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THE CHASERS ... Highland Storm Atom AE player Parker Simms leads the pack down the ice during playoff action Saturday, Feb. 3 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Storm playoff action is continuing. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

Hicks family heroic in ice rescue

By Lisa Gervais

The Hicks family is being credited with saving the lives of four people whose side-by-side plunged through Boshkung Lake Friday night.

Bill Hicks, his son Spencer Hicks and daughter Brittany Hicks were all involved

in the rescue about 9:30 p.m. Feb. 2.

Bill, who's acting district fire chief in Toronto, was quick to praise Spencer, telling *The Highlander* this week that his 21-year-old son "saved those guys' lives ... 100 per cent. He's the one who should get all the credit."

The Hicks's live on a point adjacent to Boshkung Lake in Algonquin Highlands.

Spencer says he was just hanging out in his room downstairs when he heard a side-by-side go down their boat ramp and onto the lake. He looked out his window and saw the vehicle turning the corner to go

towards Buttermilk Falls.

"I've lived here my whole life and I know not to go over there because it's all open water," he told *The Highlander* this week. He ran upstairs and onto the deck.

"I could hear them driving around. But all of a sudden I heard them go through ...

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OPP remind public after accidents: no ice is safe ice

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like all the ice broke. One minute they were just driving and all of a sudden they went under."

He yelled at his dad, telling him what had happened. They grabbed a rope and flashlight from the garage and headed out onto the lake. Meanwhile, Brittany called 911.

By the time the Hicks's got to the spot where the side-by-side had gone in, the driver and three passengers had pulled themselves onto the ice.

"They were crawling around and my dad just started yelling at them, telling them what to do, to stay on their stomachs and crawl towards the light," Spencer said.

The first two people reached them and Spencer walked them to shore. Two others, who had been further back, were then coached towards Bill Hicks and he and his daughter walked them to safety.

The four were checked by EMS, cleared of injury, and returned to the resort they were staying at.

Told his father had singled him out for his efforts, Spencer said, "it feels good, I guess. They wouldn't have known where to go. They could have just frozen out there. I was definitely really scared because I knew if we didn't get out there in time ... we only had seconds, minutes."

He knows what he's talking about, as does Bill, who put his own snowmobile through the ice in front of their house last winter.

Bill said "you've basically got minutes or you're gone. In three to four minutes you're done. That would be a terrible way to die."

Bill said he couldn't be prouder of his son, and shared that Spencer was

now considering becoming a volunteer firefighter.

"Yeah, I was thinking about that for awhile now and after this happened it just opened up my eyes ... I'm definitely going to try to pursue that," Spencer said.

Bill said "Bruce (his brother) has one boy on the fire department. I'd like to have one too."

Spencer's uncle, Bruce Hicks, was recently awarded a Medal of Bravery by the Governor General of Canada.

Local OPP said that on Feb. 2, about 9:20 p.m., EMS were called to a side-by-side gong through on Boshkung Lake. They said all four men were able to make their way safely to shore and that the driver was suspected of having been drinking. A three-day driver's licence suspension was served following a warn range result at a road side test.

Algonquin Highlands fire Chief Mike Cavanagh said this week, "we responded to an ATV and people in the water on Boshkung Lake, upon our arrival all ATV riders were out of the water and we

OPP remind the public that "no ice is safe ice" – avoid driving on frozen lakes and rivers. Areas that may typically be open could appear to be frozen due to a drop in temperature. Check ice conditions beforehand, wear a floater suit and carry ice picks and make sure they are accessible. Always be prepared and travel with safety equipment in the event of an emergency.

provided first aid until EMS arrived.

"We would just remind everyone to know the ice conditions before heading out on the lake and if you don't know, don't go."

Earlier in the day, around 4:45 p.m., EMS responded to a call about a snowmobile and ATV travelling together and going through the ice on Twelve Mile Lake. Four men were taken to local hospital by paramedics for precautionary reasons.

OPP said three of the four males were able to pull themselves out of the water while a bystander threw a rope to the fourth male and was able to pull him out of the water.

You've basically got minutes or you're gone. In three to four minutes you're done. That would be a terrible way to die.

Bill Hicks

Toronto firefighter



Food centre cashes in on bingo proceeds

By Mark Arike

The Minden Community Food Centre recently received a \$15,426 windfall from Canoe FM's Radio Bingo. It's the single largest donation the station has made to a local organization since launching the fundraiser six years ago.

"This is a huge, huge gift for us," said Marilynne Lesperance, chairwoman of the Minden Food Bank. "This money is phenomenal for everyone at the food centre."

They will use the money to restock the shelves at the food bank following a busy Christmas and install an elevator or lift at the

centre, making it wheelchair accessible. Located on Newcastle Street, the centre is a hub for food distribution in the county. It includes the food bank and a community kitchen.

The proceeds, which represent half the total of bingo sheet sales, were raised during a six-month period (July to December). The non-profit station will spend the remaining half on items directly related to broadcasting.

Half the proceeds from the next six months will be divided between Abbey Gardens and the YWCA's shelter.

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Burst water line damages Community Living home

By Mark Arike

A few days after a cold Christmas, a water line burst at a 24-hour residential home in Haliburton that supports six Community Living clients. As a result, one of those clients went to stay with her parents and another is temporarily sleeping in another room.

"The immediate damage wasn't that hard to live with, but because it went under the subfloor we're quite displaced," said executive director Teresa Jordan. "For mould and everything like that, they needed to rip the subfloor up."

The two affected residents had their bedrooms in the lower level of the building, located at 737 Mountain St. Community Living leases the property from the municipality.

"We've cleared out what would normally be our staff office," said Jordan. "Now we use the corner of the living room as a staff office."

Since losing access to the basement, she said they've taken residents on more community outings. Otherwise it's business as usual.

The water system was repaired immediately, said Andrew Wilbee, manager of parks and recreation. The municipality is working with its insurance company to replace the flooring and subfloor "in a timely manner."

"As a municipality, we are very proactive on the maintenance of our buildings, but with the age of some of them it is very hard to foresee something like a water line inside a wall bursting and flooding the basement," said Wilbee.

