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END OF THE RUN: Tom, Pam and little Cassie Blackburn recover after flying down the hill in Glebe Park in Haliburton on Wednesday, Jan. 3. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

# Family mourns man with 'heart of gold'

### By Mark Arike

The day before Christmas Eve, Meagan McNally was enjoying some quality time with her younger brother, Terrence Bradley. They laughed non-stop as they watched Jeff Foxworthy on Netflix.

"We had the same sense of humour," recalled McNally in an interview.

Sadly, it was the last time they would

ever be together.

The next evening, Terrence, 26, was struck and killed by a southbound car at the intersection of Highway 35 and Water Street in Minden. He was walking home after finishing his shift at Easton's Valu Mart, confirmed his sister.

No charges have been laid at this time and the driver's identity hasn't been

released. On Tuesday, OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee said the investigation was ongoing.

"There are no new updates at this time," she said.

McNally, who lives in Toronto with her partner, was watching Christmas movies when she received the devastating news from the coroner.

"I answered and the coroner told me he had some very sad news and that my brother had been struck by a car and killed," she said. "I was silent for all of five seconds, although it felt longer. I felt like my heart was ripping in two.'

McNally joked her brother was "a pain in the butt from the time he was born," but he

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### Bradley's sister urges winter road caution

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was a caring person who always wanted to be by her side when they were kids.

"He was selfless," she said. After their mother died in 2013, she offered to move Terrence and her father to Toronto with her. Her dad didn't want to and Terrence stayed to be his primary caregiver.

As for his other traits, "he was weird and quirky," she said. "He always smiled and wanted to make people laugh. He had a heart of gold."

Terrence was passionate about gaming, chess and theatre.

"He was just starting to come out of his shell and be more confident with who he was."

Richard Bradley, a friend of Terrence's for more than 15 years, would often give him lifts around town or to or from work.

"We were not related, but many years ago he started calling me dad and Sandi [my wife] mom. I think it was meant as an inside

out, "Hey Dad," Bradley posted on Facebook.

Terrence worked at Valu Mart for five years as a grocery

clerk and receiver. His employer, Lynda Easton, spoke at his funeral in Minden on Tuesday.

"He was a very kind, compassionate and reliable

worker," she said. "He was always eager to help co-workers and customers. He was known to share hugs, smiles, jokes and words of support to everyone. Terrence will be greatly missed by everyone at Valu Mart."

McNally and her family are grateful for the outpouring of support from the community. Since his death, nearly \$8,000 has been raised online for funeral expenses. The goal was \$6,000.

"The response was immediate and we reached our goal in three days," she said. "Every time we got a donation I would just sit and cry. My brother had a big heart but he kept to himself. He didn't think he was liked/loved as much as he was."

Her message to the public is to be careful when out on the roads.

"Please whether you are walking or driving pay attention to your

joke, but always enjoyed it when he would see me and call surroundings so that you and everyone around you can make it home to their families," she said.



Terrence Bradley with his sister, Meagan McNally, at her wedding in September. Submitted.

### OPP briefs

### Dysart man charged with impaired driving

On New Year's Eve, shortly after 8:30 p.m., local OPP say they responded to a report of a single motor vehicle collision on Riverside Drive in Dysart et al. Police said they found a white Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck had left the road and struck trees. Police allege the male driver had been consuming alcohol and he was arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment for further tests. As a result of the investigation, 21-year-old Daniel Kay of Dysart et al has been charged with driving while ability impaired by alcohol and driving with more than 80 mg of alcohol in blood. The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Feb. 7. His driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle he was driving impounded for seven days.

### Sudden death in Harcourt a mystery

Just exactly how a man died in Harcourt Park Marina sometime New Year's Eve or New Year's Day is still to be determined by an autopsy. However, local OPP said Tuesday via a news release that "foul play is not suspected at this point in the

They say that on Jan. 1, at approximately 9:30 a.m., they responded to a report of a sudden death and found a 69-year-old male from Dysart et al.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP is assisting the Office of the Chief Coroner with the Coroner's investigation.

### Accident victim airlifted

On Dec. 26, shortly after 10 a.m., OPP responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision on South Wilberforce Road in the Township of Highlands East.

They say a male operating a small utility tractor was reversing out of a driveway on South Wilberforce Road when he collided with a passing pick-up truck.

The 73 year-old male driver of the tractor was airlifted to a Toronto area hospital with life-threatening injuries.

**OPP Technical Traffic Collision** Investigators were on scene and police said further information would be released once it became available.

### Car in ditch leads to charge

On Dec. 19, shortly after 10 p.m., OPP responded to a report of a motor vehicle in the ditch on Buckhorn Road near Tamarack Lake Road in Highlands East.

Upon arrival, police located a male in a blue Chevrolet Cavalier in the east ditch. He was unhurt. However, while speaking with him, police suspected he had been consuming alcohol. They arrested him at the scene and took him to the detachment for further tests. During the investigation police also seized a small quantity of suspected marijuana. Rodney Holliss, 62, of Highlands East has been charged with: care and control while impaired by alcohol, care and control over 80 mg, possession of schedule II substance-cannabis marihuanaunder 30 grams, careless driving and having care and control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor contrary to section 32(1) of the Liquor Licence Act (LLA)

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on Feb. 7. He also received an automatic 90-day driver's licence suspension and his vehicle has been impounded for seven days. (OPP briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais).



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# Highlander news



A large inventory of high-end properties helped realtors convince more buyers to choose Haliburton this year. Photo submitted by Chestnut Park.

## Haliburton not the new Muskoka - yet

### But area positioned to be more popular

By Lisa Harrison

As expected, high-end or prestige properties valued at over \$1.5 million were in high demand in Muskoka again this year, but interest has shifted to the Haliburton area to a greater degree than ever before.

In 2017, Haliburton had low inventory under \$700,000, but an "incredibly high" inventory over the \$1-million mark, said Rob Serediuk via email Dec. 17. Serediuk is a sales representative with Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited's Cottage Country Team. The brokerage operates in Haliburton, Muskoka and the Kawarthas.

Because Muskoka lacked a good inventory in the \$1.5-million to \$2-million range, buyers in that range began looking to Haliburton this year. Serediuk said Chestnut Park is constantly trying to convince buyers to look at Haliburton, and 2017 marked their greatest success to date.

"There is no question there is money in Haliburton," said Serediuk. "However, look at Kennisis Lake and the cottages that sit along the west shore. People are in it for huge numbers – \$2 million, \$3 million, even \$4 million when they take the cost of the lot and the cost to build. However, the highest sale on Kennisis Lake was \$1,620,000 and that was in 2011. It was only in 2017 that the record was able to be broken with two sales - \$1,760,000 and \$1,775,000."

Serediuk said both these sales were to Chestnut Park buyers who initially were looking in other areas. Lack of good inventory in Muskoka was one of the primary reasons they chose Haliburton.

In total, Haliburton had seven sales above \$1.5 million in 2017 compared to one in 2013, two in 2014 and 2015, and four last

year, said Serediuk.

"Haliburton is in a great position because of the area's clean lakes, beautiful Algonquin-type setting, and offering way more bang for your buck," said Serediuk, but he added it's not yet time to say, "Haliburton is the new Muskoka."

