find savings.

A new percentage is set to be calculated for the municipality's next budget meeting March 14, factoring in the various adjustments council made to the budget. But Mayor Andrea Roberts said a low budget would not necessarily be correct for the municipality.

"A lot of the increase in our budget is related to climate change and to roads and to maintaining those roads," Roberts said at the start of the meeting. "While it's always nice to come in and propose a really low budget that will make everyone happy, we need to do what's best for Dysart."

Transportation services, the largest portion of the budget, is being increased by 10 per cent this year. Council opted at its Jan. 10 meeting to proceed with the largest road work package brought forward by staff, which includes over \$1 million in roads construction.

Council also approved an approximately \$1.26 million tender for 2019 road resurfacing during the Feb. 14 meeting.

### Environmental Services fee upped

Council went forward with a four per cent increase to its environmental service fee, though indicated they would keep the rate the same for the rest of the term. The percentage ups the user fee from \$613 to \$638 per energy recovery unit.

Without any increase, the budget projected a \$20,000 deficit in environmental services.

Roberts noted the previous council had raised the fee by five per cent in 2015 but there'd been no increase in the intervening years.

Coun. Walt McKechnie said a two per cent increase would cover increased operating expenses, while another two per cent would allow for savings for future capital projects.

### New condenser gets funding

Council unanimously passed a resolution to spend \$84,000 for a new condenser at A.J. LaRue Arena in 2019.

In a staff report, manager of parks and recreation Andrea Wilbee said the current condenser is undersized for summer operation and requested a larger one be installed.

"Replacement of the condenser will reduce the wear on our equipment, reduce energy consumption and stress on the compressors, thus extending their life," Wilbee said. "It has now become imminent to upgrade this portion of the system as the summer months have become warmer over the last few years."

### Arena improvement plan

After some debate, council supported earmarking \$30,000 for development of a plan to improve the upstairs community room of A.J. LaRue Arena.

Recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the space is in need of improvements.

"We've had to turn people away because it's not accessible," she said during the meeting. "The kitchen needs a major overhaul."

Coun. Walt McKechnie said it would be difficult to find the money to fix the room even after a plan is developed. "I'm all for trying to make it better for our community but we've got some big things on our plate and we don't have any money right now," he said.

But council opted in favour of keeping the money in the budget.

"This building has been in there a long time," Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts said. "But to truly make it a community centre, it has to be accessible."

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## Proposed cuts create tension at budget talks

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts made a call to order amidst “tension” at the council table over cuts proposed by Coun. John Smith Feb. 14.

The call came during a discussion over the Haliburton Village town dock at a special budget meeting, with the budget including \$30,000 to replace it.

Smith questioned the need for the dock, noting how much the township spends on the village compared to other parts of the municipality. He then raised issue with the amount the municipality spends on the Haliburton Highlands Museum, which is projected to have a net cost of approximately \$149,348 in 2019.

Smith has repeatedly proposed cuts to the museum budget, a call that has not received support from the rest of council. “Cottagers, we tell them we can’t afford to fix the roads, that’s the discouraging part of it,” Smith said. “The museum in recent years has consumed \$1 million.”

“I am going to call you out of order,” Roberts interjected. “Not speaking to it again. I want some decorum again. John, you’re creating a lot of tension in the room ... your opinions are valuable, you are duly elected, but let’s try to have a little bit more respect here.”

“I haven’t been disrespectful to one person in this room,” Smith replied. “If you can’t disagree with people, then what’s the sense of being here?”

The discussion moved past the disagreement. But Smith again found himself at odds with the rest of council when he suggested cutting into the \$50,000 operating grant the municipality provides for the Rails End Gallery.

“Past councils have taken the approach, we have a whole bunch of little things,” Smith said. “What would make Haliburton an attractive place to be? Nobody talks about the Rails End Gallery, nobody talks to the museum.” “They do talk about it,” Coun. Larry Clarke responded. “We got one of the largest artist communities in the country.”

“Recreation, culture, vibrancy in our community is highly regarded here,” Roberts said. “Without the \$50,000 operating grant, they (the gallery) wouldn’t survive and I think they’re a very valued, historic asset.”

No other councillor raised their hand to support the idea of cutting the art gallery grant.

Smith said the municipality spends too much on things that are not needed and said there needs to be metrics for return-on-investment of tax dollars.

“We’re spending \$16 million this year in terms of money for our community and a lot of it, from my point of view obviously, too much goes into things, ‘it’s nice to have,’” Smith said.



Dysart et al Coun. John Smith found himself at odds repeatedly with the rest of council as he proposed significant cuts to the Haliburton Highlands Museum and the Rails End Gallery during budget talks Feb. 14. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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## Highlands East to quiz residents on short-term rentals

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East is preparing a short-term rental questionnaire in an effort to understand the community's feelings on the topic.

Council voted to proceed with a two-month public review for the draft questionnaire during its Feb. 12 meeting. The questionnaire seeks to gather public input on the issue of short-term rentals and is modelled after one completed in Minden Hills last fall.

Chief administrative officer and treasurer Shannon Hunter said this is a way to get an idea of how the public feels about short-term rentals.

"This is fulfilling what council stated that they wanted to do was reach out to the public to receive public input from all Highlands East residents on how they feel, or maybe impacts that they have, positive or negative impacts they have, on short-term rentals," Hunter said.

The draft questionnaire includes questions such as whether a person has personally experienced short-term rentals being associated with unwanted behaviours and whether they see short-term rentals as being positive for economic development.

Another portion of the questionnaire also asks about whether the municipality should regulate short-term rentals and requests opinions on possible regulatory options, such as limiting the number of days a short-term rental can be rented in a year.

However, the questionnaire received a lengthy response from Ryan Bailey, an area cottager who spoke out against the municipality's work on the short-term rental file at its Jan. 16 council meeting.

In a mass email to council members, Bailey questioned the winter timing of the public review period for the survey, given the number of seasonal residents impacted by the matter.

Bailey also questioned whether more research and data collection should be conducted before a survey, such as a cost estimate on the implementation and enforcement of short-term accommodation regulations and a study on other provincial municipalities addressing short-term rentals.

"How can residents possibly make informed submissions through a survey without first understanding the facts and data of the matter?" Bailey said.

Hunter commented on council receiving a "communication from ratepayers" prior to



Highlands East council voted Feb. 12 to proceed with a two-month public review period for a draft questionnaire on short-term rentals. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

the meeting.

"Some of the concerns had to do with the questionnaire being put out, the cart before the horse," Hunter said. "However, council stated they wanted to seek input from all residents. Their input on their feelings not on any particular bylaw or scenario."

"We're solely seeking input on a draft document," Hunter later added.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall said the

municipality is facing serious challenges in dealing with short-term rentals.