Jordan said they've worked closely with the municipality since the incident. She expects it will be at least five weeks before everything is fixed.

Community Living supports residents with developmental disabilities and their families.

Additional increase in latest draft of county budget

By Mark Arike

The County of Haliburton's projected tax increase is now 2.91 per cent instead of 2.66 per cent due to some amendments in the most recent draft of the 2018 budget.

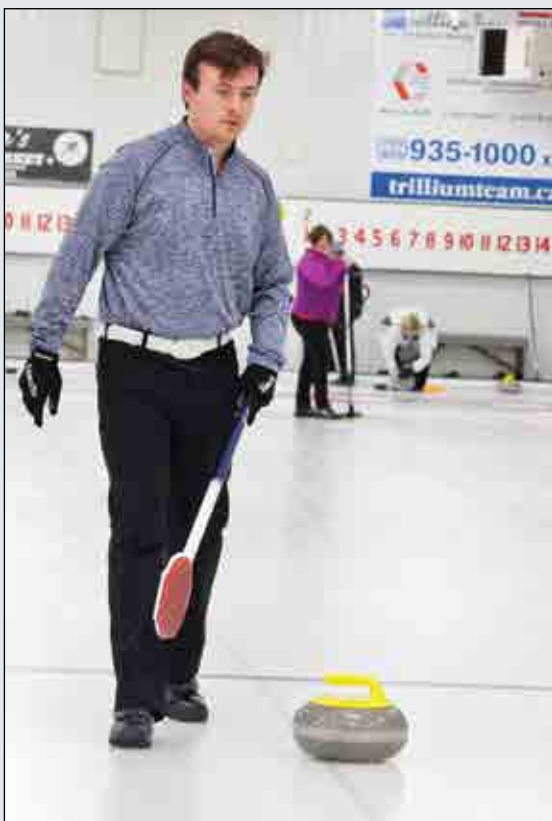
The impact to residential property owners is \$6.46 per \$100,000 of assessed property value, up \$1.31 from the original figure.

An additional \$50,000 was added in the third draft to hire a consultant to create an implementation plan for the transportation project and an extra \$100,000

was earmarked for reserves. There was a reduction of \$38,000 in Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) expenses, due to the fact treasurer Elaine Taylor misread information about MPAC's budget increase.

The tax levy is increasing \$1,025,000 from 2017 to \$16.56 million, up 6.6 per cent instead of 5.88 per cent as previously reported.

The budget will come before council on Feb. 28 for approval.



Nearly 100 curlers hit the rink for mixed bonspiel

Ninety-six curlers enjoyed three days of their favourite sport during the annual Todd's Independent Invitational Mixed Bonspiel. The action began Feb. 2 and continued until Feb. 4 at the Haliburton Curling Club. The event also featured raffle prizes donated by local businesses, a silent auction and entertainment provided by the Dean James Band. (Mark Arike)

Tyler Warham, a member of a Haliburton team, watches the rock as it travels along the ice. Photo by Mark Arike.



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Algonquin Highlands in brief

Xplornet gets tower internet contract

A 10-year lease for internet equipment installation on the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower has been approved by Algonquin Highlands council, enabling greater high-speed internet coverage for the surrounding area.

In a report to council's Feb. 1 regular meeting, staff advised that Xplornet had declined council's earlier request for a five-year lease because the company's standard term is 20 years. Also, if the proposal was not approved in this meeting, it would be cancelled because Xplornet wants to complete the build by March 31.

A bylaw to enter into the structure agreement will be tabled at the Feb. 15 regular meeting.

AH to receive 'windfall' of up to \$38K

Algonquin Highlands is slated to receive a grant of up to \$38,035 under the Main Street Revitalization Initiative unveiled in January by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Small Business.

Mayor Carol Moffatt announced the news at the Feb. 1 regular council

meeting, calling it a windfall since the new program came as a surprise. It will be discussed during budget deliberations, which begin Feb. 13.

All single and lower tier municipal governments (except Toronto) are to receive funding from the \$26-million program to help revitalize downtown and main street areas, according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. The association will administer the program.

Updated AH bylaw affects council recording

Members of Algonquin Highlands council and council committee meetings must now provide any declarations of interest in writing under the updated procedural bylaw passed at the Feb. 1 regular council meeting.

Bylaw changes cover those required by revised provincial legislation and general housekeeping items. They include the aforementioned change as well as increasing the number of conditions under which closed meetings may be held, limiting delegations to 15 minutes, prohibiting recording of council and council committee meetings except by prior approval, adding items to the mayor's duties, and changing reeve to mayor.



Algonquin Highlands main office. *File photo.*

AH launches septic reinspection program

Algonquin Highlands has established a septic system reinspection program.

Council passed bylaws implementing the program through consultant WSP Canada Inc. and appointing six building inspectors for the program during its Feb. 1 regular meeting.

A letter will be sent to ratepayers detailing the program, which will include a public information session.

The program divides the township into four zones to be inspected from 2018 to 2021. Property owners in a targeted area

will receive a letter from WSP advising them to call WSP to book an inspection. Systems fewer than five years old at the proposed inspection date will be exempt until they are older than five years.

A fee of \$179.11 will be invoiced upon completion of the inspection. If not paid within 90 days, the fee will be added to the property owner's tax bill.

A copy of the inspection report will be provided to the owner, including information about how to proceed if the system is deficient. Refusal to remedy deficiencies will result in an Order to Comply, and enforcement may be taken in accordance with relevant provincial Acts. *(AH briefs compiled by Lisa Harrison)*

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On groundhogs and chicken little

It was with shock and consternation that I watched the live stream of Groundhog Day 2018 from Wiarton, On. last Friday.

Not because "the prince of prognostication," as he was deemed, allegedly declared six more weeks of winter ... but the manner in which the whole livestream unfolded.

There were fireworks, live music and dancing and South Bruce Peninsula Mayor Janice Jackson and town criers, Bruce and McGregor, dressed up in some strange gear.

It was the 62nd annual Groundhog Day but this particular Willie's debut. He's a three-year-old albino pug-nosed groundhog found on a farm in Oro-Medonte a few years ago. His predecessor died in September at the ripe old groundhog age of 13.