Serediuk gave the example of an imaginary \$2-million listing. From April 1 to June 30, it would average a different number of showings per region: 25-30 on Muskoka's "Big Three" lakes (Muskoka, Joseph and Rosseau), 15-20 in Lake of Bays, 10-15 in Huntsville, and zero to two – maybe three – in Haliburton.

"Muskoka will always be Muskoka. Buyers are willing to spend \$2 million on an average cottage on an average lot because their friends and family own cottages on the Big Three. There is only a certain portion that will consider anywhere

However, as other areas become less popular because they don't fit into what a buyer is looking for (the Kawarthas, Huntsville), Haliburton is positioned to become even more popular, said Serediuk.

"The \$1.5-million-plus range remains saturated and Muskoka's inventory levels could have an impact on the high-end Haliburton market. The more expensive and over-priced Muskoka becomes, the more high-end buyers will look to other areas, and Haliburton is truly next in line."

"But agents in Haliburton need to work together to bring more buyers to prestige properties and increase the number of showings ... we have seen real estate agents and teams make great strides in their marketing over the past couple of years and this is awesome."



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community building.

Pam Sayne

Minden Hills councillor

doing community

education and

## 'Eco works' contest for energy efficiency

### Minden's Climate Change Action Committee to host session Jan. 17

#### By Lisa Gervais

A contest to see which team can come up with the best plan to make a Minden Hills owned building more energy efficient — will be launched in 2018.

Further, an information session about incentives, funding options, action for

climate change and long-term energy planning, is coming to the Minden Hills Community Centre Jan. 17.

Coun. Pam Sayne of the Climate Change Action Committee, and Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager, discussed both ideas at a Dec. 14 Minden Hills council meeting.

A day earlier, committee members Scott Harrison and Heather Ross spoke at a county council meeting.

Sayne said the first initiative is a contest

for energy savings. She said they are proposing to bring in teams, that could comprise, for example, retired engineers and people with construction knowledge, as well as youth, to find out "who provides the best retrofit for energy savings." She said the township's building department

would also be onboard. The winning team would be awarded \$500.

While making a pitch for \$2,500 in council support for the "Eco-Works" competition, she said the township investment would be offset by energy savings in the building in future. "It's a win-win. We'll be saving on energy, doing community

education and community building." Ingram did say the final price may be more than \$2,500.

According to committee minutes tabled

at the meeting, the money would cover expenses relating to implementation, public awareness and advertising, as well as the prize money.

"It is our belief that as well as creating community awareness and participation, it also represents a starting point for what we hope will be additional future projects aimed at reducing the municipalities' energy costs," the minutes read.

While there are more details to come on the contest, the information session is locked in for Jan. 17, between 1 and 4 p.m. at the community centre.

Harrison and Ross told county council, "climate change and energy security are growing issues that impact very directly upon our local governments. With two 'once in a century' floods in the past four years, I think it's becoming clear these are not singular events and there will be more to come. We are going to need an action

plan and we are going to need funding."
However, the two said the good news
is there is money available to local

is there is money available to local governments for planning and action through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and provincial ministry programs.

They also talked about the need for a countywide response.

As such, county and other lower-tier staff and politicians have been invited to the session, which will feature presentations from Ian McVey of the Ontario Climate Consortium Secretariat, on behalf of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Josh Shook from the ministry of energy, as well as representatives, James Scott and Patrick Fancott from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

The committee said the goal of the session is "to highlight funding programs and examples from other regions. "

# Ice rentals declining in Highlands East

### By Mark Arike

Four years ago, the ice at the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena in Wilberforce was rented for 97 hours in October and November. Last year's rental time rose to 111.5 hours for the same two-month period.

But this fall, bookings dropped 33 per cent from last year to 75 hours.

Jim Alden, property supervisor for Highlands East, says this is due to fewer children living in the area and fewer hockey players.

"Some of them have joined hockey leagues elsewhere, in a higher tier level [like all-star]," Alden told *The Highlander*.

He recently reported his findings for the last five years (in October and November) to council. Rental hours for other years were 91 in 2014 and 99.5 in 2015. On the positive side, Alden said there have been several bookings for private rentals and birthday parties this month.

"Hopefully, they'll still keep coming," he said.

Coun. Joan Barton agreed it's wise to focus on private rentals. She suggested investigating funding opportunities that could enhance the arena's offerings through the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund (OSRCF).

"This grant funds programming in sports facilities," said Barton, adding that someone should reach out to the skating community about forming a partnership. "This is a way that we could offer skating and coaching programming in our arena."

According to its website, the OSRCF fund "supports a vision of getting and

keeping Ontarians active in community sport, recreation and physical activity."

She said with a mid-January deadline, time is of the essence. Council voted in favour of pursuing the opportunity. CAO Shannon Hunter said staff will connect with groups in the area to find out who would be interested in a partnership.

### Council reviews rental fees

Council also discussed the current facility rental fees, including those non-profits pay.

For the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, the non-profit rate is \$100 plus HST. However, the municipality's website states, "Some functions/groups can be held at no charge and/or no deposit at council's discretion."

Since regular rental rates vary from one facility to another, Alden recommended set rates. He also suggested that all rentals be facilitated through the administration office in Wilberforce.

"Currently all community centre rentals fees are set at pre-amalgamation rates," said Alden in a report. "These rates are not consistent and do not make the rental process for staff and residents simple."

For example, they charge \$25 for the Lloyd Watson Centre for specific functions but \$60 for the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre in Gooderham.

Council approved a schedule of fees and will discuss non-profit charges at a Jan. 28 meeting. Notification of rental fee changes will be posted 30 days prior to implementation.



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# Highlander news

### Sledders revving up for 7 km of new trails

### By Lisa Gervais

If the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) gets its way, sledders may have 7.1 km of new trails in Minden Hills in the future.

The association has applied to the township for permission to build four sections of trails on various, original township road allowances.

There'll be a public meeting in future to discuss the plan.

HCSA director Jim Richert said the idea came about because landowners have asked for some trails to be closed or moved off municipal roads as much as practical.

Richert said it'll be good for the local economy as sledders could better access downtown and surrounding businesses.

The HCSA wants to construct four unique branches using the following unopened road allowances:

- between lots 5 and 6 of Anson, between Fleming Road and Scotch Line Road – 4km
- between Concession 'A' and Lot 1 of Minden, between Scotch Line Road and Plantation Road –4km
- between Concession 8 and 9 of Minden, between Plantation Road and Twelve Mile Lake Road -2.3km, and
- between Concession 12 and 13 of Snowdon, between the Hydro corridor and Kendrick Creek Lane - .4km

Minden Hills planner Ian Clendening said they had received numerous comments on the proposal, with no one saying 'no' but identifying several issues. They included trails on wetlands. Clendening said he's not worried about the impact of snowmobiles on wetlands but doesn't want quad users to think they can access the trails in spring, summer or fall. They're still waiting to hear from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Foresty as well. Coun. Pam Sayne wondered about signage indicating 'winter use only.'

Adjacent property owners also have concerns about trespassing, safety, light, noise and other site specific issues, One suggested vegetation screening where they live. Another said vegetation needed to be cleaned out for better visibility.

The planner said if council is interested, he'll go back to the HCSA to talk about entrance points, trail closings at the end of the year, and the extent of survey work required.