"We're getting bogged down before we can get out of the starting blocks," Ryall said.

The draft questionnaire on short-term rentals will be posted on the municipal website, according to a staff report. The public input period will go until April 30.

## 'Significant' number of people identify as homeless in county

By Lisa Gervais

There are a significant number of people who have been homeless in Haliburton County in the last two years, says the homelessness system resource coordinator for the City of Kawartha Lakes and County of Haliburton.

Jocelyn Blazey told *The Highlander* that as of 2016 they now have a real time list of individuals and families - called a By Name List (BNL) - they know to be experiencing homelessness.

"Our BNL has the names of 13 households who are experiencing homelessness," she said.

This includes people who are couch-surfing, staying in temporary accommodation and a few who have been known to sleep outside, she said.

Blazey added that since they created the list, they've identified 57 households who have at some point experienced homelessness in the county.

"As you can tell from the numbers, there is a significant number of people who have been homeless in Haliburton County in the last two years," she said.

They did an enumeration registry week earlier this year and Blazey said there were a few people who'd indicated they'd experienced sleeping outside, including "sleeping rough" or in their vehicles.

She said while they would like to eliminate homelessness, for now, "they want to provide supports to people who are unsheltered, sleeping outside, or in their vehicles, to ensure they're safes, recognizing their increased vulnerability and risk due to

being unsheltered," Blazey said.

She added that they have been working over the last year or so in building their coordinated entry response in an effort to better identify and support individuals who are homeless.

Of the 57 individuals identified in the last two years, some of them have moved out of the area and others have been successful in finding housing, she said.

"We are working on building a coordinated entry system to ensure that we can identify individuals who are experiencing homelessness by name and prioritize supports and services based on a household's level of need, recognizing that everyone's experience of homelessness and needs will be different.

"Anyone can become homeless at any time, for any reason and we are trying to build a homelessness response system that can better support those individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

"Please keep in mind though that although the BNL is a list of names it is only a snapshot in time and the number is more than likely higher than we have been able to identify to date," she said.

We asked to speak to clients but Blazey declined for confidentiality reasons. "We find that sometimes even though we can change some personal identifying information, the community is so small that more often than not, that individual is still able to be identified."

The Sleeping in Car event is scheduled for March 1. A Places for People initiative, volunteers are sleeping in their cars to raise money for, and awareness of homelessness.



Red Hawks player Joe Boice shoots a puck wide of a gaping net Feb. 19. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

## Red Hawks lose chance for first place

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks (HHSS) boys hockey team squandered a chance to take first place in their league with a 2-1 loss to the St. Mary's Thunder Feb. 19.

HHSS was unable to maintain a 1-0 lead it took into the third period at A.J. LaRue Arena, as the Thunder struck twice in the final frame to take the win. The final regular season game had much at stake, as the two teams battled for a first-place finish, a bye in the playoffs and the chance to host the Kawartha championships.

Red Hawks head coach Jason Morrisette said the team should not hang their heads over the effort.

"We're getting quality chances. You got to hope maybe in the big game, when it's elimination and out you go, maybe the hockey gods are nice to us and we get a break," he said.

The Red Hawks opened the scoring in the second period with a powerplay

goal from Alex Little, assisted by Zach Morissette and Joe Boice. The Hawks would take the lead into intermission but generated multiple shots and scoring chances throughout the rest of the second.

"We had our chances, we didn't really bury some of those. It is what it is," Morissette said.

Despite more chances from the Red Hawks in the third period, St. Mary's would storm back with a pair of four-on-four goals in the third, both scored off the rush.

"They got two lucky tips and that's just the way it goes sometimes," assistant captain Shawn Walker said.

With the loss, the Red Hawks finish third in their league and will have to battle through the playoffs to make it to the Kawartha championships.

Morrisette said his team will learn from the adversity.

"If it's too easy, then that's not necessarily a good thing because it doesn't really get you ready for the stress," he said.



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## Parochialism hurts us all

Minden Hills Councillor Pam Sayne is right when she says the debate over the refurbishment of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden has polarized the community.

It certainly has divided people in the township of Minden Hills itself. It has also sparked a larger countywide discussion, one that some councillors have so far chosen not to partake in.

In Minden, there are wealthy waterfront homeowners who will not flinch at the tax-related implications of an \$11.5 million loan that will have to be paid off, with interest, over the next 25 to 30 years.

However, there are also a lot of people who are working for minimum wage and bringing home our estimated median income of \$27,000-a-year after taxes. They may indeed flinch.

Then there is the divide between the arena users and the non-arena users. Sure, there are a lot of families involved with hockey and figure skating in Minden. There are also a lot who aren't. For some, it is simply because they cannot afford the sport.

On a larger scale, we also know that there are some who would desperately love a public swimming pool somewhere in Haliburton County. These are the folks who are driving back and forth to Bracebridge

every week to use the pool there. One of them is now even trying to organize a bus to take families over.

In Minden Hills, let's face it, a swimming pool was never going to be part of the equation. The initial task force never felt it had a mandate from council to investigate a pool, so didn't. Council went through the motions of appeasing those lobbying for a pool but never delivered more than lip service about bad experiences elsewhere. They never really went looking for any good experiences with pools in small jurisdictions.

So, that leaves some Minden ratepayers with a very bad taste in their mouth - having to finance a centre that doesn't have what they want.

On the other hand, there are those who firmly believe that having a modern, state-of-the-art arena, with its accompanying bells and whistles is the best thing since sliced bread. They boast about the walking track and gym. Some residents are going to be thrilled about those additions.

The problem for us is the future of recreational facilities in Haliburton County and whether Minden Hills, Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East should have had a countywide discussion.

In Dysart, we saw former Mayor Murray

Fearrey go it alone in raising the spectre of a multimillion-dollar recreational facility off of Harburn Road.

In Minden Hills, we've seen Mayor Brent Devolin, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, Councillor-at-Large Ron Nesbitt and Councillor Jean Neville go it alone for the Minden ice palace. We are not aware of any of the municipalities sitting down together to discuss a centre replete with a pool for the whole county.

And that is a shame.

As Councillor Pam Sayne noted, the parochial rivalry between Minden and Dysart is as alive and well as ever. It's not much different to the planning that went into building two smaller hospitals years back, when a collaborative approach might have delivered a bigger regional hospital that could have attracted specialists and more equipment.

In all cases, everybody's heart was in the right place. However, sometimes you have to step back from your little piece of turf to see the expansiveness of your lawn and what could be seeded there for the future.



By Lisa Gervais

## Duplication

During the first meeting of 2019, Haliburton County Council gave provisional agreement to fund a part-time physician recruitment position.

