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Minden Hills community development co-ordinator Elisha Weiss hands a cup of hot chocolate to Amelia Rowden during the township's New Years Eve festivities at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Dec. 31. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Minden extends decision time for new arena

By Joseph Quigley

Minden Hills is spending an additional \$140,000 to extend its letter of intent for a new arena development.

Minden Hills council held a special meeting Dec. 19 and voted unanimously to approve the letter issued to McDonald Brothers Construction and Parking Architects limited, which will extend the

timeline for the validation phase for the project up until Jan. 31. The additional funding being allotted is in addition to \$140,000 already allotted for the validation phase up until this point."

"The forecasted time to finalize draft of the contract as amended by Supplementary General Conditions exceeded expectations," director of community services Mark

Coleman said in a staff report. "Therefore the contract will be presented along with the validation for report to council for consideration at the January 24, 2019 meeting of council."

In his report, Coleman said the 2018 budget had allotted \$300,000 for the validation phase of the project, meaning the expenditure still falls within that budget.

Coun. Bob Carter asked for clarification that council is only committing the additional \$140,000 and nothing beyond that at this point.

"At this point today, right now, we're not committed to anything but the \$140,000?" Carter asked

Minden Hills chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard said that was correct.

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Family escapes uninjured from Dysart house fire

By Joseph Quigley

Firefighters successfully put out a structure fire which fully engulfed a home on Wigamog road Jan. 8.

In a press release, Dysart et al Fire Chief Mike Iles said firefighters responded to a call at 3:46 a.m. with 17 firefighters and seven firetrucks. Nobody involved was injured by the fire, but the house is a complete loss, with damages estimated at \$250,000, Iles said.

Iles said in an interview the residents of the home were awoken in the morning by their smoke alarm.

"The smoke alarm did save their life," Iles said. "They were able to evacuate the building after hearing the smoke alarm."

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, Iles said.

Firefighters arrived on the scene at approximately 3:58 p.m. according to a press release. Minden Hills Fire Department also responded with two fire trucks as mutual aid assistance. Firefighters were able to confine the blaze to the attic and south end of the structure before putting it out.

Although the structure was heavily damaged, the house is still standing and Iles said the family was able to recover some of their belongings.

Iles said the firefighters battling the blaze performed well on scene.

"The firefighters on scene did an exceptional job to stop the fire when it was fully engulfed in fire through the roof," Iles said.

The incident is a reminder of the importance of having a working smoke alarms, Iles said.

"I hope we can get the news out and hopefully have some people check their smoke alarms for batteries and expiry," Iles said. "Hopefully, make the people aware."



The structure of a home on Wigamog Road was heavily damaged by a structure fire in the earling morning Jan. 8. Dysart et al Fire Chief Mike Iles said the home is a complete loss. Photo by Dysart et al Fire Department

Councillor questions project costs

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"I've asked the same questions," she said.

At a Dec. 18 public meeting, the developers said the project would cost \$12 million. The development entails the demolition of the arena portion of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, with a new arena being built at the same location, featuring an ice-rink, gymnasium and walking track.

Coun. Pam Sayne questioned the expenditure to extend the validation phase of the project after Blanchard noted the funding for it had been built up in reserves.

"This is a nice cushion, if you will, in case of issues we have to deal with flood mitigation, any kind of capital expenses that we might have," Sayne said. "We're shooting to put that money towards this verification stage, which we miss for other potential issues."

"We started this potential project three years ago," Mayor Brent Devolin retorted. "We have every year had this conversation at budget time. This is not new news."

Sayne later questioned the amount of money the township was proposing to put towards the project, which had its details disclosed at a public meeting Dec. 18.

"For the first time at the public meeting, we were hearing the numbers of what this arena could cost us...I cannot figure out how our community can pay," Sayne said.

Devolin responded those questions will be addressed in budget talks.

"Certainly, as we move to the end of validation and the budget discussions that will start in the beginning of January. We'll go through the mechanics of all of that," Devolin said. "That will be fleshed out."



Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin during a Dec. 19 meeting said the financial picture surrounding a new area development will be fleshed out to council during the budget process. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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Rural Transportation Options, a group that has worked on expanding transportation in the county and as part of the transportation task force, sent a letter to Liz Danielsen raising concerns with the work of the county's hired transportation consultant. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

Transportation task force objects to lack of consultation

By Joseph Quigley

Local transportation advocates issued an open letter to the County of Haliburton council raising concern with the work being done by a transportation consultant Dec. 28.

In a letter to County Warden Liz Danielsen, Rural Transportation Options (RTO) chair Heather Ross said the group was disappointed the county's transportation consultant, IBI Group, did not consult more with the county's transportation taskforce throughout the process. IBI Group was initially hired in January 2018, with council allocating \$50,000 towards it to create a transportation implementation plan.

"We are disappointed that through this whole process IBI has not tapped into the experience of the transportation taskforce (as a group or as individuals) or of RTO or any other agency. We ask that IBI consult with the taskforce in order to inform its final report to County Council," Ross said in a letter.

Ross also said the taskforce, which RTO is a member of, was confused by an initial September report from IBI Group presenting a fixed-route service as a possibility when the task force had recommended a booked, shared-ride service. However, a subsequent November report from IBI Group to county council recommended the county proceed with the shared-ride service over a fixed-route service.

In an email, Danielsen said this letter was county council's first indication there was any concern about IBI Group's work and she had passed it on to staff for consideration.

"The consultant will be reporting to council during our Jan. 23 meeting and any concerns will also be addressed at that time," she said in the email. "I am reluctant

to speak on behalf of council prior to this discussion taking place other than to say that we are committed to finding solutions for transportation that are practical and will work for our residents."

Community transportation project co-ordinator Tina Jackson said the task force had done a lot of work throughout 2017 to explore different models of transportation before arriving at a recommendation to the county to proceed with a shared-ride service.

"Really, when IBI was hired and brought into the picture in 2018 the idea was not for them to identify the type of model but to create an implementation plan with the model selected," Jackson said in an interview. "What we're looking for is just a little bit more detail."

Ross said in an interview that county staff has told them to be patient. After its November report, IBI is set to present a final implementation plan to county council.

But she added the task force sought to send a message with the new council in place following the municipal election.