In the lead-up to the day, Mayor Jackson was quoted as saying, and I'm not kidding, "he is an excitable little guy. He is much younger and more rambunctious and I am thinking he is going to be an awful lot of fun."

Well, they piped Wee Willie in. He was encased in a glass enclosure not much

bigger than himself. There was a lot of noise. And, Willie wasn't moving. In fact, I don't believe I saw Willie move during the entire "performance."

After a 3-2-1 countdown, Jackson leaned down to the tank to listen to "the young king of perfect predictions" supposedly tell her six more weeks of winter.

Is it just me? Why did I have a vision of a somewhat free-range Willie popping out of his hole and either seeing his shadow or not and then being sent back to his comfortable lodgings to eat and sleep for the next 364 days? On Tuesday, I had visions of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) rushing the stage.

But, hey, it's a fun Canadian tradition, so who am I to judge? Besides, scientific studies show groundhog predictions to have a success rate of around 37 per cent.

Which leads me to chicken little.

All joking aside, Willie's prediction is a good or bad thing depending on what business you operate in Haliburton County and how soon you want the cottagers to return.

We are into early February and those

businesses that are not so reliant on winter are really starting to feel the pinch. They are getting into those lines of credit to see them through the lean days, in anticipation of spring and a return of their cottaging bread and butter.

But, the sky isn't falling, folks. You've got this. You go through this every winter at this time. You begin to bite the nails and scratch the head and ask yourselves 'why do I do this?' But, you make it through. You always do. As the weather slowly begins to warm up and the tourists return, things will pick up. And, before you know it, you'll be complaining about how busy you are, working seven days a week, dreaming about post-Thanksgiving and a respite from all of that work.

Just as Groundhog Day is a tradition that will return for its 63rd year in 2019, many Haliburton County businesses, now in their traditional doom and gloom cycle of the business year, will also be back.



By Lisa Gervais

A paperless society

It is the picture of a winning hockey team splayed out on the ice ... the grip and grin photo with the oversized cheque ... the obituary notice of a relative or friend ... the opening of a new store ... graduates posing proudly with their diplomas. It is a mirror held up to a community reflecting the significant events in its day-to-day life. For numerous villages in southern Ontario, that mirror was shattered recently.

In a business agreement, two major newspaper publishers in this province, *Torstar* and *Postmedia*, traded newspaper titles and promptly closed them down. Many weekly newspapers and some significant daily papers in medium markets, were shuttered and close to 250 people lost their jobs. While the sudden and heartless loss of employment for such a large group of workers is unconscionable, the closure of an important source of community information is equally sad and impactful.

Many of the more than 40 newspapers closed have been around for years, stretching back a century or more. They were institutions in their communities, often quoted sources of historical information and perhaps, most importantly, a soap box through which citizens express their opinions for everyone to see.

There are many reasons for the demise of these publications. It could just be

the result of the shrinking bottom line, a corporate conspiracy to eliminate competition, dwindling advertising revenue, shrinking circulation, the intrusion of the internet into the news and advertising business ... probably a combination of all of the above and more. In some instances, earlier cost saving efforts resulted in cuts to the editorial staff, which left the papers little more than advertising sheets awash in press releases.

Haliburton County was isolated from the newspaper consolidation that took place in the 1970's. Back then, big companies were looking for economies of scale, consolidating printing in central locations, sharing editorial and production resources and so they scooped up weeklies and small dailies close to Toronto. The companies came north, looked at papers like *The Times and Echo* and found they did not fit their business model. I like to think we were just too far from their core and so these two newspapers and a string of other upstarts, were passed over until recently. Interestingly, rather than shedding media, Haliburton County increased the options, including this newspaper, *The Highlander*, which emerged from the ashes of the *County Voice*. The community is also served by two radio stations, the latest additions to a vibrant media scene. There are also any number of online news-

sharing sites which have emerged in the past few years.

The citizens of Haliburton County can take some comfort in the selection of media available to them. In particular, the quality and depth of the news appearing in the printed pages of the three newspapers is heartening. The shots of the winning soccer team are as important as the service club gathered behind the oversized cheque. But the more important value of a community newspaper is its coverage of local politics, articles that probe issues of importance to the community, the weekly opportunity for an exchange of opinions that challenge the status quo and as a platform for its readers to speak out.

Here in Haliburton County, we enjoy a wealth of locally created community media. If we want it to continue, we must realize its value and support it because there are now more than 40 communities like ours whose mirror have just been shattered.

(Jack Brezina was the publisher of the *The Times, Minden* from 1979 to 2001).



By Jack Brezina



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: Do you want six more weeks of winter or an early spring?



Amanda Clark

Haliburton

Being up here, I don't mind winter. I can snowshoe and cross country ski.



Amber Lynch

Haliburton

An early spring.



Erin Lynch

Haliburton

I'm mixed. We haven't had much of a winter for outside winter activities.



Jim Packard

Haliburton

I've had enough of this winter. I'd prefer an early spring.



Taylor Luecke

Haliburton

I'm not the biggest fan of winter but I'm enjoying snowshoeing on the lake.

Photos and interviews by Lisa Gervais

Minden tax proposal

Dear editor,

Again, we are blessed with the flippant and arrogant comments of our "mayor" Brent Devolin. It appears this is his go-to way of dealing with any subject where people disagree, question or bring up doubts about decisions made in the so-called best interest of Minden.

The Scotch Line situation is a very expensive example of "the ostrich method," sticking your head in the sand, not dealing with a major environmental problem that has been festering for a number of years and to be fair it was happening before the last election but has been compounding since.

This council and mayor all know the reports from Cambium Inc. showed there were leachate problems increasing every year and appear to have chosen the "ostrich method."

That, and staff, managed to get the MOECC orders issued against the town.

This is something the taxpayer should not be expected to pay for. I think our treasurer Lorrie Blanchard better dig a little deeper into the reserve to offset the landfill portion of the tax increase which is the town's fault. Period.