Like many smaller communities in Canada, Haliburton County has experienced difficulty in attracting family physicians to settle and work here. The medical community in Haliburton Village has been the most successful, providing a community of colleagues to welcome any new doctors considering relocating. Newly-built offices and a fully-staffed and co-ordinated health team approach makes the Haliburton opportunity attractive to physicians looking for a small-town lifestyle.

For a number of years, a committee supported by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the county, did its best to attract family physicians and other health professionals to the county. The group attended recruitment fairs, courted doctors with tours of the area and offered financial incentives for doctors interested in locating here. The success was limited and enthusiasm for recruitment dwindled until the committee was abandoned in 2016.

The recent or pending retirement of several doctors at the Haliburton Highlands Family Medical Clinic has increased the

pressure on the county to step into the recruitment effort in a more direct way. The effort is to be applauded since readily available health care services, starting with family physicians, underpins a growing community that will attract newcomers and new investments.

What was curious about the move was that the councillors, realizing that physician recruitment would likely not occupy an individual on a full-time basis, decided to tag economic development to the job description. The two go together nicely, but the move stands in stark contrast to a decision taken in 2013 to download economic development to the municipal level. Most municipalities have established someone within their jurisdiction to promote their economic interest.

The overlap of economic development provides yet another example of the confusion and duplication created by having two tiers of government looking after our municipal interests. One can imagine a growing confusion with four lower-tier economic development officers attempting to brighten the future of their jurisdictions. While each of the municipalities has its own attributes to brag about, for anyone unfamiliar with Haliburton County, the

four competing and perhaps contradictory or hyper competitive representatives chasing the same investment surely could cloud a potential investor's impression of the county.

The duplication speaks to the growing awareness that our two-tier, five municipal government structure, is perhaps not the most efficient way to manage, promote and sell Haliburton county to the world. The new County Council should, at the very least, give the concept of a single-tier municipal structure serious consideration and even go as far as to poll the county's ratepayers on the question.

Physician recruitment is a worthy and necessary undertaking for a municipal government, just as is economic development. They go hand in hand, as county councillors have acknowledged. However, having just one person beating the drum for all of Haliburton County makes much more sense than five officers attempting to accomplish the same goal.



By Jack Brezina



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# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: Are you going somewhere warm this winter?



**Rich Boyne**

Haliburton

Yes, my wife and I are heading to Costa Rica in two weeks.



**Jess Dockeray**

Haliburton

I wish I was going somewhere!



**Avery Scott**

Haliburton

It is definitely a dream to go somewhere warm.



**Kali Lebrun**

Haliburton

No, I haven't been anywhere so far.



**Zack Williams**

Haliburton

No I have not.

By Danielle Martin

## LETTERS

### Fix the landfill, not build an arena

Dear editor,

The people are spent and the system is bent. [Mayor Brent Devolin] and council would have you believe that all is going as planned.

A new arena ... just what the town needs. Why not fix the landfill first? That would be the right thing to do. The priorities are all out of order. The people voted in were put in place for the whole town not just the arena users. But all ratepayers are to spend a huge amount for a \$12.5-million arena and so little on the landfill. Maybe they can fix what's broken instead of ordering new.

Dave Roylance  
Minden

(Editor's note. Dave Roylance is the director of operations for Highlands Environmental, which used to have the landfill attendant contract with the Township of Minden Hills.)

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Reader Anne Brown send this photo in. She said they had a visitor to their backyard over the weekend. She thought it was a barred owl. "Very large. Magnificent. Beautiful. Just sat in the tree in the sunshine (I think it was smiling) until the sun started to go down, then poof, gone. What a great place we live in."

## Getting a good kicking

Just what real use is a scooter? Its wheels are so small that it doesn't go very fast or travel over anything other than the smoothest of tarmac with any real velocity. There is no space to store or carry anything other than draped over the ridiculously upright handlebars. To power it, you basically have to run with just one leg. How awkward is that? And, to make matters worse, there's no seat, you have to stand up all the time, too. And scootering, if that is actually a word, is a definite non-starter in the winter.

"Why?" I hear you ask, "am you ranting about scooters? It's mid-winter, there's two feet of snow on the ground and, well, all sorts of other reasons, too. So why?" Well, the thing is the conversation turned to scootering just the other day after my family and friends had spent a fun day

doing wintry stuff like snowshoeing, igloo building, tobogganing, and kick sledding. Yes, kick sledding. Have you ever seen or perhaps partaken in it? It's like dog sledding without the dogs. Hmm, yes here I go again. I can see some of you squinting your eyes and asking why, already. Long runners, like skis, an upright handlebar, and in the case of our kick sled, a small seat in front of the driver. Said driver, or kicker, or sledder, maybe - I don't know the correct moniker for the person powering the sled - that person doing the kick sledding, or is that sled kicking because that's how I felt about it after our afternoon with the contraption ... that person who is powering the sled stands on the back of the runners and then swings one leg and kicks, or pushes at the ground to make the sled move. It glides forward a bit. They do it again and again and again,

and the sled glides across the packed snow reasonably well. The kids seemed to do OK with it, the adults not so much. Let's just say that the amount of energy expended did not seem proportionate to the distance and speed travelled. And when someone sat in the small seat in front of the kicker our little kick sled travelled across the ice about as quickly and effortlessly as if you'd kicked a bag of sand. We had fun, don't get me wrong, our kick sledding was invigorating, exhausting and hilarious in equal measure but that was all it was. No one swore to buy one. No one is now a kick sled convert. No one has decided that this is the way that they'll get their kid to school, haul firewood, do the grocery shopping. No one is doing any of those things because as we sipped a cool beverage or

two afterwards, we discussed our afternoon and came to the conclusion that kick sleds are the scooters of the north. They are scooters on snow. Some overgrown kid, who probably rode his scooter to work in summer, was more than likely brooding away the cold dark winter months in Scandinavia, wishing for sunshine and smooth black tarmac, when he had an idea. Eureka, a scooter on skis! And kick sledding was born. So no, there is no real use for a scooter, and short of making for 10 minutes of good conversation, I can safely say the same for kick sleds, too. Unless your sled dog has gone on strike.