"With the last council we really were quite successful at moving this issue," she said. "We want to keep that particular momentum to the new council."

A request for comment sent to IBI Group was redirected to County of Haliburton administration.

The RTO letter also asks council, through its budgeting process, to continue to support the transportation taskforce.

Ross said the county has not yet indicated about continued funding for the taskforce, adding it is important the group continue its work.

"It is important it keeps going because it's such a collection of knowledge," Ross said. "We're very hopeful the county will provide some funding for it."

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Classroom tutoring program cancelled after funding cut

By Joseph Quigley

Trillium Lakeland District School Board (TLDSB) is losing a program providing tutors in the classroom at exam time after a provincial funding cut announced Dec. 16.

In an emailed statement, Minister of Education director of communications Kayla Lafelice said the province will reduce the 'Education Programs - Other' (EPO) fund by \$25 million for the 2018-19 fiscal year, putting it down to \$400 million. The fund is used for specialized programming in school districts across the province.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board director of education Larry Hope said the cuts will impact the district's Tutors in the Classroom Program, which received about \$20,000 from the fund the past several years. The program offers tutors for students in elementary schools across the district late in the year, around EQAO testing time.

"They would be hired to support some tutoring activities and preparation work we would do around EQAO," Hope said. "That's about the extent of what we've seen (from the cuts)."

The program was designed by school boards individually and allowed them to provide one-on-one tutoring for students, with a focus on literacy and numeracy skills, Hope said. The cut means the

district will not offer the program this year, adding it was \$20,000 spread across the division's 41 elementary schools.

"It wasn't a huge amount of time that would be made available to each of the schools individually," Hope said. "It would be spread across the schools for a very short period of time."

Lafelice said the government has done a thorough review of the EPO fund.

"Despite only accounting for less than one per cent of school board funding, this funding has a long track record of wasteful spending, overspending and millions of dollars of unfunded commitments," Lafelice said.

Hope said although the cut only represents a fraction of a percentage of the education budget, it's not something to ignore.

"We need to pay attention to the fact that it could be the start of changes we see to funding," Hope said.

In anticipation of further cuts, Hope said the district is carefully reviewing all aspects of its organization for cost savings.

"We'll have to make some decisions once we know more about what the budget is going to look like going forward. Right now, all we have is rumour and hearsay but we are trying to be cautious and careful," Hope said. "We obviously want to protect as much as we can, particularly as it relates to the classroom."



The Trillium Lakeland District School Board will not offer the Tutors in the Classroom program this year after funding cuts from the Ministry of Education announced in December. *File photo.*

OPP news

OPP get new powers for impaired driving

The Ontario Provincial Police is beginning to exercise new authority for investigating impaired drivers on Ontario roads.

The second part of Bill C-46 came into effect Dec. 18, allowing police officers to demand a roadside breath sample for any lawfully stopped driver without first having to suspect the motorist has been drinking.

In a Dec. 17 press release, the OPP's Highway Safety Division said drivers need to be aware it is mandatory for them to comply with the demand and those who do not can be charged with failing to provide a breath sample.

Interim OPP commissioner Gary Couture said the new screening serves as an important deterrent to drivers impaired by alcohol.

"Every person who uses our roads has the right to be safe," Couture said in the

press release. "The OPP fully supports this and any other legislation that enhances our ability to reduce the number of preventable deaths attributed to this deadly driving behaviour."

Couture added as of the time of the press release, alcohol and/or drugs had been a factor in the deaths of 41 people on OPP-patrolled roads in 2018.

OPP respond to over 50 collisions in December

Haliburton Highlands OPP is reminding people to be alert and stay in control of their vehicles after responding to over 50 motor vehicle collisions in December.

In a Dec. 26 press release, the detachment said more than half of those collisions involved wildlife, specifically deer.

The press releases advises motorists to take precautions to reduce the risk of being involved in a collision with wildlife,

including scanning the road ahead from shoulder-to-shoulder, watch speed and be careful when driving at night.

"Try not to direct your full attention to the animal when you take measures to avoid hitting it. Instead, focus your attention on the alternative route you decide to take," the press release said.

Impaired charges for stopped vehicle

Haliburton Highlands OPP arrested and charged a man for impaired care or control of a vehicle after a Dec. 12 investigation.

In a Dec. 14 press release, the detachment said an officer observed a motor vehicle stopped in a live lane of traffic on County Road 503 in Minden Hills Dec. 12 at approximately 7 p.m.

The release said the officer stopped to render assistance to the lone male driver and determined the male has consumed



alcohol.

"During the investigation the male became uncooperative with officers," the release said.

The 45-year-old Derek Hagan of Palmer Rapids was arrested and charged with care or control while impaired, care or control over 80 mgs and resisting a peace officer.

Hagan is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Feb. 6.

(OPP news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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Dysart news

Harcourt Park seeks financial help

Members of Harcourt Park Inc. approached Dysart et al council Dec. 17 to seek financial support as area residents work towards building a new bridge.

Corporation president Greg Weeks and vice president Ed Kennedy presented before council to discuss the non-profit corporation, which looks after residents in the Harcourt area. Weeks spoke to the history of the corporation and its latest efforts to build a new bridge at Straggle Narrows at an estimated cost of \$200,000-\$250,000.

Weeks said the corporation provides many services to residents which saves the municipality money, such as road maintenance at a cost of \$150,000 to \$175,000 annually.

"In light of our funding of our own infrastructure and services that are otherwise provided to residents of Dysart, we would appreciate for council to consider some financial relief to Harcourt Park," Kennedy said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts responded the request would be a consideration for budget time.

"It is a unique situation," Roberts said, later remarking on the possibility of non-monetary contribution. "See if there are things other than monetary things, such as material, that still cost us money, don't get us wrong, but it's not dollars and cents out

of the general taxation."

The decision on the request was put off for the township's budget deliberations.

Council funds food forum

Dysart et al council voted unanimously to back the Harvest Haliburton's upcoming Food and Agriculture Economic Development Forum with a \$350 contribution.

The March 5 forum seeks to invite key stakeholders to "advance the economic capacity of our community's food sector," according to a letter sent to council. The event will also include a group discussion on municipal food planning, with the letter asking for a \$700 contribution to cover the cost of a final report from the discussion.

"We have money left in our budget for economic development," Roberts said in regards to the request.