I commend Coun. Pam Sayne for speaking out against this tax increase, however the unmitigated gall of Coun. Jean Neville to say "I don't feel too sorry for people living on the lake" reminds me of Barrie MPP Ann Hoggarth's comment "if a business can't afford upcoming minimum wages increases, they need to re-evaluate their operating model." This says a lot to her constituents. The idea of wasting money to buy a sculpture for the cultural centre has left me speechless, perhaps the genius or geniuses who came up with this idea, if they feel so strongly about it, can buy it with their own money and not the taxpayers.

L. Henderson
Ingoldsby

We've come a long way

Dear editor,

When RTO (Rural Transportation Options) began as a committee of Environment Haliburton! and we started to talk about public transportation in Haliburton County, we were greeted with skepticism and disbelief.

And, now, we have \$50,000 allocated to

Letters

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Guenther Horst snapped this photograph of flora in winter. Photo submitted.

create an implementation plan for public transportation in Haliburton County. We have come a long way, thanks to the work of RTO, part of the Haliburton County Community Co-Operative, the Transportation Taskforce who, led by Sue Shikaze and Michael Andrews, gave a concrete vision to a public transit system in the county as well as county council

and staff who saw and have acted on that vision. We've gone from skepticism and disbelief to "when and how." Well done, all of us.

Heather Ross
Rural Transportation, a part of the
Haliburton County Community
Co-Operative

Two skiers and a drunken penguin

Holy moly, what a topsy turvy winter we are having. The weather is certainly testing to make sure that you guys have got all the 'toys' required to enjoy the season. First it's out with the skis, toboggans and sleds for some snowy fun. Then, quick as a flash, well almost a flash freeze, the snow is gone and skates or an ATV are the best way of traversing our crystalline frozen lakes.

We almost got out cross country skiing once but the lack of padding – that means soft snow alongside the trail for me to crash into – meant that the trip was postponed by my lovely wife and Little Z due to their lack of faith, or to be precise, their probable fear of me falling and breaking something.

Instead, I slipped and slid like a drunken penguin for my first couple of times ice fishing, that is until my brain caught up

with my enthusiasm and reminded me to put on my cleats. But, just as I'm getting into the groove of their amazing traction, and not falling over my own super grippy feet, the snow returns and my lovely wife and Little Z have deserted me and my homage to a hole in the ice, itching it seems to fling themselves off the top of our tallest hills at Sir Sam's.

But that, I guess is what winter is all about, making the very most of this gloriously unpredictable frigid season, in which one day can be warm (and by that I mean 'Canadian warm', and above zero) while the next can dip to unbelievable Arctic temperatures which will freeze the nuts off of a polar bear, never mind the proverbial brass monkey.

And so, here I am surrounded by winter

fun paraphernalia. My office, my den, my man cave ... call it what you will, is first and foremost a depository of stuff. Summer stuff in summer and winter stuff in winter, and fall stuff (my hunting gear) all the time. Today, I can see two types of skis, a pile of skates, snowshoes, touques, gloves, neck warmers and an ice auger. Goggles, ski wax, a small silver flask (for a nip of whiskey, not tea), even the harness that we strap to Jeff the dog to pull my lovely wife along on her skis.

So much stuff, so much fun to be had. And so what is it with these folks who want to escape Haliburton County and fly south for the winter? Do you mean to tell me that they can't find a winter activity to enjoy during these chilly days? Are ice fishing, or skiing (not one but two

kinds) or boarding, or skating, or tobogganing, or sledding, or snowshoeing, or pond hockey, or ice racing, or simply cuddling up by the fire and being cozy not enough for them? Can they not just bundle up and make the best of our clean white winter? Some people, eh! Even in this topsy turvy weather, most of us can make the most of it, no matter ice, snow, sunshine or rain. Let's get out there, or in there and enjoy winter, that's what I say.

Oh, and just in case you don't see my column in the newspaper for the next couple of weeks, don't worry, I'll be enjoying winter ... in sunny South Africa. Hohohahahahaha!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander news



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Bob boat launch saga continues

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills township staff have now tabled a report saying the Bob Lake Association's (BLA) plan for a new public boat launch will have to be altered, costing more than \$180,000 – a far cry from the association's \$30,000 price tag.

However, the association has fired back saying much of the costs in the report are either over-inflated or for things that aren't needed.

The report, by planner Ian Clendening, was tabled at the Jan. 25 Minden Hills council meeting. The association offered its

own response Jan. 30.

The staff report says Claude Brown Road would cut through the boat launch area, creating traffic congestion and safety and enforcement issues. Staff noted the site is partially on private land so may require buying property. They're worried about noise and lights affecting nearby properties. They said they would also have to cut vegetation including mature trees on a lake already deemed at-capacity. They added the actual ramp would have to be wider than what was proposed. Further, they have tacked on legal and planning costs as well as contingency costs.

Dave Roberts, on behalf of the association, responded in general that, "the BLA firmly believes, in contrast to many of the conclusions within the report, that our original proposal is the best solution available to restore public boat launch access for Bob Lake. It provides the lowest cost option as it does not require any land acquisition, it's the only option clear of public right-of-way issues, and is by far the most environmentally-friendly option given it will avoid the inevitable construction of many future private launches."

The matter is on today's meeting agenda.

Rent increase for Lochlin Community Centre

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council, at its committee of the whole meeting Jan. 25, indicated it will increase rental rates at the Lochlin Community Centre.

The charge for a minimum four-hour rental will go to \$60, from \$48. Each additional hour will go up to \$15/hour from \$12.

Coun. Jean Neville, who sits on the centre committee, said the increases are justified as it's an old building and the committee is looking at doing some upgrades in the future. She added that she did not think the increased pricing is "out of this world."

Renting the entire property for the day would remain at \$100 and the table damage fee stay unchanged at \$30.

The schedule of fees can be found on the Minden Hills website.

The fees range in price depending on the intended use of facilities. Council decided last year that it made sense to alter its insurance policy to make it easier and more affordable for people and groups to rent out space in light of insurance pressures.

Coun. Jeanne Anthon said, "it will give security to user groups ... without having to assume huge liability costs."