## TheOutsider



By Will Jones



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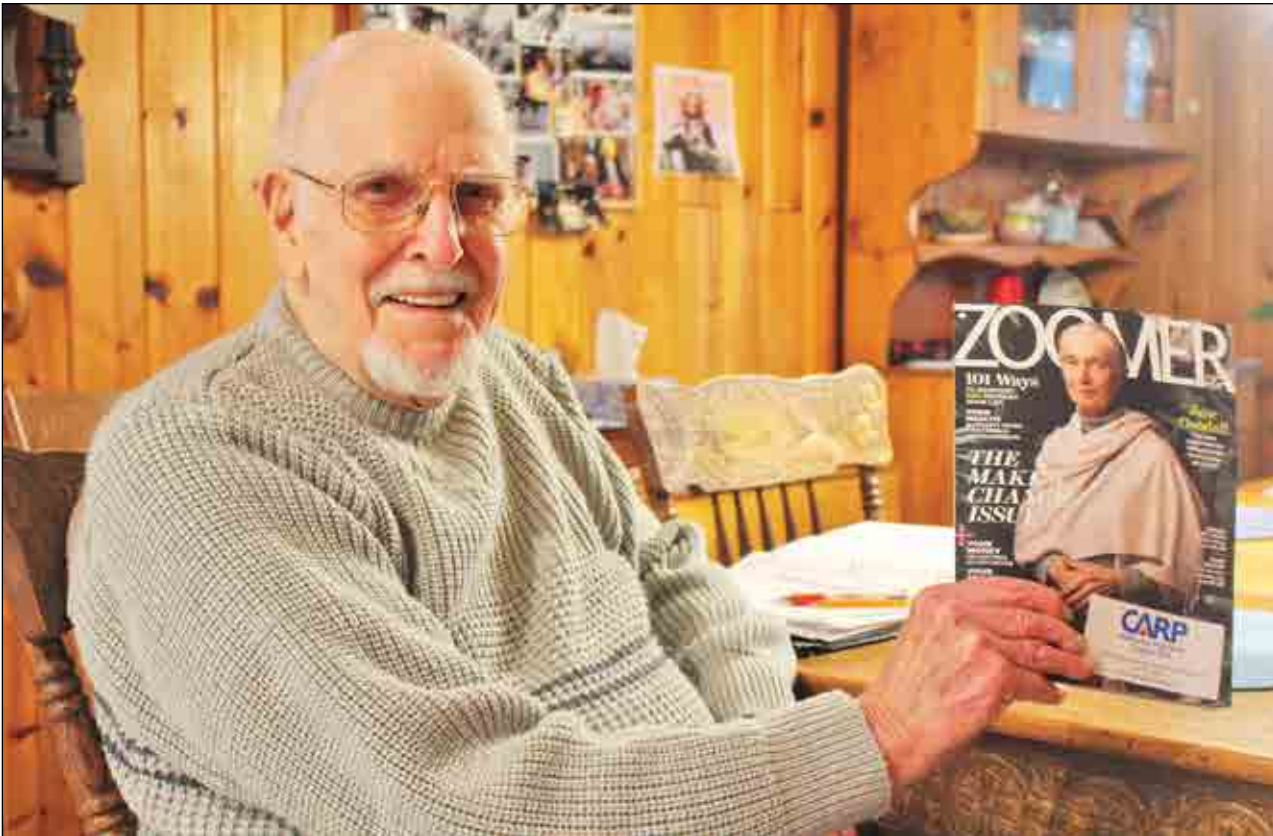
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# Highlander people



CARP Chapter 54 past president Bob Stinson holds the organization's magazine at his home Feb. 7. Stinson is stepping down from the position of president with the local chapter. Photo by Joseph Quigley

## Committee to run Haliburton CARP

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands CARP chapter is moving forward under new direction as its only-ever president Bob Stinson steps down from his position.

After six-and-a-half years at the helm, the 85-year old is stepping down into a community liaison role.

No one person is set to take over as head of the chapter. Instead, his position will be filled by committee, with other members of the chapter's board working together to manage his former duties.

"Things are catching up to me," Stinson said. "I just don't feel capable of doing the job that should be done ... I'm disappointed that I didn't create a situation where somebody was ready to step in and take my place."

Running Haliburton's CARP chapter has gone well over the past few years, Stinson said. He noted the success of its launch in 2012, with over 200 people attending, and how the chapter became the country's fastest growing. Today, it stands with approximately 700 members.

Under his leadership, Stinson said the chapter ran workshops and advocated for senior's issues in the county. Senior housing was foremost amongst them, especially given the county's rising senior population.

"We simply need to concentrate on building more for the seniors that are here," Stinson said. "We're approaching 65 per cent of the population is seniors, that's huge. Lots of them have to move away or they can't live on their own because there's nobody here for them. That's sad because

this is where they want to be."

Stinson, who also serves on the Aging Well committee, said he had laments as president. He said he would have liked to have been able to better work with the whole County of Haliburton, instead of a focus around Haliburton village. He also commented on the struggles of grooming a successor, after the passing of vice president Peter Minaki in 2015.

CARP Haliburton acting president Elaine Schmid said it has been a struggle to find lasting board members for the group and Stinson will be sorely missed.

"To think that any one person can step in and take over for him is kind of unrealistic because he probably knows more about what CARP is about than anybody," Schmid said. "That was his baby."

Schmid said she proposed running the chapter without a regular president, instead taking turns running meetings. She added the idea has gotten support from CARP head office.

She said with non-profit advocacy groups being mostly run by older people, this kind of measure could prove more necessary, due to reluctance for individuals to take on a leadership position.

"They're going to have to share responsibility in order to keep these groups alive," Schmid said.

Stinson said he appreciated CARP's board taking this measure, as he does not see any alternative.

"Got a lot of faith. If there's any way to make it work, they'll make it work," he said.

## Algonquin Highlands news

Algonquin Highlands has begun its 2019 budget talks - starting at an additional levy increase of 4.44 per cent, which would have a 1.039 per cent impact on the tax rate.

That 1.039 per cent is within council's control. They don't yet know what taxpayers will have to pay towards the County of Haliburton or the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Deputy-Mayor Liz Danielsen chaired the initial meeting on Feb. 20 as Mayor Carol Moffatt was sick. They are scheduled to have a council meeting today (Feb. 21) followed by another budget session.

Danielsen termed it "a good, clean budget." She acknowledged the work of treasurer Tammy McKelvey

and CAO Angie Bird. "It makes our job a lot easier. That's not to say we're not going to have a lot of questions," Danielsen said.

McKelvey said there were numerous impacts on the 2019 budget, including an \$18,500 added cost for council wages and benefits from the loss of the one-third tax exemption. Another \$60,000 is added for the cost for an additional administrative assistant. Ten thousand has been put into the budget for integrity commissioner costs. Some \$28,000 is included for the Dorset Library reconfiguration. There's \$20,000 in the budget for training in public works and administration. And, \$36,500 has been added for the landfill contract increases. (Lisa Gervais)

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# Highlander people

## Friendship Force visitors enjoy fun in the snow

By Lisa Gervais

Sporting helmets and brandishing brooms, 17 ambassadors from five continents took to the ice at the Minden Curling Club Feb. 12 to throw a few rocks - and bring a successful end to a week-long stay in the county as part of an organization known as Friendship Force.