Coun. John Smith inquired as to the criteria the municipality uses to judge requests like this.

"We could have 12 requests at the next council meeting and so how do we decide? It becomes who knows who," Smith said, adding he would look to establish some criteria as a member of the economic development committee.

Chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee said there is a trust factor built with the municipality having a representative on



Dysart et al Coun. Larry Clarke speaks at the first regular meeting of the new term of council Dec. 17. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Harvest Haliburton for years. She added the township's economic development plan speaks to providing support for agriculture.

includes a doubling of the damage deposit for park rentals from \$250 to \$500. A \$125 fee will apply for use of the tables and chairs trailer.

In a staff report, recreations program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said the fees will help with maintenance and upkeep of the park.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

New fee for park rentals

Dysart et al council approved new fees for use of equipment associated with park rentals, including tables and chairs.

Council voted unanimously in support of fees recommended by staff, which also

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Tough decisions for Minden

Minden Hills council has one final chance to decide whether the new arena project drives forward or has its brakes pulled.

The contract for the project is scheduled for discussion at a Jan. 24 meeting, after council agreed to extend the 'validation phase' at a Dec. 19 meeting at a cost of \$140,000. The township did its best to inform and sell the community on the project at a Dec. 18 public meeting.

The project been debated relentlessly, and now we are at the final threshold. As the township prepares for this decision, the public should keep in mind that there is no perfect solution to an issue as complicated as the replacement of an arena.

There remains just cause for concern about this project and the process taken to get to this point. But to the township's credit, they presented some fairly sound arguments to the public at the Dec. 18 meeting. The current arena is showing its age and needs work. Investing in a new arena may make more financial sense than a renovation which would last not nearly as long as a new facility.

But the costs, and everything that the new facility is not, remain major points of

contention. Adding more features to the build or going forward with a pool instead could well cost much more than the current \$12 million price tag which has already earned scorn.

The township has gotten plenty of flak over this proposal, but residents should be mindful of the complexity of the issue council is trying to solve. Balancing costs against the needs and wants of the community is no easy task with a project this big. There is never a way to satisfy everyone when it comes to projects of this scale, no matter what form they ultimately take.

The township does not have an easy, clear cut answer but presented a solid case for itself to build a new arena. That this kind of meeting with this level of detail did not come sooner is perhaps worthy of criticism, but better later than never.

Minden council must also be properly considerate when making its final decision. It might be easy to charge ahead based on what's already been invested, but that alone is not sufficient. The rising costs of the project are also a major point of concern. Without the benefit of polling after the

community got its clearest view of the project Dec. 18, councillors must seriously ask themselves how much public support there is for this project, especially if they expect to succeed in fundraising to help cover the costs.

The re-election of Minden Hills councillors should not be confused with necessarily having a majority of public support for this version of this arena project.

The debate will not stop here and public input will be necessary even after January to try to make the facility the best it possibly can be for Minden, if it goes forward.

Minden council has a difficult decision ahead and is already grappling with questions of affordability. But any final efforts from members of the public should take into account all aspects of the decision, lest they be dismissed at this late stage.



By Joseph Quigley

Do they hunt in heaven?

Bruce 'the barber' Sawyer, friend to me and many, many other folks both near and far, has taken leave of this earth and gone to chase bear, moose and deer in Heaven.

He died on Boxing Day, and, as the news of his passing filtered through the communities within Haliburton County there were many tears shed and quiet moments taken to remember Bruce. People loved him you see because he loved people. He was one of those guys that met you with a great big grin and a witty remark and then the jokes and stories would just keep on flowing so long as you had time to sit back in the barber shop and enjoy.

I remember often the steely stare and mock serious face of the barber creasing with laughter as he saw that he'd hooked me with another incredible hunting yarn that I couldn't quite work out whether to believe or not.

"Ninety percent of what you'll hear in this shop is lies, and the other ten percent, BS" he'd say and burst out laughing, along with his audience of barber shop customers.

The thing was, on many occasion afterwards I'd meet one of Bruce's longtime friends and they'd get to talking. I didn't say much because listening was way more

interesting. Anyhow, they'd be chatting back and forth about things old and new, when right out of the blue Bruce's pal would recount the same remarkable story that the barber had told me as we sat in his shop. He'd given them no prompt, there had been no cue, the barber's incredulous tale had been neither BS nor lies. It was just one of many experiences that helped mold Bruce Sawyer the boy into the man and gentleman that we all knew and loved.

I remember Bruce once marching me through the bush for eleven hours in pursuit of bears and his beloved hounds. We didn't get lost once but he assured me that there had been a couple of times when he didn't quite know where we were. Then, at the end of the day, the hounds all captured, the barber, almost 30 years my senior, congratulated me for being able to keep up with him. I laughed, his mock serious face creased into a grin.

Bruce taught me to catch lake trout, and to like rum and coke, albeit a taste for the fish came much sooner and with less persuasion than a liking for the hunt camp's drink of choice.

He enjoyed bringing me into his outdoor life and relished, I think, the chance to show

the English man who knew nothing about hound dogs, four-wheeling, firearms, outboard motors, snow mobiles, trap lines (the list goes on), the techniques and traditions of hunting and fishing in Haliburton County. He made what could have been a hard slow outdoors journey for me into a sheer joy every time we got to hunt or fish together.

But I did not know Bruce for that long and I can not imagine the sense of loss felt by Bruce's family, nor by the many local people who have been friends with him for their entire lives. I only had the privilege of knowing Bruce for nine years and it saddens me greatly that he's gone.

However, I'm truly grateful for the friendship he afforded me because Bruce taught me many things about hunting and fishing but much more about enjoying life, being kind and fair to everyone, and most of all, he taught me how to tell a good story.

Bruce, you'll be greatly missed. I hope the hunting's good up there in heaven.



By Will Jones



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Eye on the street: What is your New Year’s resolution?

By Joseph Quigley



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Austin Boylan

Minden

“For our team to go farther in the playoffs, that’s our New Years resolution.”



Jason Boylan

Minden

“I just want to see my kids have a healthy year and see all the kids in the Highland Storm have a good development year in hockey.”

Letters

Getting more out of the Minden arena project

After attending the open house information meeting in Minden on December 17th, I am a very frustrated tax payer.