You can see the rates on the Minden Hills website.

outstanding claims from the last flood she hopes will be resolved shortly so the municipality can start rebuilding some infrastructure. However, the flood deductible will rise to \$100,000, from \$50,000, to offset claims, and more extreme weather events expected in future. That resulted in a 20 per cent increase in that category alone, she said. Blanchard said there was a reserve for insurance increases.

Insurance costs rising

Minden Hills' insurance costs will rise about six per cent in 2018, a figure treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said can be absorbed by the municipality without a hit to taxpayers.

The township's insurance company, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada, came to the meeting.

Account manager Jennifer Roach said it was a good news story for the liability category, with claims down, allowing no increase in that area. However, the property insurance category was up, due to flooding in 2014 and 2017.

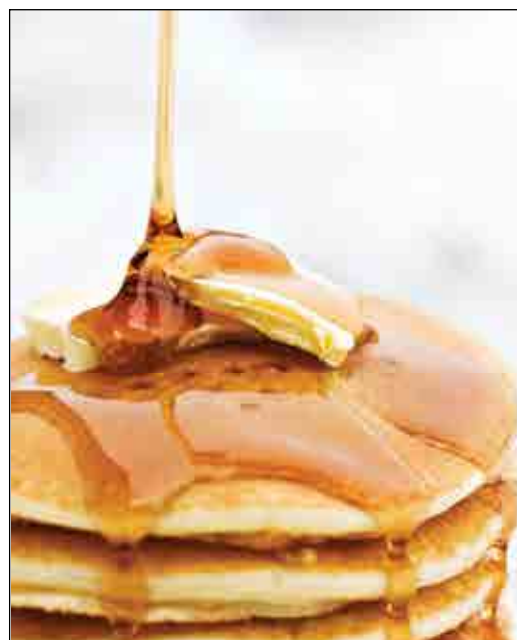
Roach said there were still be some

Road study progressing

Council, at its Feb. 8 meeting, is expected to award the tender for consulting engineering services for a comprehensive road needs study.

Roads supervisor Travis Wilson has recommended that council award the tender to C.C. Tatham and Associates Ltd. for \$98,175 excluding HST prior to finalization of the 2018 budget. He also recommended that a bylaw be passed to execute an agreement.

Wilson said it will allow the company to monitor traffic on 90 per cent of township roads, do a GPS inventory of traffic barrier/signage, and inventory and assess of public works facilities.



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Highlander business

Help celebrate bright lights in community

By Lisa Harrison

Nominations are still open for the 12th annual Business and Community Achievement Awards, but the Feb. 15 deadline is looming, so you're encouraged to participate soon.

Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the awards honour local businesses in 11 categories, including Customer First, Entrepreneur of the Year and Highlander of the Year.

"The awards were created to celebrate the people in our community that are making great strides toward success and benefitting the overall well-being of the Haliburton Highlands," said Autumn Wilson, chamber manager, via email.

Winners will receive their awards at the gala hosted by the chamber on Mar. 17 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

The gala sells out quickly, according to Richard Wannan, chamber president.

"The awards gala has grown to become one of the most sought-after tickets in the community," said Wannan in a Jan. 19 interview. "It represents some of the best of the best of the year ... it's like our Oscars."

"When you look at what businesses are going through now, in these more challenging economic times, this just is an element of reward for what they're doing," added Wannan. "It's such a positive event. It doesn't focus on the challenges of day to day, it focuses on 'look what you've accomplished'."

"Seeing the winner's reaction is my favourite part of the awards," said Wilson. "People are always shocked and thrilled to be the recipient of an award. Everyone who is nominated works incredibly hard at what they do, whether it's their business or volunteer work, and they believe so strongly in what they do."

Anyone in the community can submit a nomination, said Wilson. "It encourages people to share their positive stories about businesses, organizations, and people in the community that might not otherwise have been shared."

Nominations close Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. without exception. Nominees don't have to be chamber members. You can



Rev. Max Ward was named Highlander of the Year last year. *File photo.*

nominate a business in multiple categories, but you must use a separate form for each one. Nomination forms include guidance in filling out the short form, plus awards criteria and information about the nomination and judging processes.

"Don't wait to nominate," said Wilson. "I get calls every year from so many people who missed the deadline because they forgot, so get them in as soon as you can... don't think you need to write some grand story."

Nomination forms are available for downloading from haliburtonchamber.com. Hard copies are available at the chamber office at 195 Highland St., lower level, and at local library branches.

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Highlander arts

New website may solve age-old dilemma

By Mark Arike

For more than a decade, members of the arts community have wondered if it would ever be possible to plan an event in the county without competing with another major event. It's been a daunting task to try and come up with a way of finding out about everything else that is happening, mainly due to the fact there are multiple sources of information.

Then a year ago, Jim Love, a man with a long-standing career in IT, came into

the picture. And ever since, he's dedicated many volunteer hours to coming up with a solution.

On Jan. 18, a small group of individuals, including events organizers, gathered at the Pinestone Resort to get the first look at his online creation.

"Hopefully, this may be the cure-all for all this," said Sean Pennylegion, who emceed the unveiling with Jack Brezina.

Love, who is also a musician, decided to get involved when another event overlapped with his CD launch party. His goal was to

develop a website with a comprehensive calendar that users would be able to update themselves. It's also designed to easily integrate into existing websites, meaning people who curate existing events calendars will no longer have to do that job. When information is added or altered, it will automatically populate on those sites.

"You have a number of people posting to calendars, and you have different needs and interests," explained Love. "We spend all this effort creating these things, but we have no central place in there. It creates some anomalies."

The site, which is live and can be used now, is available at two addresses: artscalendar.ca and ourcalendar.ca. The final address name is up for discussion. Some of the features included colour-coded events categories, an artists' gallery and business directory.

"We're trying to create a place where everyone draws from, because it's just more convenient," he said.

Tammy Rea has supported Love by working with stakeholders in the community.

The website is a project of the arts council's performing arts roundtable. It will host workshops to teach people how to use the site and Love is creating an educational video. They want each municipality to endorse

the site, which will make it possible to apply for federal funding.

"We need to take it to the municipalities first," said Rea. "If they are on-board, we should be able to get funding toward an education campaign."