"Additionally, there are various stakeholders who have already shown interest and should be engaged as an important part of this process. As such, in addition to soliciting further input, staff would like to allow for an opportunity for at least one open house-style event to solicit the public's feedback at such point as the preliminary design considerations have been addressed," Clendenning said in a



The HCSA grooms a trail. File photo.

written report

He noted the association has asked that its application fee be waived and the township commit to \$14,500 is estimated survey

Mayor Brent Devolin said he supported

the HCSA's application in principle but recognized it is "obviously a public process." He added it was a bit premature to talk about council waiving fees or paying for surveys. Sayne agreed that liability and trespassing issues have to be addressed.





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### Drug use shouldn't be a surprise

were told about a serious drug problem in Haliburton. Public health nurse, Francine Fernandes delivered the news that the Haliburton Highland Pharmacy distributed 6,000 needles to drug users through its needle exchange program.

Several drugs are taken intravenously, including heroin, cocaine and fentanyl. These are some of the most common substances, but not all of them.

And, just as concerning, is the fact that discarded needles have been found in garbage bins in Head Lake Park and on main street, potentially endangering municipal staff tasked with keeping the village clean. The park itself is a popular place for users to do drugs, according to Fernandes.

It was disheartening to hear, especially when her presentation followed delegations about two new family-friendly events planned for the park this summer. Some councillors were taken aback by how prevalent drug use is. Mayor Murray Fearrey said, 'It's an astounding number of people using them."

But it really shouldn't be that shocking. Haliburton County is one of the poorest

Just before the holidays, Dysart councillors counties in the province. Many residents are isolated, have trouble finding fulltime employment and can't access the limited resources available due to a lack of transportation. They struggle to make ends meet and coping is difficult. Often, alcohol and drugs are the only escape.

There are also other factors at play, including mental illness, upbringing and education. It's important to note that not all drug users are those down and out. Some are business owners and other professionals.

In 2016, it came to the community's attention that Haliburton County has the second highest rate of use of doctorprescribed opioids in the province. The local health unit and several other agencies joined forces to develop a drug strategy to combat the misuse of these drugs.

Fernandes recommended installing a needle box in the community for used needles. It will be locked and hold about 6,000 needles. Council made the right decision by approving the request. The safety of staff and the public is of the utmost importance.

Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts, who sits on the board of the health unit as a

representative for the county, said she was aware of the "staggering" numbers in the area. But, Coun. Walt McKechnie admitted he's very naive to drugs.



**Bv Mark Arike** 

They don't need to be experts, but all councillors should have general knowledge of what's going on so they can have informed conversations and make decisions in everyone's best interests.

A good way of doing that would be to attend annual board meetings of other organizations, stay in touch and show up to events that address these subjects. For example, youth suicide and mental health is another important topic right now. Haliburton has been described as "a community in crisis" because of the deaths of young people. Yet not one councillor was at a recent forum at the high school.

As beautiful as Haliburton is and a destination place for tourists, it has real problems that aren't going away anytime

### The**Outsider**

### Looking back to the future

One year older and another year wiser, or so they say. Last year was a good one for me, at least the bits that I can remember due to my ever-increasing age and subsequent declining mental faculties. And that, I believe, is the key to the olderwiser philosophy. The older you get, the more forgetful you get and so you fail to remember all the dumb things that you did in your youth (or last week), and so, you perceive yourself as being wiser. The perfect solution, don't you think? Or did you forget what I just said?

But I digress. The year of 2017 was my eighth year in Canada and it was the first year that I noticed myself becoming somewhat Canadian. Yes, I've been hunting deer and guzzling maple syrup like a true Haliburtonian almost ever since my little family and I landed here in 2010 but for what seemed the longest time, I still thought of myself as the Englishman, the outsider, so to speak. However, now it is how I am speaking that I realize I am

starting to lose my Englishness. I catch myself saying, quite naturally, that we need to 'take the garbage to the dump', rather than 'the rubbish to the tip' or, I 'need to fill the truck with gas' as opposed to 'filling the car with petrol'.

I do still struggle with my trunks and boots, bonnets and hoods, though. And by that, I mean the various ends of a car, not my speedos, shoes, lady's head-gear and my old stomping ground back in Blighty! Geddit, 'my hood'! No, neither did I. Terrible attempt to sound Americool for the kids ...

But getting back to me feeling Canadian, or Haliburtonian, I guess. I now have a full wardrobe of plaid shirts – more than one for every day of the week. I wear my long underwear religiously from November until May. I actually like standing on a frozen lake staring down a small hole not catching fish. The bugs bother me but not so much that I can't stand and have a beer with you while they chew on me. I can

sort of cross country ski but I'd rather be on a sled. My dog is a hound and that 'truck that I fill with gas' is

By Will Jones

pretty beaten up but still going strong. I guess what I'm feeling right now is that over the last eight years I've gradually integrated into Haliburton County life but during the last year I've really 'come on to 'er', I've been 'givin' it ninety' as you guys might say. There's another slip of my Canadian tongue, 'you guys', a couple of years ago, I'd have said 'you folks' or 'you erstwhile fellows" ... only kidding, that would be altogether way too foreign for the part of England that I come from.

And so, I'm getting there, or here, or something like. You know what I mean. I'll never be a true Haliburtonian but I'm enjoying keeping on trying. Here's to you all and a great 2018.



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# Editorial opinion

### **Eye on the street:** What's your New Year's resolution?



Judy Chaulk

Gooderham

My New Year's resolution is that God will answer my prayers for my family.



**Kelly Hatton** 

Haliburton

I don't have one. I only did that when I was younger.



### Liana MacDuff

Haliburton

I'm going to keep trying to give up smoking.



### Sonnie Bernardi

Wenona Lake

Work less and enjoy more.



Valerie Bailey

Haliburton

I'm working on changing my diet. I have to give up dairy, potatoes and sugar.

Photos and interviews by Mark Arike

### Letters

### Concerned with proposed Bob Lake boat launch

Dear editor,

I am concerned by the present proposal to build a boat launch at the location described by the cottagers association delegation. Only the concession line is municipally owned and to reach this location requires crossing several hundred feet of private road. Contrary to Mr. Roszell's claim,

this area has never been the site of a boat launch, and the present turnaround was only created recently to facilitate the school bus turning. I am familiar with the location and their cost estimate is unrealistically low.

Laurie Brown **Bob Lake cottager** 

### Bob Lake cottagers not looking for a handout

Dear editor,

Everybody has used a public ramp on Bob Lake for more than 70 years. Our municipality has described that ramp as public access in print and websites for decades. Most Bob Lake owners bought assured of a public ramp. Minden has maintained the ramp as public property, for decades.

The actual owner unexpectedly emerged and barricaded the ramp last year. The reeve told us that he would get it resolved. Prescriptive easement, purchase, expropriation, severing, a public road, and other vague appeasements were discussed. The notorious "extraction window" in October had minimal value due to timing. Almost all boats were removed in September by private ramps or the mysterious displacement of the barrier for the entire month. Last May, the reeve abandoned efforts to preserve a public ramp. Among the reasons was a claimed cost of over \$100,000 to construct a ramp. Clearly fictional.

The Bob Lake Association has submitted

proposals in the \$25-30K range. Superior Court is the only avenue for redress. Our legal costs would be in the \$100,000 range. A decision in our favour would be likely but not certain, and would apply to only a minority.