Six people from Australia, five from the United States, four from Japan, and one each from South Africa and the United Kingdom stayed with local hosts and took part in outdoor adventures across the Highlands from Feb. 7-13.

They skied, snowshoed, snowmobiled, curled, and went for dog-sled and sleigh-rides with their hosts.

For some it was their first experience with snow.

Denise Huntley lives in Gosford, Australia. Taking a break from the curling, she said she'd been to Canada before, but it was Saskatchewan in summer.

"And now it's winter. It's fantastic," she said. "Every time, I'm going 'wow ... how wonderful.'"

She added that it had been lovely to meet some wonderful people.

The local hosts are all part of the

Haliburton Highlands Friendship Force club and travel the world as well.

Huntley said she's been a part of the Australian club for more than 10 years after her husband died. She enjoys the security of travelling with others and enjoys meeting people from all over the world.

"These sorts of things make it a brighter day," she commented.

Pat Reynolds was one of the local hosts and a member of the Haliburton club.

She said this particular trip was dubbed 'fun in the snow.' The visitors had come to experience "our winter" she said.

She chuckled they arrived during an ice storm on Feb. 6 and left during a snowstorm on Feb. 13, "so they have experienced lots of winter weather."

She welcomes the visits, saying "I get the pleasure of meeting all of these people. They stay in our homes. So, we get the pleasure of seeing how they enjoy what we do." She added it's far from a pre-packaged guided tour. For example, visitors enjoy going into local grocery stores as well as seeing the tourist attractions.

On the flip side, a group from Haliburton will be visiting three clubs

in New Zealand and Australia later this spring.

While the travelling is a bonus, Reynolds said, "it's great meeting friends and having contacts in different parts of the world."

She said they always learn that while they have differences, they also have a lot in common.

### What is Friendship Force?

Friendship Force is an association of clubs from all over the world who visit each other to share insights and promote international understanding. Typically, the host club welcomes the visitors to their homes and arranges an activity program for them. Some visits have a theme, like this winter outdoor adventure, while others just focus on the local place and culture.

The Haliburton Highlands Friendship Force welcomes new members. Their website is [ffhaliburton.org](http://ffhaliburton.org) and Friendship Force International is at [friendshipforce.org](http://friendshipforce.org). The local club meets monthly, with usually a general interest session, a brief business meeting and a meal, often pot luck. Guests are welcome.



Jennelle Williams and Hazel Ross engage in a bit of tabletop curling. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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**Mar 14 - COTW Meeting**

**Mar 28 - Regular Meeting of Council**

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### Employment Opportunity - Summer Students - PARKS

The Community Services Department accepting resumes for two (2) Summer Students.

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### Notice - 2019 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 3rd Round of its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019.

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Payments received after February 11th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March. Please contact our office for a current balance.

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# Highlander community



## Cash for care first early-bird winner

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation held its first early-bird draw for its annual Cash for Care Lottery fundraiser Feb. 14. Don Selbie of Minden won \$500. Left to right: Lisa Tompkins, David Zilstra, David Gray, Carol Patrick, Glenn Scott, Eric Recalla, David Blodgett, David Coulson, Peter Oyler, Carolyn Plummer. (Joseph Quigley)



## SIRCH gives free lunches to community

SIRCH Community Services is offering free lunches to the community on Thursdays throughout February. Left to right: Volunteer Sude Daudelin, volunteer Kevin Slater, food service co-ordinator Jay McIvor, food initiative assistant Lydia Kim. “There’s a few reasons in February that people may be feeling the winter blahs. We’re just trying to break the ice and offer a hot, fresh, delicious meal,” McIvor said. (Joseph Quigley)



## Community Radio gives back

Top: Canoe FM presented the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary with a cheque for \$8,806 Jan. 24 from funds raised through its last Bingo licence. Left to right: volunteer Louise Ewing, station manager Roxanne Casey, volunteer Lois Maxwell, Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary founder Monika Melichar, volunteer Kim Kelly, station vice president Trina West. Bottom: Canoe FM presented the Haliburton County Folk Society with a cheque for \$8,806 Jan. 24 from funds raised through its last Bingo licence. Left to right: Volunteer Lois Maxwell, station manager Roxanne Casey, volunteer Kim Kelly, Haliburton County Folk Society president Barrie Martin, volunteer Louise Ewing, station vice president Trina West. (Joseph Quigley)

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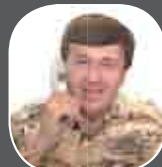
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A Storm player battles a bouncing puck as three teammates head up ice during weekend hockey action. *Photo by Danielle Martin.*

## Storm rep reports

### Atoms split weekend games

**The Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies** Atoms played games two and three of their second-round playoff series.

In game one, moments after puck drop, the Storm were on fire as a crisp breakout pass up the middle by Toby Posti set up a fast-moving rush headed deep into Wolves territory. Austin Latanville timed his backhand saucer pass to Josh Scheffee who found an open short side for the first goal of the game.

The Storm traded goals back and forth with the Wolves to make the game interesting. Goals by Parker Simms assisted by Scheffee and Liam Harrison, and an unassisted Jace Mills marker had the game tied at three.

A fourth Wolves goal happened with a well-timed shift change where an elusive forward managed to sneak in behind the Storm defence all alone ending the effort as a 4-3 Storm loss.

The series continued in Shelburne Sunday. An intense forecheck led to a chaotic goal by Deagan Davison assisted by Evan Jones, who worked hard to make it happen. A second goal by McLean Rowden lit the lamp on a rebound from a Latanville shot that was too much for the Wolves netminder to handle. On the power play, Mills redirected a tight angle shot attempt by Scheffee to make the score 3-1 in the second.

The game was tied at three headed into the third period. Scheffee took another shot and missed the net to our benefit as Jones was right at the back door picking up the behind the net bounce and banging it in the net.

Chase Winder denied multiple chances including a definitive wrap around attempt that would have had the Storm chasing the lead. Goal number five was all about

Caleb Manning's rush through the neutral zone on his own ending in the paint as he lifted the puck over a seemingly tamed Wolves goalie breaking the tie.

With the net empty both Simms and Mills sailed wrist shots right on target from down the ice. Final score 7-4 Storm.

Catch the Atoms in action in Haliburton Saturday for a 5:30 p.m. start as they fight to tie the series. *(Submitted by Pasi Posti)*

### Midgets capture series and move on

Congratulations to **The Highlander/Ed Smolen Family Dentistry** Midgets as they move on to the semi-finals by winning the series 3-1 against the Stayner Cyclones.