A few of the main performing arts group in the county have been asked to populate the site. This will be a test prior to a full-scale launch.

We're trying to create a place where everyone draws from, because it's just more convenient.

Jim Love

Calendar creator



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2017055:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 4, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10070, registered January 10, 2018.
2. **File No. PLSRA2017069:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10073, registered January 8, 2018.
3. **File No. PLRA2017059:** Part of the original road allowance between Concessions 10 and 11 in front of Lot 20, in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-10074, Registered January 11, 2018.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, February 8, 2018** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, February 22, 2018**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this February 1, 2018



Jack Brezina, left, and Sean Pennylegion introduce Jim Love, the creator of a new events calendar website (pictured on-screen). Photo by Mark Arike.

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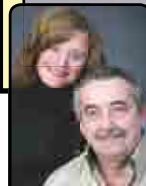


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Highland Storm



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Storm reports

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The Highland Storm travelled to Whitby Feb. 3, facing a do-or-die situation against the Durham Crusaders in game four of this playoff match. Down two games to one in the best of five series, the boys knew that they were going to have to give it their all.

The first two periods were full of end-to-end action with Storm goalie Ben Landry rock solid and the defensive unit on their game. The Storm came close on numerous

opportunities but the game remained scoreless going into the third period.

The Crusaders took the lead early in the third on a power play goal and even though the Storm controlled the game for much of that final frame, they just couldn't get on the score sheet.

With just over a minute left in the game, the Storm called a time out and upon winning the ensuing faceoff they pulled Landry for the extra attacker and one last chance at tying the game. The final minute was very intense with the Storm swarming all over the Crusaders until with about 30 seconds left the puck landed perfectly on Brenden Coumbs' stick in front of a wide

open net. Coumbs made no mistake and scored the tying goal and sent the Storm fans into a frenzied cheer. The game went into overtime and with momentum and boisterous fan support behind them, the Storm's Tim Turner scored the winning goal to send the series into a fifth and deciding game on Sunday.

Unlike Saturday's defensive battle, Sunday's game showed a lot more scoring with the Crusaders notching one 40 seconds in off the opening faceoff. Durham went up 2-0 shortly after and the Storm had to begin playing catch up. Tyson Clements put the Storm on the scoreboard and Hunter Arnott, with some deft

stickhandling in front of the net, tied the game at two. The see-saw battle continued with the teams exchanging goals. Storm goals were by Sam Hoenow and Desi Davies, however neither team was able to get that elusive insurance goal and the game was tied at four until Durham got a lucky break on a weak shot to take a 5-4 lead into the third period.

The Storm coaching staff obviously performed some magic during intermission because the boys came out flying with three unanswered goals in the final period, one by Zach Davis and a couple by captain Jackson Gill giving the Storm a thrilling

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7-5 victory and eliminating the Crusaders in five games. (Submitted by Gord Hoenow)

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

The Storm travelled to Whitby Feb. 3 to take on the Durham Crusaders in game four of their playoffs, looking for the win to take the series. The Crusaders scored first but less than a minute later, Kyan Hall scored, assisted by Sawyer Boutin and Austin Boylan to tie it at one going into the second.

The Crusaders scored again but Hall answered back to tie it once again, assisted by Cooper Coles.

The score remained tied at two into the third period when the Crusaders took the lead again. The Storm gave everything they had. Boylan scored, assisted by Avery Degeer, and Evan Armstrong tied it up at 3-3. Both teams gave everything they had, putting shot after shot on net and storm goalie Damon Harriss gave his team a chance to win.

In overtime, the Crusaders scored for a 4-3 game win to tie the series.

On Feb. 4, the series shifted back to Haliburton for the do-or-die series finale. The Crusaders scored two back-to-back quick goals at the end of the first to give them a 2-0 lead.

They scored another right at the start of the second to put them up 3-0. The Storm kept trying and on a long pass from Armstrong, Hall scored, also assisted by Keller to put the Storm on the board. The Storm kept the pressure on and Zander Upton scored, assisted by Boutin to put them within one. Then, not letting up, Boylan scored to tie it, assisted by Gage Hutchinson going into the third.

The third period saw a lot of back-and-forth action and goalie Harriss made some great saves. Again, the buzzer sounded and we were headed into

overtime. Sadly, the Crusaders scored the winning goal to take the series. (Submitted by Ron Hall)

Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Atom A's

The Highland Storm travelled to the Shelburne Arena to face the Shelburne Wolves for game one of round two of the playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 3.

The first period started with Cheyenne Degeer skating off the boards, spinning and passing to Brechin Johnston out front who made no mistake, going high on the backhand and putting the puck in. However, the Wolves scored right after and the score was 1-1 going into the second.

The second began with Johnston passing to Addison Carr at the red line for a breakaway hard shot, glove side, to score. Shelburne scored two minutes later. Next, Johnston scored out front on a pass from Degeer. Then, Scheffee took a pass from Degeer on a scramble in front after a rebound and scored. Next, Carr scored on a rebound after Kadin Card hit the post. Then, Shelburne scored right after. However, Scheffee carried the puck and passed it out to Johnston who got it and flicked it top cheese and the score was 6-3 Storm going into the third.

The third started with Mak Prentice passing to Austin Latanville who passed to Carr, and Carr won the foot race, deking and scoring. Then, Prentice cleared it to Johnston who drove to the net and scored high glove side. Then, Shelburne was handed a penalty shot and scored and then scored again before the period ended – but the Storm prevailed 8-5. (Submitted by Amber Card).

G.J. Burtch Construction Atom AE

The Storm played the Huntsville Otters on Feb. 3, at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The two teams were battling

for the win in a tied series in the first round of the playoffs. Both sides came out strong and ready for a fight. The first period was dominated by the Storm with many shots on net but they were unable to get one past the Otters' goalie. It was Maclean Rowden that picked up the rebound shot and scored the first goal of the game. Unfortunately, the Otters were hot on their heels and scored a goal of their own sending the game into another exciting overtime.