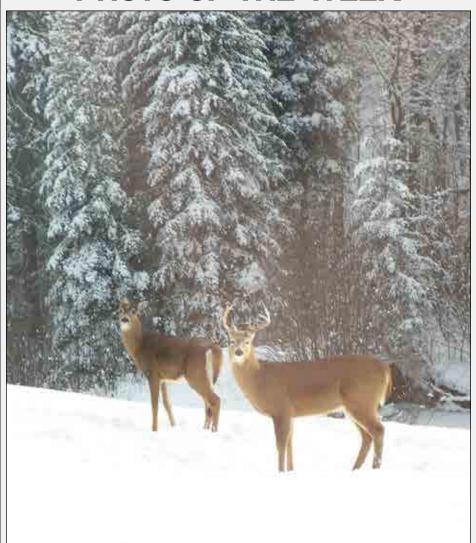
The market value of all ramp-less cottage properties has gone down substantially. Prospective purchasers are not interested.

Considering the history and specific circumstances, it seems to be the duty of the municipality to provide an alternate site. Representatives of the Bob Lake Association have worked intensively with staff and councillors to promote a result that restores the historic public access to the lake, summer and winter.

We are not looking for a handout, but rather a restoration of a public ramp for Bob Lake. Our proposal is in the minutes of the council meeting of 26 October at mindenhills.ca. I think any reader will find it fair and compelling.

Gordon Flann **Bob Lake** 

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



A majestic buck and a beautiful doe forage in the cold for something to eat in Anne Brown's backyard on Scotch Line Road. Submitted.

### Tax dollars, not special levy, for boat ramp

Dear editor.

The historical boat ramp was not a "revoked privilege" in response to any disagreement with the land owner. Prior to the spring of 2016, the ramp was understood to be on public land and operated as a public launch for well over 50 years – an assumption held by everyone – including the municipality who maintained the ramp for all those

The 10-15 per cent resale impact for Bob

Lake properties is an estimate provided by a Haliburton real estate agent, who is an

But, even a five per cent reduction in property assessment values equates to an annual loss of tax revenue greater than the one-time ramp construction cost.

The reader (in a letter to the editor Dec. 21, 2017) suggests that the \$30K cost is less than \$150 per property owner and should be paid by them rather than taxpayer money. Bob Lake property owners are

local taxpayers as well and make up a significant portion of the Minden Hills tax base (we contribute nearly 20 times the ramp construction cost amount annually). The logistics of collecting that money and "gifting" it to the township is a significant challenge and an unnecessary complication at this point in the process.

Most importantly, this is a public facility available for everyone to use, which is the very essence of tax dollars spend.

Bob Lake is an asset and the cost of this

boat ramp is a small investment that greatly enhances that asset. There are many other benefits as well, including environmental factors and a boost to local businesses.

We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with the complete proposal as well as a growing number of questions and answers with supporting details on our website at boblakeassociation.ca/boat-ramp.

Dave Roberts Director - Bob Lake Association

# Highlander news



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Tina Jackson, coordinator of Heat Bank Haliburton County and the Central Food Network, requested Highlands East's support during a recent council meeting. *Photo by Mark Arike*.

# Food network and heat bank seek more federal funding

By Mark Arike

The Central Food Network and Heat Bank Haliburton County hope to get at least \$15,000 in additional federal funding to keep residents warm this winter and offer transportation to those at risk of homelessness.

They would use \$10,000 in the next four months to distribute 25, \$400 heating and hydro grants to people in need, according to a report by coordinator Tina Jackson. Another \$3,000 would be spent to give housing-insecure clients gas vouchers or cab fare for necessary appointments. And they want to buy a \$2,300 gas-powered log splitter to split donated firewood.

By partnering with Highlands East, they received \$132,000 over three years from the Homelessness Partnership Strategy (HPS). It runs out March 2019. It was about \$34,000 less than they were seeking, but last year they received another \$18,000 from the same source.

On Dec. 6, Jackson asked for council's support once again.

"We learned in the final hour this year, there is additional money through HPS," she said. We ask "that you support us in pursuing the opportunity to secure that additional funding."

Coun. Joan Barton asked for the exact amount council would be supporting. Jackson said they didn't have one.

"We know there is \$256,000 that's available this fiscal year and up to \$800,000 next fiscal [year]. But it's a bidding process through which all the other funded agencies in Ontario have an opportunity to apply," she said.

Since the municipality is submitting the application, CAO Shannon Hunter said its responsible for the program and allocation of funds.

Council unanimously approved the request.

The Central Food Network runs the food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff. In 2016, it adopted Heat Bank, a community initiative that provides emergency heat and firewood to residents.

# HHHS to work with partners to improve addiction services in the Highlands

By Mark Arike

The provincial government is putting \$1.6 million into helping Ontarians addicted to opioid painkillers. Haliburton Highlands CEO Carolyn Plummer says that although none of this money is coming to her organization, there will be opportunities to benefit from it through partnerships.

"We understand there are opportunities to propose services to address the needs outlined in this announcement, and we will be participating in proposals in collaboration with our partners in the community such as primary care and the Four Counties Addiction Services Team

(FourCAST)," said Plummer. "We could certainly benefit from additional resources to better support withdrawal management for this population."

Part of the money will be used to develop rapid access addiction clinics in Scarborough, Durham Region and Peterborough sub-regions, according to the Central East Local Health Integration Network. It's also promised to establish community-based withdrawal management services in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. These services will help people experiencing withdrawal from alcohol or drugs, and are an alternative to residential withdrawal management.

Plummer said HHHS currently offers a "full range of mental health services" to residents with an addiction "and/or concerns of over-dependency." They work with FourCAST to develop a "collaborative and comprehensive plan of care" for them.

FourCAST is an organization that provides addiction treatment programs in Peterborough, Northumberland, Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Last year, a study revealed that nearly 26 per cent of Haliburton County residents on the Ontario Drug Benefit plan were taking doctor-prescribed opioids. The provincial average was about 20 per cent.

# Highlander business

# Barber brings experience from B.C.

### The Hair Lounge in Haliburton welcomes new talent

#### By Jennifer Hughey

There's a new barber in Haliburton, and he's creating more than just waves.

Thirty-year-old Cody Nasby is a trained barber originally from Vancouver, B.C., who just moved to the Highlands with his wife Jennifer and 16-month-old daughter Ella, to be closer to his wife's family.

Nasby said he was switching his driver's license info when he met The Hair Lounge owner, Mark Christiano.

"Cody was in Service Ontario ... saw my sign and just stopped in," Christiano told The Highlander. "We chatted and hit it off right away and the rest is hair history!"

The Hair Lounge is located at 50 York St. and is owned and operated by Christiano. He said he wasn't really recruiting, but having someone on-hand that can offer full modern/vintage barbering seemed like a win-win.

"It seemed like our services fit well together," Nasby said.

Nasby started as an ironworker on big projects in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta from his late teens onward, before he went to barber schoo

"I went to school in Edmonton and specialized in men's and boy's barbering," he said, recalling his time at Mr. Barber School. Their website says they "focus on having the best instructors in the field to help students learn the latest skills and the most precise barbering."

Right out of school, Nasby worked at a few shops in Calgary and estimates he has already cut hundreds of heads of hair by this point.

"I like doing anything from traditional cuts to today's modern fades and styles, but anything where I get to use the straight razor is my favourite."

Nasby specializes in both men and boy's haircuts, fades and modern styles, hot towel and foam straight razor shaves, beard line ups, shaping and overall upkeep. He will even do a free blackhead peel mask with your haircut.