The midgets travelled to Stayner for game four, February 16 and demolished the Cyclones 5-0. The Storm wasted no time and took control of the game from the start. They put the pressure on and kept it on.

Early in the first period, Smith scored on a power play, with help from Dollo. A few minutes later, MacNaull chipped in the second goal, assisted by Dollo and Smith.

The second period was no different. The Storm dominated every play. The Cyclones retaliated and the period was filled with penalties. Dollo got the next goal by maneuvering nicely from deep in the Storm's end and found the opening. The Storm took advantage of a power play and made it a 4-0 game with seconds left on the clock. Give and go action led to the stick of Dollo and his point shot scored, ending the second period.

The third period had a busy penalty box, as the Cyclones frustration grew. Mid-way through, Haedicke

finished things off when he picked up the rebound from a Clements shot and made it 5-0. Sisson was outstanding in net. *(Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)*

### Peewees take game two

On Thursday, February 14, **The JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre** Peewees hosted the Shelburne Wolves in game two of the quarter finals. It was a close 2-1 win for the Storm. Goals were scored by Cooper Coles and Addison St.Cyr.

The next game is on February 22 at 6 p.m. in Shelburne where the Peewees hope to sweep the series in Game three. *(Submitted by Amber Card)*

### Novices advance to semi-finals

**The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp** Novices played their third game against the Shelburne Wolves on Saturday in Minden.

The Storm were up two games and just needed one more win to move on but the Wolves proved they weren't going down without a fight.

There were many back and forth plays in the first period but no goals scored.

Near the end of the second, Isaac Trotter picked up a fumbling puck in front of the net and fired in the first goal for the Storm.

Luke Gruppe scored a similar goal in the third, followed by a top left shot in front of the net by Henry Neilson.

The Storm took the game 3-0 and move on to the semi-finals.

Congratulations to goalie Carter Braun for his shutout. *(Submitted by Sara Gruppe)*



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## Rep League Atom Stars

**Caleb Manning**



For his excellent defensive play, with a +5 on the weekend. He waited for the right opening to rush and scored an amazing game winning goal.

**Jace Mills**



Scored three goals on the weekend and showed some inspirational grit and determination.

**McLean Rowden**



Generated many scoring chances and netted one, with a never-give up attitude that kept the team's spirits high.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

### Tykes score 21 goals in tournament

On Saturday, The Storm Tyke team had their Bernie Nichols home tournament in Haliburton. At 8:40 a.m., they played their first game against the Lakefield Chiefs. The Storm ended up with eight wicked goals lead by Nixon Ecclestone and Rowan Johnson. Great defensive plays were made by Blake Hutchinson, only allowing Lakefield four goals. The Storm took to the ice again at 11 a.m. against

the Manvers Mustang. The Storm led the scoring, with Ecclestone getting five goals and Matthew Mueller scoring a hat trick. Johnson scored two more, Nash Wilson scored one and Kelson Bagshaw scored one. More great defensive plays were evident by Cooper Gilbert allowing only six goals against. The Storm's last game of the day was against the Lindsay Muskies where goalie Jackson Robichaud earned his first shut out of the year. Storm goals scored by Brady Burke, Ecclestone, Mueller and Johnson totalling 21 goals in 40 minutes of play. The team plays Saturday in Bracebridge at 9 a.m.,

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against South Muskoka. Sunday they are in Port Carling for a fun day. (Submitted by Marita Bagshaw)

### Peewees thrash Ice Devils

On Saturday, the Peewee Home Hardware team travelled to Burk's Falls to take on the Almaguin Ice Devils. The Storm came out strong in the first period scoring three quick goals with Nathan Harrison starting the scoring assisted by Wyatt Raposo. Daniel Stephen scored an unassisted goal. Weston Bowker scored assisted by Emery Bagshaw.

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## Local League Stars

**Olivia Gruppe**

1



Olivia has proven herself to be a valuable and versatile part of the team. Some games she is needed on defence and drops back without missing a beat. Most games she finds herself at centre dictating the pace of the game. Olivia's team first approach is as infectious as her positive attitude.

**Jacob Davis**

2



Jacob's hard work and determination are always great assets to have on the ice. Whether Jacob is throwing himself into the center of the battle or streaking towards the net creating scoring chances, he always gives 100 per cent.

**Sadie Evans-Fockler**

3



Sadie has a thirst for knowledge which makes her very easy to coach. Sadie enjoys battling for the puck along the boards. She has proven tough for opposing forwards to get through, as she improves every time she steps on the ice.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

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The Storm scoring continued with Raposo scoring assisted by Harrison. Almaguin managed to get one with three minutes left in the first to which the Storm responded with two more unassisted goals by Harrison and Stephen.

In the second, the Storm didn't allow any goals against them but saw two more unassisted goals by Stephen and Raposo. Alex Hendry scored another Storm goal assisted by Mikayla Sisson. Bagshaw finished the second period with a goal assisted by Raposo.

Almaguin was able to get one more in the third but the Storm's Stephen added two more, making the final score 12-2 for the Storm.

On Saturday, the Peewees travel to Gravenhurst to

play South Muskoka at 11:15 a.m. (Submitted by Marita Bagshaw)

### Novice take it 5-4

The Dewayen Simms Construction Novice 2 travelled to Bracebridge Saturday to battle the South Muskoka Envotek.

It was an action-packed, back-and-forth game. Envotek was first on the scoreboard and took a 2-0 lead early in the second. Mason Latanville tied the game with two unassisted goals in the end of the second.

Latanville landed himself another hat trick early in the

## Storm local league reports

third, with an assist going to Brycen Harrison. Envotek tied it a minute later. With 1:30 left in the game, Harrison landed one in the net, with assists going to Latanville and Colten Simms. Thirty seconds later, McCartney Saunders landed himself an unassisted goal, helping the Storm take a 5-3 lead. With 21 seconds left in the game, Envotek snuck another goal in. Final score 5-4 Storm.

The team is back in action with their final two games of the season, Saturday, February, 23 they travel to Huntsville to take on the Huntsville Near North at 9:50 a.m. and host the South Muskoka Envotek on Sunday, February 24 in Minden at noon. (Submitted by Stephanie Harrison)

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## HHSS wrestlers win top seeds at championships

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) wrestlers successfully battled Feb. 14 to earn eight top seedings in the upcoming Central Ontario Secondary School Association (COSSA) championships.

Eight students earned top-four finishes at the home tournament, which determines the bracket for COSSA Feb. 21. The tournament featured 165 wrestlers from 15 schools, according to HHSS coach Paul Klose. HHSS student Charlotte Paton earned the top seed in her weight class, while five others from the school earned second place finishes.

Klose said the 13 athletes competing from HHSS did very well.