The Storm played hard and didn't let up. They kept the battle going until the Otters snuck a goal in, ending the game in a 2-1 Storm loss. However, the Atom AE season isn't over yet. They move onto the playdowns with games yet to be determined. (Submitted by Lisa Reinwald).

Tom Prentice & Sons Trucking Tykes

It was an exciting game between the Storm and South Muskoka Bears Feb. 3 in Bracebridge. Early in the first period, Jaxen Casey banged in a rebound to score the first Storm goal.

Minutes later, Zach Prentice prevented a breakaway goal scoring opportunity. But, with a minute left in the first, the Bears scored two quick goals to go up 2-1.

Storm goaltender Carter Braun rallied with a big save early in the second period. Later, Perrott sent a pass to Tomlinson out front, who scored to even the game at 2-2. But the Bears made it 3-2 late in the period on a one-timer that snuck past Braun.

In the third, Perrott and Tomlinson got by the Bears defense, passed to Perrott who shot on net with Tomlinson picking up the rebound to tie it 3-3. Still working off that momentum, Perrott put it top shelf with the help of McCartney Saunders to stretch the lead to 4-3 and that's how it ended.

The Storm hosted the Huntsville Otters Feb. 4 in Haliburton and showed what great team players they are. Casey opened the scoring with a backhand goal, assisted by Saunders and Easton Burk. Later,

Mason Latanville carried the puck up the right side and beat the goalie top shelf. Meanwhile, Braun was busy pulling off some big saves to keep the Storm up 2-0 at the end of the first.

In the second frame, defenseman Ethan DeCarlo repeatedly prevented the Otters from reaching Braun. Then, with 57 seconds left, Tomlinson dove to slide Vanek Logan's rebound off a pass from Prentice into the net. Storm 3-0.

In the third, Burk passed to Saunders who then got it out front to Casey for another goal. Minutes later, the Otter goalie saved Logan's initial shot but gave up the rebound and he put it in the net, assists going to Tomlinson and Luke Gruppe. Matthew Scheffee got the puck onto Perrott's stick and from behind the net Perrott bounced it off the back of the goalie to score. Unassisted, Saunders next got his second goal of the game. With just under two minutes left, the Otters scored but the Storm took the game 7-1. The Tykes travel to Parry Sound on Feb. 10 to face the Parry Sound Shamrocks. (Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson)

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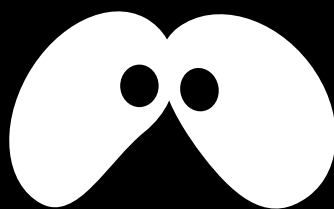
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He did his high school education at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Don was a carpenter by trade and a wood sculptor by hobby. Don was self-taught on the guitar and harmonica.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 11:30 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Don's Life at 1:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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Highlander events



Paws and poop make for popular workshop

It's gross and smelly, but children and their families didn't seem to mind learning all about it. The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust launched its 2018 Discovery Days series with Paws, Poop and Other Animal Signs at Abbey Gardens last Saturday (Feb. 3). About 30 people attended the educational and fun workshop led by Irene Heaven, wildlife biologist and education coordinator of Abbey Gardens. Heaven taught participants about different animal tracks and scat before they did hands-on activities, including making edible poop. Discovery Days is funded by the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. (Mark Arike)

Above: Emery Steele, 3, colours over a scat mould. Left: Lennon Tiffin, 3, examines some scat that was on display. Photos by Mark Arike.



Top: The Hot Toddies, an all-women's team from Toronto. Above: Pond hockey volunteers Randy and Arlene Burch. Photos by Mark Arike.

Pond hockey skates through another year

Nearly 120 teams laced up their skates to play some shinny during the annual Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. The two-weekend event was held Jan. 26-28 and Feb. 2-4 at the Pinestone Resort. Teams played the game on frozen ponds located in front of the resort. At night, they were entertained by The Road Apples on Jan. 27, and Arden and the Tourists last Saturday. More than 100 volunteers contributed to the event's success. The festivities were livestreamed at haliboo.tv. (Mark Arike)

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Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person.

5:30 p.m. – Those Other Movies presents "A Silent Movie Sampler", silent films by Charlie Chaplin & Buster Keaton, accompanied by Bruce Vogt on the piano, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Haliburton. See haliburton-movies.com for more information.

Friday February 9

8 – 9 p.m. – Adult Broomball at the S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person, sticks to be provided, drop-in program. Helmets and clean boots/shoes required.

Saturday February 10

7 – 11 p.m. – Battle of the Bands 3, a fundraiser for the Haliburton Junction Skate Park. Come out and show your support! This is an all ages event. See our facebook page facebook.com/haliburtonjunctionskatepark for details, or contact amueller@dysartetal.ca

Sunday February 11

11 a.m. – Noon – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person. Children under 10 must wear a CSA approved helmet and be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

February 10 & 11

Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby, now an IFSS world cup sanctioned event, located at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton. haliburtonsledsleddogderby.com

Tuesday February 13

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person.

5 – 7 p.m. – St. George's 79th Annual Pancake Supper, at the Haliburton Legion Hall. All are welcome, free of charge (gluten free available). Donations to support Haliburton county's Fuel For Warmth program gratefully accepted.

7:30 p.m. – EH! EnviroCafe: Emergency Preparedness. Find out how to be prepared for long power outages or extreme weather related disasters. Minden Cultural Centre, Minden. For more info contact Eric, elilius@halhinet.on.ca or Kaarina, blackie@sympatico.ca.

Wednesday February 14

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Sexual Health Clinic, provided by the Haliburton branch of the Health Unit. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing, sexual health teaching and testing and treatment for STD's. Call 1-866-888-4577 to make an appointment.

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton.

1 – 3 p.m. – Grief Support Group, 2nd Wednesday of each month, at Haliburton Hospital, Ruth Parkes Room. For more info, contact Amanda 705-457-2941 x2932, or arowden@hhhs.ca

Thursday February 15

Noon – 2 p.m. – Public Skating at A.J. LaRue arena, Haliburton.

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult-only Public Skating at S.G. Nesbitt arena, Minden. \$2/person.