Nasby's hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. or he can make other times available upon request. Call 705-457-7222 for an appointment or walk-ins are welcome.

Cody Nasby, wife Jennifer, and daughter Ella recently moved from Vancouver to Haliburton. *Photo by Jennifer Hughey.* 



# Minden's Village Chalet closes after 25 years

### By Lisa Gervais

A long-standing Minden restaurant closed over the Christmas holidays, putting seven people out of work and delivering a devastating blow to the downtown.

Owner Craig Faulkner and employee Shannon Sullivan confirmed the closure with *The Highlander* on Wednesday via a prepared statement.

That statement was similar to what was posted on The Village Chalet Facebook page last week as well as a sign posted in the window of the Bobcaygeon Road eatery - that has been a town mainstay for 25 years.

However, the two elaborated on some of the circumstances that led to the decision to close the doors in an address to "the community, valued customers and loyal patrons, and very dedicated staff" of the family-run restaurant.

"It is with great sadness that we had no choice but to close our doors," they said. The two said the decision came quickly and did not allow them to give a lot of notice to the town, customers or staff.

They cited the cost of structural and cosmetic repairs to the building. They added that repairs to Anson Street, which were necessary, caused a septic issue that was beyond their budget. They were also facing the new \$14-an-hour minimum wage that took effect Jan. 1.



A sign in the window of the Village Chalet in Minden announces the closure. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.

They said as many small business owners know in this community, it is hard enough to keep operating in the winter months with fewer customers, high food and supply costs and, now, a minimum wage increase.

They said they hoped new owners could be found to possibly reopen the establishment at some time in the future.

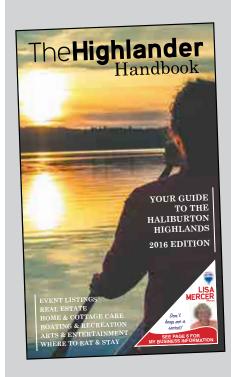
Minden Hills Coun. Lisa Schell described the closure as "a devastating loss to the downtown. My family, friends and co-workers were all frequent customers and I'm sad to see it close. The staff have always been wonderful and any business closing means jobs are lost and that is very disappointing. I am hopeful that either Craig is able to reopen or someone else come along and buy the business."



### A cheque for the books

TD Bank Minden's Heike Roome and Carol Patrick hold a cheque for \$750 for Point in Time's Food For Kids program. The money was raised thanks to customers donating newer used books for resale. The branch is continuing the program in the new year and is always on the look-out for gently used books. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.

# Highlander arts



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Members of the cast of Mishabooz's Realm on stage at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. *Photo by Pierre Etienne Bergeron in Montreal*.

### Familiar faces grace the stage

### By Emily Stonehouse

On Dec. 21 and 22, the Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) staged Mishabooz's Realm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

It incorporated classical opera styles alongside Indigenous musical and oral traditions, and was presented in three acts: creation/overture, the creation of the Dominion of Canada, and hope for the future.

This past August, director Valerie Kuinka, and composer Andrew Balfour, spent weeks in Haliburton working on the opera. At the end of the summer, they debuted a snippet of the overall performance, offering a promise to return in the winter with a full masterpiece.

For the pre-Christmas performance, HOS collaborated with L'Atelier Lyrique de l'Opera de Montreal, featuring some of the best opera performers in North America. The familiar faces of Lauren Margison (Soprano) and Nathan Keoughan (Baritone) graced the stage in entirely new roles. The singers have been involved in HOS for years, yet in this performance they went beyond classical opera to invoke the powerful and heart-wrenching realities of Indigenous history.

Onstage with Margison and Keoughan were Balfour and Ka'Nasohon Kevin

Deer, an elder from Kahnawake Mohawk Territories. The performers were accompanied by pianist Louise-Andree Baril and violinist Tara-Louise Montour, as well as talented singers from the Haliburton Choir

From start to finish, Mishabooz's Realm was thought-provoking, eye-opening, heartbreaking, and hopeful. As it delved into the pain and suffering of the past, while thoughtfully urging reconciliation and change for the future, Mishabooz's Realm is a reminder that reflection, change, and growth are always welcome.

"We are excited that it has come full circle," Kuinka said.

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

Dawn Newhook, Clerk Township of Minden Hills 705-286-1260 ext. 205 dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

### Meeting & Events

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Jan 25 - 9:00 am, combined COTW/Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

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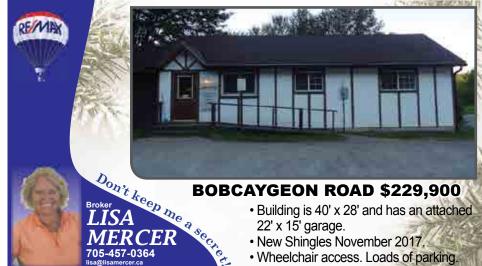


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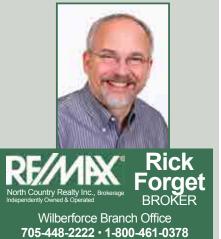
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# 2017 year in review

### **January**

After more than three-and-a-half years with The Municipality of Highlands
East, Curtis Tighe has resigned to take a similar position in a town in southwestern
Ontario. Tighe worked his last day as the municipality's economic development and business coordinator in late December. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with the municipality and have worked with staff, council, committee members, local businesses, and the general public," he wrote in an email.

Dysart et al councillors have known about short-term home rentals since the 90s, but the digital marketplaces that advertise them, many accessible with a few swipes on a smartphone, are creating serious challenges for the township. A series of meetings with rental agencies and lake associations, to brainstorm ways to manage the influx of unregulated short-term rentals, were being scheduled.

The Highlander caught up with Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton during his third week in hospital following a slip and fall accident at his home in Wilberforce on the evening of Dec. 23. Despite being confined to a bed for most of the day and not being able to bend his legs, the reeve was in good spirits. "It's a setback—that's all it is," said Burton in an interview. Burton was home alone when he slipped on the ice and landed with both knees on the running board of his truck. Then he hit the ground.

Haliburton Forest's biochar proposal got its zoning amendment from council, but the decision didn't sit right with cottagers on Drag Lake, who continued to question the nearby project's compliance with provincial and municipal regulations. The proposed 13,000 square-foot building on Kennaway Road., which was first introduced to the public last November, will store a large chamber that will convert purchased sawdust into biochar using pyrolysis (high temperature burning without oxygen). The project is being spearheaded by Haliburton Forest Biochar Limited.

### **February**

Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, announced her retirement. Over an 18-year career, Walker took the lead on many successful fundraising campaigns for the HHHSF. While she's been credited with raising more than \$13 million for both of the county's hospitals, Walker attributed the success to the community, volunteers and staff.

A quiet Sunday afternoon at Dollo's Foodland in Minden was interrupted in February when an unoccupied truck crashed through the front of the store, luckily injuring no one. Haliburton Highlands OPP say the vehicle was started remotely, but a mechanical malfunction caused the truck's transmission to engage and roll through the building. No charges were laid. Store manager Jamie Dollo told *The Highlander* he had never seen anything like it.

A celebration of life was held in Minden for Parker Simpson, an eight-year-old boy with local roots who lost his battle to cancer Feb. 8. A sell-out crowd of more than 200 people attended a Valentine's dinner and dance at the Minden Community Centre to raise funds for Parker's family. The next day, the little boy was laid to rest by family and friends in Kingston. The night was organized by Brandi Hewson, Marita Bagshaw, Brianne Pockett, Courtney Wilson and Britney Rock.