This was the first official outline of the new community center I have had the opportunity to see first hand. I was advised the decision was made to make the multi/purpose gym smaller to help pay for a larger 200 foot ice surface. I have been playing seniors hockey for years and never knew the old 185 foot surface was so inadequate. I’m sure most of the under 12 year old girl and boy hockey players did not know either. My point is if the larger ice surface is best, fine. But why should the most important room in the facility to me, be downsized?

This room could be used for basketball, volleyball, badminton, floor hockey and many other uses by all age groups if in its original larger size. Fenlon Falls community room even has an easy to assemble stage. When involved as a convenor in past Senior Games a lack of proper facilities was a major problem in our area. We all know how beneficial large events like this can be to our communities. Instead now the room is down to three pickleball/badminton courts. If our Mayor saw the number of Pickleball players trying to participate in Minden he would know a three court facility would be inadequate even before completion.

Having been involved in several clubs trying to utilize local school gymnasiums I know first hand how frustrating and unsuccessful this can be further emphasizing the need for this type of facility.

This last minute change was done to keep the present estimated cost of the project under an arbitrary number of 12 million dollars. We all know the final cost will be higher despite promises. Now as a member of the largest and fastest growing demographic group (seniors), a taxpayer in Minden for over 30 years, I will not get a facility that will be great for the future. Please don’t build me an inadequate, limited use facility and then force me to pay for it.

David Lear
Taxpayer, Senior, Participant, Voter
and Volunteer

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Icicles forming along a cliffside. Photo by Guenter Horst

2018 year in review

January

Pedestrian killed

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.

Deer with arrow in head

The mysterious case of the deer with an arrow in its head continues in Haliburton. Marlene Sparling, who lives on Pine Street, first alerted *The Highlander* about the deer last Wednesday (Jan. 3) but said she first noticed it on her property in late December. "I am very sure the first time I saw the deer it had an arrow out the side of its head. Then, I noticed an arrow between its eyes up on the forehead. I told my husband I noticed a red sore mark at the side of this same deer and concluded the first arrow had come out but someone now had shot it again. So sad," she said. The deer was eventually rescued by the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

Big Minden tax hike

With clichés such as "coming home to roost" and "time to pay the piper," Minden Hills councillors left their second 2018 budget meeting on Jan. 11 with a proposed 8.73 per cent tax increase. They'll come back for round three Feb. 8 but the majority of councillors (Ron Nesbitt was absent due to sickness) indicated that number isn't likely to decrease much in between now and then. Most of them were on board, saying it was catch-up time for the municipality, with the exception of Coun. Pam Sayne, who found the increase unpalatable and didn't hesitate to voice her concerns.

Human remains found in HE

The OPP investigation into found human remains in Highlands East is "in the early stages," according to Dianna Dauphinee, community safety/media relations officer.

Responding to questions from *The Highlander* Wednesday, Dauphinee said until the post mortem is complete and a positive identity of the deceased confirmed, "there is very little that we can speak to at this time." She said the human remains, located off of Glamor Lake Road on Sunday afternoon, appear to have been there "for an undetermined period of time and the post mortem may help make that determination as well."



The Canadian National Pond Hockey championships at the Pinestone. *File photo.*

February

County looks into public transit

County council is sticking to its original plan for the establishment of a transportation system despite a plea to apply for provincial funding that may not be available again. During a special meeting in December, council chose to allocate \$50,000 in this year's budget to hire a consultant to develop a detailed implementation plan for the launch of a rural transportation system in the county. At the time, planning director Charley White made councillors aware of a new Ministry of Transportation (MTO) grant program offering municipalities up to \$500,000 over five years. It would require a five-year

commitment from the municipality, which would start this year.

Hicks family heroic in rescue

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."

Ice and water rescue fees

With a dozen people going through the ice over the past two weeks, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt has asked whether her municipality should bill for ice and water rescues. Her question came during a budget meeting Feb. 13. The mayor asked fire Chief Mike Cavanagh whether any consideration had been given to fees. Moffatt said she was "floating that little balloon up there" and it could be a more detailed discussion at a later date.

Youth Hub application

Point in Time will know any day now whether its application to the province, for \$1 million in funding for a youth hub, has been successful. It the lead agency behind a funding request to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Executive-director Marg Cox has told *The Highlander* they had an interview in mid-January and were told to expect an answer in four to six weeks' time. She said the fact they made it to the interview stage is "certainly very heartening" since there were a lot of applications.

March

Home Hardware Haliburton

When Jerry Walker began planning to build a new Home Hardware store in Haliburton, he thought the entire project would take about two years to complete. Walker and his business partner, Jamie Chisholm, started the first phase of the project a year ago and hit a snag last summer when the County of Haliburton requested he construct a 720-foot-long left



Liane Spong-Hooyega becomes the new OPP detachment commander. *File photo.*

turn lane on County Road 21, in front of the store. Now, the store is slated to open in April 2019.

Winter good-bad for business

It's been a great winter for some businesses in Haliburton County, while others have taken a hit due to a short snowmobile season. Chris Bishop, manager and co-owner of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake, expects to be on par with last winter—the destination's record-setting season. "It was a great start and we had great conditions all winter," said Bishop in an interview. He admits the cold snap during Christmas had a negative impact on business, but they were able to recover shortly thereafter.

Fall victim not wearing safety equipment

A Haliburton man who died on a construction site wasn't using safety equipment when he fell more than 20 feet off a roof, according to his brother, Terry John Smith. Terry was the first of six witnesses to testify at a coroner's inquest into the death of John Francis Smith. It began yesterday (March 21) at the Pinestone. The brothers were working together when John fell at a remote cottage property on Percy Lake on July 31, 2013. He was 37.

Man sentenced in fatal motorcycle crash

A Hastings Highlands man was sentenced in a Lindsay courtroom March 22 in connection with a horrific accident in

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Snow Removal and Winter Parking

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Bylaw staff would like to remind residents that restrictions on snow removal and street parking are in effect during these months. To avoid your vehicle being towed, please do not leave vehicles or trailers parked or standing on a public roadway, cul-de-sac or dead end road.

As well, please consider the safety of others and do not deposit snow on public roadways. This could create an unsafe situation for drivers and interfere with traffic movement and snow removal efforts.

Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

Council Meetings

Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.
Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Council Meeting
Jan 24 - 9:00 AM, Budget Deliberations
For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhill.ca
Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of January, July, August and December

Winter Sand Available for Residential Use

Is available at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena parking lot, 55 Parkside Street for residential use. Please note this is for Individual Use Only – No Commercial Users Please.

Notice – 2019 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Regular Council Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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Request for Tenders

The Roads Department is seeking bids from qualified contractors for the following:

- RFT #RDS 18-07 - 2019 Resurfacing
- RFP #18-06 - One (1) New 2019/2020 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis with Spreader Dump Body and Snow Plow Equipment

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2018 year in review

Highlands East last summer that claimed the lives of two Uxbridge residents. Jamie Mountney, 38, was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, had his driver's licence suspended for a year and was placed on two years probation. A couple of months after the July 15, 2017 accident that killed George Eliadis, 52, a Toronto paramedic, and his girlfriend, Shari Keyes-Williams, 42, Mountney was charged with careless driving, driving with no licence and driving without a valid permit, all under the Highway Traffic Act. Two other motorcyclists were seriously injured in the crash.

April

Total Site to expand spreading field

With the arrival of spring, people with holding tanks and septic systems that need to be pumped out are wondering who will do it, and where the waste will go. Haliburton-based company, Total Site Services, has applied to expand its septic spreading operation from four to 10 hectares. The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) will have the final say, but recently, Dysart council unanimously approved the processing of a rezoning request application.

Local connection to Humboldt

Haliburton's Kenny Trenton will board a plane for Humboldt, Sask. tomorrow - to bid farewell to friend, Darcy Haugan, one of 15 people killed when a transport collided with a hockey bus last week in the prairie province. The Moose FM announcer met and befriended Haugan in 2005. At the time, Haugan was coaching the Peace River Navigators and Trenton was starting his first full-time radio gig. Trenton would move on to become the voice of the Humboldt Broncos, between 2006-2009, logging countless kilometres on the team bus.

Minden can't wait for housing fairy

There isn't enough appropriate, or affordable, housing in Minden Hills, a task force recently told council. The Minden Hills Housing Task Force presented its findings to council's committee of the whole April 12. The delegation and accompanying report also included ideas for new types of affordable housing and possible financing. Task force member Fay Martin did most of the talking, along with Bob Carter, outlining the task force's work since it was created by council on June 30, 2016.

Dysart gets \$2.8 million grant

A renewable energy project, that will heat up to 45 buildings in downtown Haliburton with wood chips, has received a \$2.8 million grant from the province's Municipal GHG Challenge Fund. The sizeable investment was announced during a Dysart council meeting on April 23. If all goes according to plan, it's estimated property owners will save 20-30 per cent on their current heating bills, according to Jamie Stephen, managing director of TorchLight Bioresources. Following the election of the PC's in early summer, the project was subsequently cancelled.

May

Youth hub gets funding

Haliburton will get its own youth hub. On May 3, Marg Cox, executive director of Point In Time (PIT), announced that a joint application with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) for provincial funding was successful. Although the amount is yet to be confirmed, they asked for nearly \$1 million over three years. Haliburton was one of six successful applications out of 45 from across the province. Cox, who was surrounded by staff, project partners and several young



Leopoldina Dobrzensky and her daughter, Margaret, donate the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve to the Land Trust. *File photo.*

adults at PIT's Haliburton office, said the decision-makers were impressed by the strong case put forward.

Harcourt opens new community centre

When a fire ripped through Harcourt's community centre two-and-a-half years ago, it dealt a devastating blow to residents. An electrical fire was to blame for the complete loss of the 50-year-old building, which was located in the heart of Harcourt on Midway Street. But the community didn't let the blaze keep them down for long. Volunteers joined forces to raise \$8,000 at a benefit dance for a new centre. The insurance company paid out about \$975,000 and the Municipality of Dysart pitched in \$200,000 of taxpayers' money. Other contributions included \$20,000 from the rec board and \$3,600 from a memorial fund for Donna Burroughs. Together, it was enough to build a 4,000-square-foot, \$1 million facility right where the former centre was located.

Provincial election debate

Many familiar issues were raised at Monday's all-candidates debate at the Pinestone Resort. They ranged from job creation to youth mental health to high hydro rates. Six provincial candidates touted their parties' platforms and several criticized current and former governments for failing Ontarians. After opening speeches, moderator Jim Blake presented questions from event organizers, the local CARP chapter and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

June

Nature reserve donated

When Leopoldina and John Dobrzensky retired to Haliburton in the 1970's, they bought a property 'Leo' says nobody wanted. On Saturday, Leo and her daughter, Margaret, formally transferred that property, now known as the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, to the Haliburton Highlands Land

Trust (HHLT). Boy oh boy, did they want it. "This is an important acquisition for our county and for the province," an excited Mary Lou Gerstl, HHLT chair, said.

POA Court still not reopened

Although the Provincial Offences court was supposed to have come back to Minden July 1, *The Highlander* has learned that isn't going to happen. In fact, Haliburton County residents will have to continue to make the 140-kilometre return trip to Lindsay until early 2019 – and we've found out there's no actual guarantee that the service will ever come back.

Daycare saved

There's a sense of relief among parents whose children attend the Minden EarlyON Centre. Just days after learning the centre was supposed to close this Friday, it appears it will be transferred to a non-profit organization based in Peterborough. If a deal is reached between the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) Haliburton Victoria Brock Inc. and Compass Early Learning and Care, the latter is expected to take over on June 25, according to a tweet by the County of Haliburton. *The Highlander* hasn't received official word from either of the involved parties.

Short-term rental concerns

Members of the Lake Kashagawigamog Organization (LKO) are concerned about the impact of short-term rental properties on their lake. Incoming LKO president Bob Carter gave a presentation on the subject at last Saturday's annual general meeting. About 80 members attended the event at Silver Beach's community clubhouse. "For us, it's a water quality issue," said Carter. A short-term rental is a property rented out for less than a month. These properties, which include cottages, are advertised on dozens of websites, such as Airbnb. While some of these service providers are in other countries, many cottages in Haliburton County are advertised.