"They work hard at practice and yesterday (Feb. 14), they seemed to put everything together during their matches," he said. "They did what they had to do during the tournament and ended up with fine results."

HHSS students Aidan Coles, Austin Weller, Logan Heaven, Corin Gervais and Connie Oh all earned second-place seedings with their performance at the home

tournament. Nic Graham placed third in his weight class while Nic Phippen had a fourth-place finish.

Coles – who lost his first-place match by a close 9-7 score – said he was happy about the results of the seeding tournament.

"Ended up getting second place, which wasn't ideal, but overall was pretty good. Everyone wrestled well," he said. "If I did it again and one or two things went differently, I definitely could have won, but overall it was a good match."

HHSS wrestlers will take their seedings to the COSSA tournament at Centennial Secondary School in Belleville Feb. 21. Top-two finishers from there will get the chance to compete in a province-wide tournament in March.

"It's been a great season.

Everyone's eager to learn," Klose said. "We keep looking ahead to the next step and looking to improve."

Coles, who is in Grade 12, said wrestling has given him a drive.

"(To) push myself and never give up," Coles said. "There are times you're pinned in wrestling and you give every little ounce of strength that you have to push your way out of it ... wrestling is one of those things, even if you have a natural ability, you still have to work."



HHSS student Owen Wooton (right) holds onto wrestling opponent Mario Cabezudo during a match Feb. 14. Cabezudo won the match 12-2. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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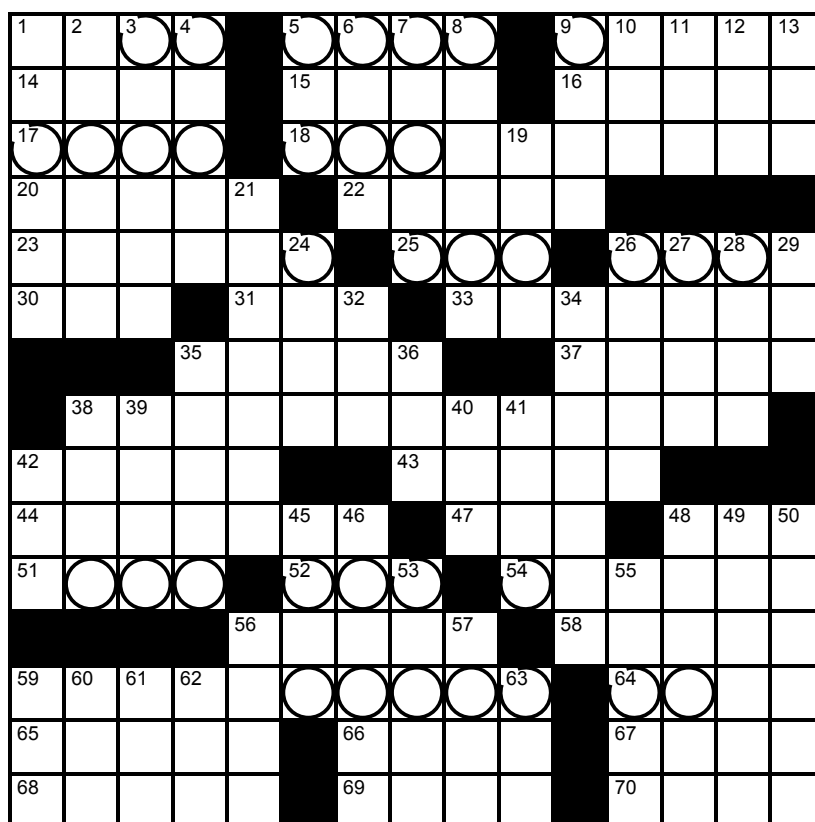
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- 25 \_\_\_ to the ground
- 26 Actors Knight and Danson
- 30 AOL rival
- 31 Cyprus's cont.
- 33 Drug for hyperactivity
- 35 Site of Margaret Mead studies
- 37 Nerdy neighbour on "Family Matters"
- 38 Grief-stricken, or what the words spelled by the circled letters depict



- 42 Play at love
- 43 Cher's chérie, once
- 44 Skin pics
- 47 Man-beast connection
- 48 Near, in Nuremberg
- 51 Cosmetic "butter" from a nut
- 52 Part of R.R. on an env.
- 54 Prepare a snake for a pet store
- 56 "\_\_\_ of a Woman" (Pacino film)
- 58 Down Under dog
- 59 Becomes discouraged
- 64 Write 70-Across, say
- 65 Flashy jewellery
- 66 Stereo types
- 67 "C'est tout"
- 68 Wooden shoe
- 69 Dot on the eye?
- 70 No dele?

### Down

- 1 Hindu retreat
- 2 Knight mares?
- 3 Bad way to meet on the highway
- 4 Sign up
- 5 Space bar neighbour
- 6 Métis leader hanged for treason
- 7 \_\_\_ for (scrumptious)
- 8 Win over with charm
- 9 Loanshark's matter of interest?
- 10 "Where would \_\_\_ without you?"
- 11 \_\_\_ double take
- 12 Frat.'s opposite
- 13 Rubber-stamps
- 19 Soviet statesman Andropov
- 21 Address, as a topic
- 24 Scottish philosopher David
- 26 A little sour
- 27 Hot Sommer
- 28 Gave up the ghost, so to speak
- 29 "Sketchy" show, for short?
- 32 Canadian singer Sexsmith
- 34 Get flushed
- 35 A little, lazily
- 36 Spa user's sounds
- 38 Eliciting a "meh"
- 39 First Communion, for one
- 40 One anagram

- 41 " ... wink and \_\_\_ ..." (done slyly)
- 42 B.C.'s St. John and St. James: Abbr.
- 45 Part of V.S.O.: Abbr.
- 46 Takes a turn?
- 48 "Smokey and the \_\_\_"
- 49 Train driver
- 50 Outfielder's cry
- 53 Legislate
- 55 Feudal estates
- 56 Mid-ranking R.C.M.P.
- 57 Stacked item at a buffet
- 59 Some mass amts.
- 60 Suffix with schnozz
- 61 Sis or bro
- 62 One anagram
- 63 Mao \_\_\_-tung

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## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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# Highlander events



## Haliburton gets frosty

After a snowy week, the sun finally came out Saturday, making it the perfect day for families and friends to get out and enjoy the 2019 Frost Fest. There was something for everyone: snow shoeing, pony rides, s'mores, beer, puppet shows, and for those brave enough, The Haliburton & District Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge. *(Hannah Sadlier)*

Left: Thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum, there was a fire and s'mores to keep everyone warm. Right: Lion James Lawr prepares for his turn at the Polar Bear Challenge which raised a total of \$7,574.70. Bottom: Families were able to enjoy wagons rides compliments of the BIA. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier.*



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### Reptile Road Show

**Saturday, March 16th, 2019, 10:00am - 12:00pm**

The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring a variety of snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about. It's a chance to get up close and personal with some amazing reptiles! **Tickets must be purchased in advance, online at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca) under the Events tab, or at our office.** The Reptile Road Show will be held at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's Fish Hatchery at 6712 Gelert Road, Haliburton.