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. – Canadian Federation of University Women present guest speakers Chris Lynd and Sean Pennylegion to speak about their experiences bringing a Syrian refugee family to Canada. Takes place at Haliburton School of Art & Design, Great Hall. All are welcome, free admission, however donations to the CFUW Bursary Fund would be welcome.

February 16 & 17

Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival – Join the fun for the 28th annual Dorset Snowball, hosting a variety of winter activities and events. See dorsetsnowball.com for a full event schedule and all the events.

Saturday February 17

Frost Festival 2018, Head Lake Park, Haliburton - A free, fun-filled day of outdoor activities for the whole family.

Horse-drawn wagon rides, pony rides, snowman building, snowshoeing, sled dog rides and a Polar Bear Challenge! For more info see frostfestival.ca

1 p.m. – Polar Bear Challenge, sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club. At Head Lake Park. Registration 10 a.m. – Noon, Event starts at 1 p.m. For pledge forms and more information available at e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php for more info.

The Coby-Norland Frostival! – Join us family day weekend and bring the family in the afternoon to Legion Park and the train station in Coboconk for some old fashioned winter fun. Home-made toboggan parade, chili cook-off, cupcake café, and winter obstacle course! For more info, contact Jennifer at 705-454-1110 or jwilson@coboconknorland.ca.

1 – 3 p.m. - Poets' Society poetry, short story, and theatrical play group @ 37 Larch St., Cardiff. All writers are invited to share and discuss their work. Call: 613-332-1619; flowertopia.studio@gmail.com

1 – 3 p.m. – Coboconk Lions annual sleigh ride, at Balsam Lake Provincial Park. Free hot dogs, donations to the food bank would be appreciated.

1 – 8 p.m. – Catch the Cure, at S.G. Nesbitt Arena & Community Centre, Minden. This is the fifth annual event held to celebrate International Angelman Day, and three local kids living with Angelman Syndrome. Join us for a fun family event to raise awareness and raise funds for research.

4 – 7 p.m. – Stockdale Central in the Haliburton Legion's Clubroom. \$5 cover charge to non-members. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal for \$6 by the Ladies Auxiliary.

7 p.m. – A Musical Evening at Maple Lake United Church, admission by donation. Come enjoy performances by gifted local residents. Call Kathleen 705-754-3558 for more info.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1 p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m, bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

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

Upcoming Events: Live entertainment featuring Stockdale Central Saturday, Feb. 17, 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.

MINDEN BRANCH

Karaoke with Fred & Linda 7-11 p.m., Feb 17, 2-5 p.m., open mic.

Ladies darts have resumed, Wednesday 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

Feb. 9 Community Care lunch. To book call Denice Butler 705-448-8865,

Pool 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Wing night 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 10 Meat draw 2 p.m. - Early bird 3 p.m. sharp

Valentine's dance. \$5 cover DJ Mike 9 p.m. - close

Feb. 11 L.A. Breakfast 9 a.m. - noon. Feb. 12 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Feb. 14 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Feb. 17. Ken McFarlane Lake Trout Derby. \$15/ person. one fish per entry. Tickets are available at the Legion until Feb. 16 before close or the bait shop until Feb. 17 before 10 a.m.

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What's on

Gearing up for Catch the Cure

By Lisa Gervais

With \$65,000 so far raised for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST), organizers are gearing up for the fifth annual Catch the Cure event in Minden Feb. 17.

It's the brainchild of Bethan McCutcheon and Sue Tiffin, both of whose families have been touched by Angelman Syndrome (AS).

Three kids in Minden were born with AS, and people with it, aged three to 30, from as close as Bracebridge and as far as Pennsylvania, have attended in the past.

It's the only event like it in Canada, and celebrates International Angelman Day (Feb. 15), helping to raise awareness of AS, as well as money for FAST.

"I think visitors to the event are pretty taken aback by how many people - individuals, businesses, service clubs, our incredible school - step forward to help contribute," Tiffin told *The Highlander*. "Behind-the-scenes, too, there are so many gestures of authentic kindness and generosity that are so motivating and moving. There's no way Bethan or I could put into words what it feels like to have the entire town come together to celebrate our kids and join to learn more and support."

Tiffin said having a child with a rare disorder in a small community can be isolating, "but we live in a place where people want to make sure every person can contribute and every person is valued. We are in an absolute daze after the event, just thinking, 'wait, what just happened? Did that just happen?'"

The event runs from 1 - 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena & Community Centre. Most activities are by donation/pay what you can.

Tiffin said the massive town party will include: tobogganing, outdoor and indoor

skating, maple taffy, horse and sled rides, snowman building, a bake sale, face painting, community dinner, Kawartha Dairy sundaes, kid and family activity tables, a town scavenger hunt, a figure skating exhibition, a hockey game and a huge silent auction that already includes trips, sports collectables, massages, electronics, golf clubs, and autographed memorabilia from *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story* (director Gareth Edwards has a niece with AS).

McCutcheon, who has two boys with AS, said "the energy of this event is so loving as we celebrate each other, whether it be by cheering on the skaters or cheering on the hockey players or eagerly anticipating who will be bringing home such amazing auction items like autographed Star Wars memorabilia or massages."

"Minden has always made space for my boys, so much so that their friends with AS look forward to coming to this event, several travelling from the US to attend. Minden is a unique village and I am proud to co-host this event where families can come and have fun with us at an affordable price raising money for research that will affect us all."

All funds raised are donated to (FAST). Tiffin said treatments to help with some of the challenges of AS are in the works, including gene therapy, which goes to clinical trial in 2019.

AS is a rare neurogenetic disorder that affects approximately 500,000 individuals worldwide. Symptoms typically include a sleep disorder, gastrointestinal issues, developmental delay, balance and motor impairment, lack of verbal speech, and profound seizures.

For more info about Catch the Cure: facebook.com/events/195797234336358/permalink/196235180959230/

For more info about Angelman Syndrome and FAST: cureangelman.org



An image from last year's Catch the Cure event. *File photo.*

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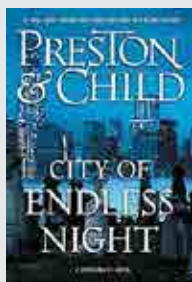
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