The youth hub gets the go-ahead in Haliburton. *File photo.*

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Detail Design-Build Study and Class Environmental Assessment
Irondale River Structural Culvert Replacement under Highway 118, WP 4128-10-01
County of Haliburton
G.W.P. 4126-10-00

THE STUDY

The **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Aecon Construction and Materials Limited** to conduct a Detail Design-Build Study and Class Environmental Assessment for replacement of Irondale River culvert replacement under Highway 118, west of Loves Road in Haliburton County. The study area is presented below.

This study consists of the following work:

- Design and construction of the new structure and construction of new approach roadways including any realignment of the existing roadway to tie the existing roadway into the new structure;
- Design and construction of new entrances to private properties and roadways within the highway realignment area;
- Utility relocation; and
- Demolition and removal of the existing structure including staging of construction to maintain structural stability of existing structure and to meet traffic requirements.

THE PROCESS

The study is following the approved planning process for Group "B" projects under the MTO *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000), with the opportunity for public input throughout. Upon completion of the study, a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the results of detail design and will be released for public review and comment. Notification of submission of the DCR will also be published in this newspaper.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

One PIC will be held in association with this study. The PIC is scheduled for:

Date: January 22, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre
2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce

The PIC will consist of an informal drop-in centre with displays showing the technically preferred detail design alternative for the structure replacement. If you have accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact any of the Project Team members below.

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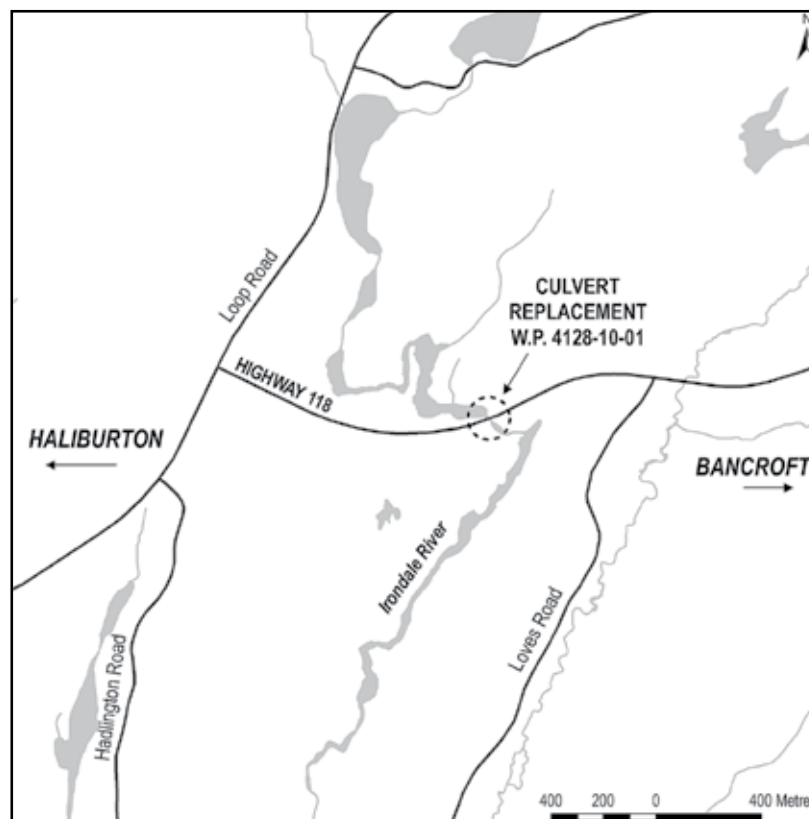
We are interested in any comments you may have about the study. Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the Project Team in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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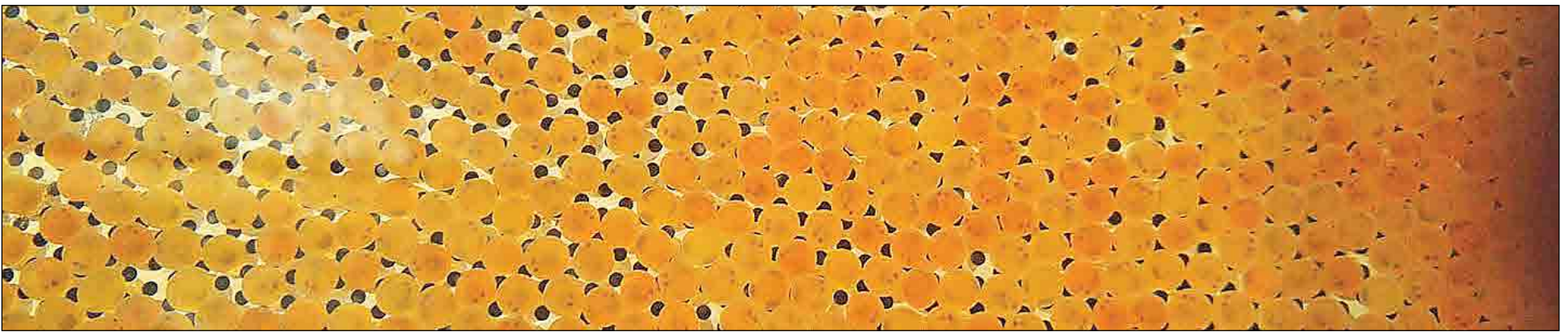
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The HHOA fish hatchery raises thousands of eggs for its stocking program. Photo by HHOA.

Haliburton Gold project hurt by provincial cuts, HHOA says

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is expressing concern with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Fisheries (MNRF) cutting back involvement in the Haliburton Gold fish hatchery program.

HHOA director Dan Smith presented at the organization's annual general meeting Dec. 2 about the issue. Smith said MNRF intends to pull back from harvesting eggs as part of the program, which stocks area lakes with the native lake trout species.

Smith said the MNRF has previously managed the harvesting of the eggs with its staff and equipment. Starting next year, that will fall unto the HHOA fish hatchery, a change that has a lot of problems, he said.

"There's a lot of cutbacks happening right now," Smith said. "This is one that has hit

us pretty hard here."

In an emailed statement, MNRF media relations officer Maimoona Dinani said the change will commence in the fall of 2019 and is "to bring consistency in the ministry's approach to wild egg collection."

"The ministry will continue to support the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association in building their knowledge and capacity consistent with the approaches of other community hatcheries so they can fully take on this role next year," Dinani said in the statement.