**General Admission:** \$15 per adult, \$10 per child  
**Family Pass:** \$35 (2 adults, 2 children)

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# What's on

## FEBRUARY 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

### EVERY FRIDAY, Feb 22 – Apr 20

9 a.m. – Noon. - Volunteer Income Tax filing for 2018, at Haliburton Legion.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Mar 7 – Apr 25  
2 – 3:30 p.m. – Volunteer Income Tax filing for 2018, at Wilberforce Legion.

### Thursday February 21

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Lunch is on us! Beat the February blah's. Every Thursday in February, SIRCH Community Services is providing a free, hot lunch in Haliburton village, eat in or take out. First come, first served, at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St. Don't miss it! info@sirch.on.ca

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. \$2 per person.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – CFUW-HH Speaker Series presents Cara Steele, at Abbey Gardens Retreat Centre. Topic: What's New at Abbey Gardens, including new developments and future ideas at Abbey Gardens and the Abbey Retreat Centre. Optional snowshoe hike after the presentation. Free admission.

1:30 p.m. – Haliburton County Historical Society presents a travelog by Sean Pennylegion, taking us on a tour of three Southeast Asian countries: Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Takes place at the Haliburton Museum.

### Friday February 22

2 – 4 p.m. – Technology Tutoring, at Outreach Literacy Minden, 14 IGA Rd. Open to all! Free tutoring in computers, smart devices, mobile devices, internet, storing and retrieving photos, social media, privacy and protecting yourself from identity theft and online scams. For more info contact Robert Gaudette, bgaudette@jhscklh.on.ca or 705-328-

0472 x921.

### Saturday February 23

3 – 6 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends, Ian Pay and Brad Sales, and featuring Don Stiver on steel guitar, at the Haliburton Legion clubroom. Country classics, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m., \$5 cover charge for non-members.

5:30 p.m. – Guest Chef Dinner at Minden Community Kitchen, 24 Newcastle St., Minden. Chef Aaron Walker from McKecks will be cooking at this fundraiser for the Minden Food Centre. Tickets available at Pharmasave and Sassy Digs in Minden.

### Sunday February 24

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

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person

### Monday February 25

9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – National Cupcake Day! Minden Animal Hospital is baking cupcakes to benefit Muskoka OSPCA Bracebridge. Pre-orders welcome until Feb 22. Donations can also be made online at support.ontariospca.ca, search for MAH Fur Pets.

1 – 4 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. At Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. Join us for colouring, board games, coffee & conversation, falls prevention program, and Easy Fitness with OT Kestrel Woodley. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

### Tuesday February 26

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Food Handler Course, at Health Unit office 191 Highland St., Haliburton. This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Certificate valid for five

years. \$40/person. For more info and to book your space, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adults Only public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden. \$2/person

### Wednesday February 27

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

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## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### HALIBURTON BRANCH

**Mondays:** Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

**Sundays:** Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1p.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

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

**Friday** Community Care 55+ lunch noon. Call Denise Butler to reserve. 705-448-8865. Free pool 1:30 p.m. Wing night 6-9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday** Ken MacFarlane Memorial Ice Fish Derby, February 23 - \$15/person 1 fish entry - weigh in 3-6 p.m. – Participants must be present to collect prizes. Meat draw 2-5 p.m. - Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp

**Monday** Bid euchre 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

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# What's on

## Guest chef warming up for food centre dinner

By Lisa Gervais

Aaron Walker, of McKecks Tap and Grill, is the guest chef at the Minden Food Centre's annual guest chef dinner this Saturday night.

The centre's Marilynne Lesperance said it's their fourth guest chef dinner. The first one was with Jamie from the Riverside Inn in Norland. The second with Greg Turner and his sons from The Peppermill Steak and Pasta House in Carnarvon. Last year featured Suwan from Suwan's Thai restaurant in Minden.

"Each year the dinners raise about \$3,000 when the raffles are included," Lesperance said.

She said some Minden businesses

have donated gifts to be raffled at the dinner, which will be held in the Minden Community Kitchen, at 24 Newcastle St., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

Lesperance said it is a major fundraiser for the charity.

"The only time that more money was raised was at the road toll last year in the pouring rain," she said.

She added that this is the time of year when they are getting over the cost of their Christmas hampers, and coming up to April, their donations are lower. "So, this is a real boost for us in the kitchen and the food bank and also to help with the cost of the new lift we are currently installing."

Lesperance said the food bank's biggest challenge going forward is maintaining the

programs and services they provide to the community, especially when they are so dependent on volunteers.

"We are proud of the kids cooking program, the disaster relief, the dinners by donation and the 100 meals a week that we make that are distributed through the food bank," she said. "We currently source food at reduced cost, or free all the time, and share it with all the food banks in the county but it takes a lot of work to keep that up, but we are proud of what we have been able to accomplish in four-and-a-half years in the Masonic Lodge building."

She said that considering they get no government funding and are totally dependent on donations, the past year has been better than expected and allowed them

to offer more choices to families with kids.

Walker said he'd been talking to Lesperance for about a year about becoming this year's guest chef.

"Through my work with Food for Kids, I am well aware of the food security issues throughout the county and the vital work that Marilynne and the other volunteers do within the community. I believe in supporting agencies that assist our neighbors in need locally," he said.

Walker said the menu will include roasted chicken stuffed with caramelized apples and cranberry, flatbread with prosciutto and arugula, and they're still planning dessert.

Tickets are available at Pharmasave and Sassy Digs in Minden. All proceeds go to the Minden Food Centre.



## McKecks gives sledders \$1,000

McKecks Tap and Grill donated \$1,000 to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) Jan. 24. Left to right: McKeck's owner Aaron Walker, co-owner Melissa Walker and HCSA representatives Dave Lloyd, Margo Ross, Craig Bowker, Tom Nicholson, John Enright. "We are deeply moved at this gesture and so pleased to bring business to Haliburton County when its most needed during the quiet months," the club said in a Facebook post.

Photo by Joseph Quigley



Parklane Apartments will be celebrating with their eldest resident **Doris Roberts** this Saturday, February 23, with an open house in honour of her 100th Birthday. Between 1 and 4 her family will be serving cake and ice cream, coffee or tea and would like to invite all her friends and neighbours to join. In lieu of cards or gifts Doris has requested donations of non perishable food items for the local foodbank. Everyone is welcome.

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