Robert 'Bob" Bell was "the most kind, respectful and loving person to his wife and his two girls and everyone he ever loved and met," his daughter, Gail Bell, told *The Highlander*. The family was trying to come to terms with Bell's death after the snowmobile he and wife Roxanne were riding went through the ice on Dark Lake near Wilberforce. The body of Bell, 53, of Mount Albert, Ont. was recovered from the lake by the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.

### March

There were 472 dental-related visits to the Haliburton Highlands Hospital in 2015, costing the health care system \$513 per visit while providing little relief for patients, according to the Ontario Oral Health Alliance – Kawartha Haliburton Brock Chapter. The statistics reflect a disturbing trend across the province, where about one in five people don't visit the dentist due to financial barriers.

Andrea Mueller was wide-eyed when she found out that the Haliburton Village BIA was donating \$25,000 to the Haliburton Skate Park Junction project. BIA president Luke Schell says ever since the skatepark committee decided to rebuild the park by the A.J LaRue Arena, the group of 80 businesses that form the BIA wanted to make a significant contribution.

Those who knew Stephen Patrick, both personally and professionally, remember a highly intelligent man with many interests. They also recall someone who cared deeply about the Haliburton Highlands and its people. On March 13, Stephen passed away at home in Toronto after a lengthy battle with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a lung disease, at the age of 72.

He was surrounded by friends and family. Prior to leaving Haliburton in 2013, Stephen was very much involved in the community. He was the first managing editor of *The Highlander*, and before that, led the editorial team at the now defunct County Voice newspaper.

If all goes according to plan, next year's Canada Day celebrations in Haliburton County might include a special twist; legal marijuana.

The Liberal government will announce legislation during the week of April 10 that will largely follow recommendations outlined by a federally appointed task force in December, according to CBC News.

The task force was chaired by former Liberal justice minister Anne McLellan. Upon legalization, the possession of recreational amounts of marijuana would no longer result in a criminal record, something Jamie Schmale, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, fully supports.

### **April**

A tennis match cut into a locally produced show's premiere on TSN, but it didn't stop the show's creators, their family and friends from coming out and sharing the moment. Highways to Fairways debuted March 30 at 9:30 p.m. on TSN, and McKeck's Tap & Grill hosted a well-attended viewing party that didn't go according to plan, but was still enjoyed by everyone there. Locals Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer were front and center.

Local reaction that moving court from Minden to Lindsay is out of order continues with MPP Laurie Scott launching a petition against the move. She was joined by County Warden Brent Devolin and Minden Hills councillor Jeanne Anthon at the Minden courthouse, which houses not only provincial offences – which is the court being moved - but criminal and small claims court, too. The petition is addressed to the Ministry of the Attorney General. It was announced last month that the provincial offences court will be relocated to Lindsay, between July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018, to allow more justices of the peace (JPs) to be hired and trained.

Maple Lake residents are giving Haliburton Septic Pumping owner David Elstone an earful over his application to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) to expand his spreading field in Algonquin Highlands. It comes as no surprise to Elstone, who lives on Eagle Lake, and has done sewage surface spreading for more than six years. His field at Highway 118 and 25th Line Road has frustrated residents in the area since it first opened September 2015.

The health unit has sent suspension orders to 750 students across the region it serves—and Haliburton County amounts to almost 20 per cent of that. Despite warnings earlier in the year, 135 students at local schools were included on the list of those who have outdated vaccination records. High school suspensions began on Monday and elementary students will follow on Friday, said Marianne Rock, manager of communicable disease control, evaluation and epidemiology. As soon as families update their records or complete an exemption form, students will be able to return to class.



Spring flooding hit Minden again. *File photo*.

### May

It's an all too familiar sight for many Minden residents. Sandbags around homes and businesses, several road closures and water seeping over the banks of the Gull River. They lived through a similar nightmare four years ago—an event that was described as the 100-year flood. But

after days of copious rain and rising water levels, the township once again declared a state of emergency and warned that 2013 levels were possible.

A new report from Statistics Canada says the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has one of the highest cancer incidence and mortality rates in the country. Approximately 530 people per 100,000 in the district health unit were diagnosed with either breast, lung, colorectal or prostate cancer between 2010 and 2012. The mortality rate from those types of cancers during the same time period was almost 250 per 100,000.

Danielle Allison put it best, saying that Phoenix Acero was like a river that kept everyone moving. "The calm sections radiated with wisdom ... without him, I would just be a fish out of the water," Allison, Acero's best friend, told a packed service at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home. More than 700 people attended the service on May 17. The 15-year-old died on the morning of May 14. Phoenix was a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding and old school rap like 2Pac.

### **June**

An announcement of major labour changes has drawn mixed reviews from Haliburton County residents. Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne announced on May 30 that the general minimum wage will rise to \$14 per hour on Jan. 1, 2018 and then \$15 on Jan. 1, 2019. There'll be annual cost of living increases after that. There are other major changes in the act.

Although there are lands in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart and Highlands East included in the Algonquin Land Claim, none of it will be transferred as part of the settlement. Senior negotiator Jennifer Griffin of the province's Land Claims and Treaties Section confirmed the news in a letter to county planning director Charlsey White. For some time, White had been trying to find out if any lands would be part of the settlement process between the Algonquins of Ontario, and the federal and provincial governments.

It was all hands on deck as Haliburton County Paramedic Services mobilized all four of its ambulances, and one emergency response vehicle, in what deputy Chief Tim Waite called a "very rare occasion ... that doesn't happen often at all." Waite told *The Highlander* 16 students were sent to the hospital June 12 following a collision between two buses. Fifty-two Grade 8 graduates from Don Valley Middle School were minutes away from Camp White Pine when one of the buses collided with a second bus.

Troy Binnie and his team were putting the finishing touches on the Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp as it prepares to open. "It's now, let's get some kids on site and let them have some fun," Binnie said while giving *The Highlander* a tour. Binnie and his wife, Jennifer Legge, purchased the Halimar Resort last year to turn it into a summer sports camp to complement the summer hockey program he's run in Haliburton for years.

# Highland Storm





The Highland Storm are back in action after a short Christmas break. File photo.

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The Storm hosted the Sturgeon Lake Thunder at the S.G. Nesbitt arena on Saturday, Dec. 30. In the first period, Brechin Johnston scored off an Addison Carr rebound during a scramble in front of the net. Three minutes later, Austin Latanville took a shot from the boards, Carr picked up the puck, deked the goalie and scored. The Thunder scored the next three goals, two late in the first period and one in the second. But the Storm came back. Carr caused a turnover and sniped one top shelf blocker side. A minute later, Carr dug the puck out in the neutral zone, split the defence and scored again. Then, with only

minutes left, Latanville slid one in the net after some hard work to pick up a rebound. In the third, Carr started the period off by skating in off the boards on the right wing and going high short side. Then a minute later, Joshua Scheffee put one in the net after a scramble. Right after that, Carr skated in on the left wing, deked and put one under the arm of the Thunder's netminder. Finally, with only a minute left, Colby Coumbs dangled through two defenders and gave a chip pass to Carr in the neutral zone. He scored again to give the Storm a 9-4 win.

Next game is Saturday, Jan. 6 at 1:45 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue arena versus the Lindsay Muskies. (Submitted by Amber Card).