The Haliburton Gold lake trout are genetically distinct from other lake trout in the province and has been designated a heritage species, according to the HHOA website. The trout is found in only a handful of lakes in Haliburton County.

HHOA fish hatchery manager Randy Charter said the smaller size of the

Haliburton Gold makes them well-suited to lake rehabilitation. The program started approximately eight years ago, he said, with Haliburton Gold eggs in the hatchery having a 60-70 per cent maturation rate, compared to about one in a thousand in the wild.

Charter said the hatchery wants to see the program continue. But he added the HHOA having to harvest the eggs themselves represents an additional cost and poses other problems.

"What if we do it wrong? We pick the wrong time? That in itself can cause damage to the fish that we're trying to harvest eggs for, so that's hurting the population," Charter said. "They're the experts, let's face it. You can't just give people a crash course and say 'you're on your own.'"

Smith said the hatchery plans to continue

to have a dialogue with the MNRF about the issue.

"This is a big initiative for Haliburton County, maintaining this strain of Haliburton Gold lake trout," Smith said. "We don't want to drop it."

At the Jan. 8 County of Haliburton Tourism Committee meeting, the committee passed a resolution by Coun. Patrick Kennedy to recommend county council send a letter to the MNRF requesting the support to the HHOA be re-instated and a copy of the letter be provided to MPP Laurie Scott.

"We need to make sure too the letter lays the case very clearly and passionately," committee chair Carol Moffatt said. "We don't want to be responsible for the extinction of something that is a glacial relic."

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Highland Storm



Storm rep reports

Bantams win final game

On Sunday, the **Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House and Dollo's Foodland** Bantams travelled to Huntsville to play the West Ferris Trappers.

The Storm took the lead midway through the first period with a goal scored by Dylan Keefer. The Trappers quickly responded and with two minutes left in the first period the Storm answered back taking the lead once more with a goal by Keefer assisted by Jackson Wilson and Kyan Hall.

The Storm found more momentum in the second period with another goal scored by Keefer assisted by Jackson Wilson and Kyan Hall. The momentum continued in the second period with another goal scored by Keefer earning himself a hat trick. Then another two goals by Kyan Hall with assists from Wilson and Hunter Winder.

Amazing goaltending by Darion Maddock holding the Trappers at two for the majority of the second period and all the third. At one point, Maddock was flat on his face stopping the puck, jumping back on his feet to catch the rebound.

At the top of the third Keefer found the net once again assisted by Mathias Lee with a final score of 6-2.

That completes the regular season games for the Bantams. Wish them luck as they head into playoffs (Submitted by Jessica Lloyd).

Midgets battle in the playoffs

The **Highlander and Ed Smolen Family Dentistry** Highland Storm Midgets met with the Lindsay Muskies for the last regular season game Jan. 2 and brought home a 4-2 victory.

It was a slow start for both teams and that led to a scoreless first period. The Storm team had many scoring opportunities but the Muskies took a 2-0 lead by the second period.

The Storm brewed and came to life midway through the period. Walker and Gilbert created the scoring chance that Clements capitalized on.

Early in the third, Clements deflected a point shot by Walker, tying the game. Later, Gilbert took a pass from Haedicke and beat the goalie with a nice backhand goal, making it 3-2 for the Storm.

With seconds left in the game, Haedicke fed Gilbert once more and he secured the win with an empty-netter. It was a well-played penalty free game.

The midgets ended the regular season with a 4-2 win and a 2018/19 team record of 9-11-5.

The MPS play downs began Jan. 5 in Huntsville. The Storm had an awesome start with a 4-0 shut-out win against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Storm team dominated this game and Smith nabbed a natural hat-trick in the first period.

Early in the second period, Smith maneuvered behind

the net, made a quick pass to MacNaull, he finds open Clements to make it a 4-0 game. The Shamrocks worked hard and Sisson kept them off the scoreboard and took the shut-out win.

Later that day, the Storm was silenced by the Huntsville Otters 6-2. A fast paced game from the start, with the Otters taking a 2-0 lead early in the first. The Storm got lucky with a goalie error and Coumbs was there to make it a 2-1 game. Both teams worked hard during the second period, the Otters got ahead with a few goals and made it a 5-1 game.

The Storm stepped up in the third period with enormous effort that resulted in a goal. Haedicke pushed hard along the boards, passed to Smith, he moved in and chipped it to MacNaull for the well-earned goal. The Otters managed another goal and took the game 6-2.

The next day, the midgets played a great game against the South Muskoka Bears, which ended with a 2-2 tie. An intense and scoreless first period was played. The end to end action continued into the second period, both teams fighting for a goal.

Minutes left in the period, the Bears got lucky with a goal. Shortly after, MacNaull stole the puck and tied the game. The Bears got the go ahead goal early in the third. MacNaull did it again and found the opening to tie it up, 2-2.

The Storm team needed to win and pulled the goalie with minutes left. The intensity grew with immense effort by the Storm team and the clock ticked down, the game ended 2-2 (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke).

Novices undefeated over weekend

The **Haliburton TimberMart and Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp** Highland Storm Novice Rep Team rang in the New Year with a bang playing three games on the weekend.

In their first game, the Huntsville Otters put in the first goal, but Evan Perrott evened the score a minute later. Isaac Trotter fired in the second goal, then the Otters tied up the game before the end of the second. The Storm dominated the third period with another goal by Perrott and a goal by Max Rupnow for a 4-2 win for the Storm.

The Novices played a strong game against the well-matched Lindsay Muskies. The Muskies stole the first goal just 29 seconds into the game. Henry Neilson struck back with a hard top right shot for the Storm. In the second, the teams continued with parallel goals, first by the Muskies, then two goals 13 seconds apart from Perrott and another point for the Muskies. In the third, the Muskies put in their fourth before Luke Gruppe tied it up 4-4. Goalie Carter Brau demonstrated courage and excellent timing on several occasions leaving his net and hitting the puck out of the end.

The Storm team ruled the game against the Muskoka Rock on Sunday. Neilson led the scoring with a top right shot during a Rock power play. Jack Tomlinson skated the length of the ice, and fired a shot, which was picked up by Matt Scheffee and knocked in. The Rock then put their first point on the board.