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# Highland Storm





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

Last Friday (Dec. 27), the Highland Storm faced the Lindsay Muskies at the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton. The first period was evenly matched and included Storm goalie Nate Miscio robbing a Muskie player with a beautiful glove save. The boys from Lindsay did manage to score the game's first goal just after Storm centre Desi Davies missed giving the locals the lead. Davies did not fail in the second period after he was given another chance and tied the game at one. The Muskies regained the lead shortly after and took a two-goal advantage into the third period when Miscio was unable to hang on to a shot. The Muskies got the final goal of the game early in the third on a pretty passing play to make the final 4-1.

On Saturday (Dec. 28), the team travelled to Elmvale to face the Coyotes. The Storm got on the board early when Aaron Bellefleur scored on a rocket slap shot from the point finishing off a nice pass from Jake Sisson. Sam Hoenow put the Storm up by two, putting one under the crossbar on a goalmouth scramble. Jackson Gill got the next two for the Storm with a couple of beauties ... one bar down short side and the other on an end-to-end rush wraparound to give the Storm a commanding 4-0 lead heading into the third period. Storm goalie Ben Landry

### Storm reports

lost his opportunity for a shutout early in the third when the Coyotes finally got on the scoresheet on a Storm miscue but the Storm quickly regained their four-goal cushion on a Hunter Arnott goal when the Coyotes committed a miscue of their own. The Coyotes made it interesting with two unanswered goals but that was as close as they got with Tyson Clements scoring the final goal of the game on a sharp angle to give the Storm a convincing 6-3 win. (Submitted by Gord Hoenow)

### GJ Burtch Construction Atom AE

On Saturday, Dec. 30, the Storm took on the Huntsville Otters at the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden. Both teams fought for the puck in the first period, neither willing to let the other score the first goal. In the second period, after a great save by Storm goalie Chase Winder, Taylor Mulock passed the puck to Jace Mills who scored the first and only goal of the middle frame. Going into the third period, the Storm were ahead by one. Parker Simms passed to Mills, who came from the Storm end of the ice to the Otters to put the puck in the net top shelf, making the score 2-0. The Otters retaliated with a goal of their own, but weren't able to get any more past Winder, ending in a 2-1 Storm win. (Submitted by Lisa Reinwald).

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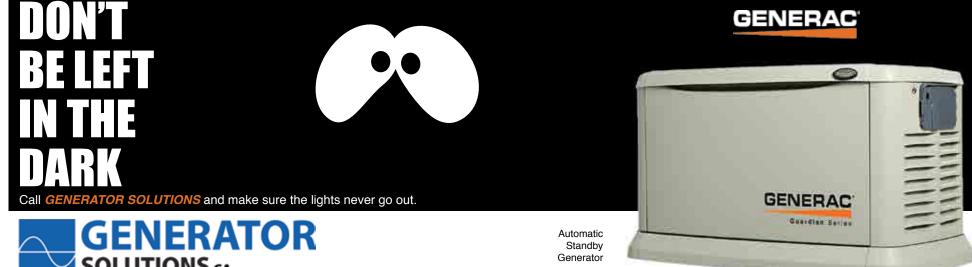
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(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Highland Wood Nursing Home in Haliburton on Friday December 29, 2017 in her 92nd year.

Beloved wife of the late Frank. Loving mother of Sylvia Bradshaw (Garry), and Rocky (Kim). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jason Martin (Michelle), Jeremy (Karen), Jake, and great-grandchildren Dylan, Gracie, and Kerronia. Survived by her brother Bill Duncan. Jessie lived her faith, enjoyed photography, nature, crafting, poetry and most of all time with her family.

### Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Thursday morning, January 4, 2018 for Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow in The Community Room. Spring interment Evergreen Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton

Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Full Gospel Lighthouse would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of

### Jean Hadley

Passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 with her loving family by her side, in her 89th year.

Beloved wife of Charlie Hadley for over 63 years. Loving mother of Peter and Kathleen, Ken and Chantal, loving gramma of Kevin (Eli), Eric (Lex), Owen (Amanda), Avery (Matt) and great gramma of Molly and Emma. Dear sister of Margaret (John) Morrison and sister-in-law of Edna Morgan and Marjory Hallam. Lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, December 30, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Jean's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Minden Cemetery.

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AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU) and Hazard Lands (HZ) and is currently subject to three (3) severance applications being H-019/16, H-20/16 and H-021/16. The purpose and effect of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning of the severed parcels to the Shoreline Residential (SR) Zone, and, to update the Hazard Lands (HZ) Zoning to be consistent with the findings of the Site Evaluation Report prepared by Michalski Nielsen Associates Ltd.

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING - PLZBA2017094

Thursday, January 25, 2018 Date:

Time:

Municipal Council Chambers. Location: 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Rural (RU). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Rural Exception Twenty-Four (RU-24) Zone. The effect of the amendment is to allow for the use of two (2) shipping containers to be used for the purpose of equipment and animal feed

#### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING - PLZBA2017091

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Time: 9:00 am

Municipal Council Chambers, Location:

7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Hamlet Residential (HR). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Temporary-One Hamlet Residential (T-1-HR) Zone. The effect of the amendment is to allow for the an accessory building to be used for the purpose of a Garden Suite Dwelling for not more than twenty (20) years.

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Thursday, January 25, 2018 Date:

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Municipal Council Chambers,

7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

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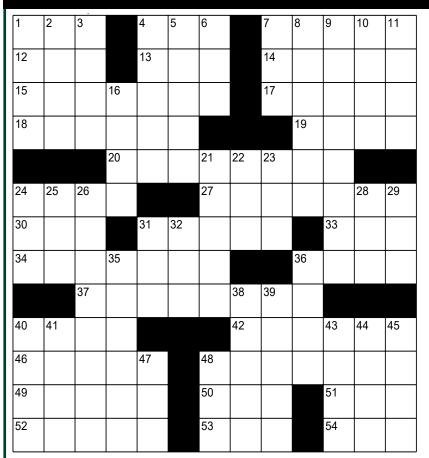
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# What's on



### JAN 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

#### **Thursday January 4**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Free Chair Yoga, at Maple View Apartments, Wilberforce. Contact Community Support Services at 705-457-2941 x2922, or Kathy at 705-448-3652 for

10 - 11 a.m. - Shinny Hockey at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton \$5/person. Full equipment

11a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - FREE Public Skating, at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. sponsored by Tim Hortons.

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

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

5 – 6 p.m. – Zumba at Dorset Recreation Centre, a cardio-dance workout for all ages & abilities. \$5/person per class. Contact Joanne at 705-766-1546 or email recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca.

6:30 - 8 p.m. - WES Youth Night at Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce, for grades 4-8. Bring indoor shoes and a loonie for charity.

### Friday January 5

10 – 11 a.m. – Shinny Hockey at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton \$5/person. Full equipment required.

10 a.m. 1 p.m. - Pickleball at Dorset Recreation Centre, a fun, drop-in game. Free to members, \$2.50 for youth/seniors, \$5/ adults. Contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca.

11a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - FREE Public Skating, at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. sponsored by Tim Hortons.

Noon - 1:30 p.m. - FREE public skating at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, sponsored by Tim

### Sunday January 7

10 - 11 a.m. - Shinny Hockey at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton \$5/person. Full equipment

10 - 11 a.m. - Youth Shinny at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden 8 - 12 year olds

11 a.m. - Noon. - Youth Shinny at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden 13 – 17 year olds

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

12:30 – 2 p.m. – Free Public Skating, at Keith Tallman Arena, Wilberforce.

### **Monday January 8**

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. - Falls Prevention Course, at Hyland Crest Fireside Lounge. Free to all seniors. Pre-registration required. This course runs Mondays and Thursdays from Jan 8 -Mar 29.

1 - 3:30 p.m. - Pickleball at Dorset Recreation Centre, a fun, drop-in game. Free to members, \$2.50 for youth/seniors, \$5/ adults. Contact 705-766-9968 or recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca.

1 – 4 p.m. – Bridge at Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall. Contact Ross at 705-286-2982 for more info.

#### **Tuesday January 9**

7:30 - 9 a.m. - Chamber Breakfast at Bonnie View Inn. Guest speaker Fleming CREW Employment Centre will talk about grants and incentives available to employers for hiring, training and retaining staff. Please contact the Chamber to register 705-457-4700 or admin@haliburtonchamber.com.

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Noon - 2 p.m. - Adult Only Public Skating, at SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden, \$2/person.

2 - 3 p.m. - Free Adult/Senior Skating, at Keith Tallman Arena, Wilberforce

5 - 6 p.m. - Ladies Weights Toning Class, at Dorset Recreation Centre. A fun and friendly class for all ages and abilities. Cost is \$5/person/class. Contact Joanne at jomac6058@gmail.com, or 705-766-1546.

7:30 p.m. – Enviro Café: Facing Extreme Weather, adapting in a changing climate. Speaker Geoff Coulson, Meteorologist, will speak on how individuals and communities can adapt to climate induced extreme weather. At Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. For more info contact Terry at tmoore7031@gmail.com, 705-306-9254.

### Wedneday January 10

9 - 10 a.m. - Free Exercise Program at Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, classes for those 55+ or 65+, part of the VON Smart Exercise program. Space is limited, registration is required. Contact Muskoka Smart 705-787-1996 to register.

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Haliburton Quilters Guild gets together at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall. For more information contact Judy at 705-754-1448.

10:30 a.m. - Noon - HKPR Health Unit

Sexual Health Clinic, providing confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health testing and teaching. For more info, locations, or to make an appointment call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577 ext 2205.

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

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### Friday January 12

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### **Saturday January 13**

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

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10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Snowshoe & Lunch at Abbey Gardens, a guided showshoe through the beautiful winter landscape, then back to the Food Hub for a hearty, homemade lunch. \$25/person. Register at abbeygardens. ca/product/snowshoe-lunch-jan-13/

6 p.m. - Wilberforce Agricultural Society annual pot luck supper followed by the annual meeting at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Supper starts at 6:00 pm. Meeting to follow at approx 7:00 pm. Find out how you can join the fun of bringing the annual Fair to Wilberforce. Everyone welcome. For more info call 704-448-3981.

### **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.

Live entertainment featuring Jeff Moulton, Saturday, Jan. 20, 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 rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion. com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

#### MINDEN BRANCH

Jan. 5 - Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Jan. 7 - Sunday euchre. Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Ladies darts have resumed, 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

Jan. 5 Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome, ham & scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m.

Jan. 6 Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Jan. 8 Bid euchre 7 p.m.

General meeting 7 p.m. Please come out and have a say about the legion's future. We need support of our members.

Jan. 10 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 Youth group 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

We would like to look into getting a grant to rebuild the kitchen. Need people who would like to be a part of the process. Will be trying to get a start at the general meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Travelling this winter? Get your travel insurance through your membership. Jan. 27 crib tournament in Trenton 29/\$50 - 28/\$25 - 24/\$10 We are in dire need of volunteers. If anyone is interested. contact the Legion at 705-448-2221. Travelling this winter? Get your travel insurance through your membership.

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# What's on

# New summer events planned for Dysart

#### By Mark Arike

Soap suds, hockey and juicy ribs are all part of two events planned for Haliburton's Head Lake Park this summer.

John Teljeur, organizer of the 2018 World Soap Hockey Championships, recently told Dysart council about plans for his event scheduled for July 6-8.

Teljeur, who is also owner of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, said, "the catchphrase of this event is to come and experience what 25 million people on YouTube have already seen."

A video of a group of men playing the game in Sweden in 2011 went viral on social media. They launched a Kickstarter campaign to bring it to the U.S.

Players will follow the same rules as pond hockey, except they will be playing the game on a large tarp full of soap. It will require six to eight rinks, which Teljeur estimates will be about two-thirds the size of a pond hockey rink. He anticipates more than 60 teams will come to the area.

He plans to sign up players and sponsors who have supported pond hockey in the past.

"Seventy-eight per cent of our players that we surveyed last year said they would come back to the Haliburton Highlands at a different time of the year with their friends and family," said Teljeur. "This is one of those ways to capture that market and bring them back."

The event will also include live entertainment, a vendors' market, food concessions and a silent auction in support of community partners. A soap slide is a possibility.

It will be filmed and live-streamed by the Amazing Agency, a company with offices in Toronto and Haliburton.

Teljeur has applied for a \$25,000



A screenshot of people playing soap hockey in Sweden. YouTube.

Celebrate Ontario grant for the event.

Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts asked if the soap products will be environmentallyfriendly. Teljeur said they are considering a couple of products and that portable showers will be set up for players to ensure they don't jump in the lake to wash off.

Roberts was concerned about the grass in the park as well. "We don't want a big, brown, burnt out mess," she said.

"If there's any damage to the park, we'll make sure that gets fixed," responded Telieur.

Following his presentation, Rick Brooks, president of BWG Events Group, spoke about the inaugural Haliburton Ribfest planned for Aug. 24-26. Through his non-profit organization based in Bradford West

Gwillimbury, Brooks's Ribfest tour has been in Owen Sound, Woodbine, Innisfil, Downsview Park and Bradford. He took over the Owen Sound event in 2016 after the previous organizer cancelled it. There were 10,800 people who attended and 17,800 last year.

"We have a lot of experience and have been doing this for five years now," said Brooks, who requested council's support. He predicts 5-8,000 people will attend.

Rib teams from across North America will participate, said Brooks. It will be a fundraiser for the community, and proceeds may go to the Haliburton Junction Skate Park project.

The event will also feature entertainment, a kids' zone, wrestling matches and beer

tent. They will hire security and police, said Brooks.

Craig Bowker, owner of a local parasailing company, has worked with Brooks in the past and offered a testimonial.

"His events are very professionally-run," said Bowker, adding "this is a signature event Haliburton could count on for a few years"

Brooks has surveyed the park area with Andrea Mueller, the municipality's recreation program coordinator.

"It sounds exciting," said Mayor Murray Fearrey. "That's amazing," added Roberts. Admission will be \$3 per person; free for children 12 and under. The cost of ribs is additional.

### Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

- 1. *Nightblind* by Ragnar Jonasson (AF)
- 2. *The Christmas Room* by Catherine
  Anderson (AF)
- 3. *The Alzheimer's Solution* by Dean
  Sherzai (ANF)
- 4. Fight To Learn: the struggle to go to school by Laura Scandiffio (JNF)
- 5. Kingsman: The Golden Circle (DVD)





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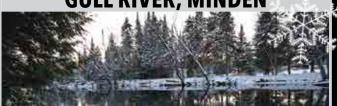
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