In the second, Rupnow picked up a rebound and fired it over the goalie who was down. Perrott took a shot that hit the goalie, then picked up his own rebound and scored. In the third, Rupnow picked up a pass from Jaxen Casey and carried it to the offensive zone, then passed to Gruppe who scored top left. The Rock stole another point during a power play. Neilson, Scheffee, and Perrott all put in second goals before the game ended with an 8-2 Storm win. Easton Burk held the blue line and Ethan DeCarlo demonstrated strong back checking.

Good luck to the Novices next weekend in the Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament in Sundridge (Submitted by Sarah Gruppe).

Peewees win three

The **JoAnne Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre** Highland Storm Peewee A's traveled to Orono for a one day tournament.

The first team Storm faced was the Brock Wild. The first period the Storm has a hard time keeping it out of their end. Brock scored the first goal. Then Cash Fowler rocketed a shoot in to tie it. But Brock scored shortly after. Followed by a goal by Addison St Cyr to tie the game again. After that, Brock scored two more goal to make the game 4-2 going into the second.

The second started with two goals by Brock. However on a power play, Aiden Perrott scored a beauty goal. Brock scored one more goal to end the period at 7-3.

The third started with a goal by Austin Boylan. The Storm tried to fight back but couldn't, the final score was a 7-4 loss.

The JoAnne Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's second game was versus the Norwood Hornets.

The first period's only goal was by the Norwood Hornets.

The second period started with a great goal by Addison St. Cyr. It's was back and forth between the ends but it remained the only goal of that period. It was a tied game going into the third.

In the third period, Norwood scored on a power play. The Storm pulled the goalie and Norwood scored on the empty net. The final score was 3-1 loss for the Storm.

The JoAnne Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm Peewee A's made it to the C finals versus the Creemore Hawks.

The first period started with an early first of the season goal by Kadin Card. It remained the only goal for the

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Photos by Tim Tofflemire

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period.

The second period started with a pass by Cash Fowler to Cooper Coles who tucked it in the net. Next, Addison St. Cyr took it from end to end and shot it in. Coles added to the lead with a solo goal and then Aiden Perrott took it end to end for a beauty goal. That ended the second with the Storm holding 5-0 lead.

In the third, St. Cyr scored another goal and it made the final score 6-0. Ethan Dobson walked away with a shut out and a C final win for the Highland Storm.

The team's next game was Jan. 5 in Ennismore verse the Ennismore Eagles.

The first period was no goals, but not from a lack of trying. In the second, Addison St. Cyr opened the scoring and then Austin Boylan sent a beauty pass to Beckam Reynolds who sniped it in the net. It was a 2-0 game going into the third.

The third was back and forth but Cash Fowler rocketed the puck past the goalie and in the net. Taylor Consack walked away with a hard earned shut out and a 3-0 win for the Storm.

The team next played Jan. 6 when Storm hosted the Oro Thunder for an exhibition game.

The first period started with a goal by Addison St. Cyr. In the second period, St. Cyr scored two more goals giving himself a hat trick. But with four minutes left Oro scored.

It was a 3-1 going into the third. The third started with

a goal by Oro. Then with three minutes left, it was 5-on-3 and Austin Boylan sniped one in. The final score was a 4-2 win for Storm.

The team's next game is in Parry Sound for the MPS tournament (Submitted by Amber Card).

Atoms lose in home tournament finals

This past Saturday the **Ridgewood Ford / Cottage Country Building Supplies** Atoms started off the New Year in full stride hosting the annual MPS Tourney here in Haliburton Village. This year's tournament hosted both the Huntsville Otters and the South Muskoka Bears, both of whom came ready to enjoy some great hockey against our Atoms.

Saturday morning's early game was at 9 am where the Storm faced the Bears. This game showed a quick pace from the puck drop and what would total nearly 30 shots on net by the end. With the onslaught of pucks coming at our net, Chase Winder held off multiple grade-a chances, looking big in-between the pipes.

Much of this game was played in the neutral zone and the Storm worked hard at puck possession getting some solid chances at the goalie. The Bears found opportunities to keep the puck south of our blue line and

proved too much to handle, netting a few goals.

Halfway through the third, Josh Scheffee found a loose puck in front and knocked it in to get the Storm on the board and also nearly cutting the lead with a backhand off the crossbar.

The second game versus the Otters was the teams' second meeting of the season. The Otters opened up scoring with a quick wrister over the glove of Chase but that lead was soon tied up with a Caleb Manning goal to the same effect, assisted by McLean Rowden.

To start off the second period, Evan Jones walked in on the right side and sent a seemingly innocent shot on net that found its way over the Otters pads putting the Storm up by two. The Storm headed into the third with a one goal lead and the team found ways of clearing the zone effectively. Jace Mills was able to score the third goal assisted by McLean Rowden.

The Storm win of 3-2 put them in the finals where they ultimately fell to the Bears despite a solid effort for their third game of the day. One single tally from Josh Scheffee assisted by Austin Latanville and Caleb Manning broke the Bears shut out and lead to a 6-1 final score.

We are looking ahead to our first playoffs and invite you to come out and catch the action (Submitted by Pasi Posti).

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Hunter Hamilton



Hunter Hamilton's go get em' attitude and strong skating skills has helped our team advance with many assists throughout the season. He is chosen as an overall star this week for opening up the scoring with the first top shelf goal of the game and helping out Carter by making two phenomenal saves all on the same shift!

Matthew Fairey



Matthew Fairey can always be found with a smile on his face, his quiet personality brings a calmness to our team. His skating and overall skills have greatly improved over the season. He has found himself planted in front of the net many times with several scoring chances and he landed his first goal today bringing the entire crowd to their feet cheering for him! His smile was as wide as the rink!

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Storm LL reports

Midget Girls Jets bring home gold

The Park View Dental/Bancroft IDA Midget Girls Jets team won all six of their games this past weekend at the New Year's Classic Bearcats Tournament in Belleville. Their complete team effort included outstanding goal tending, solid defense and timely scoring (Submitted by Linda Goulet).

Midgets fall in Bracebridge

The Highland Storm Pharmasave LL Midgets kicked off 2019 in Bracebridge last Sunday for their first meeting against the South Muskoka Bears.

Play was pretty balanced in the first period. The Storm's Paul Turner and Brenden Newhook combined a few times and almost scored. Goalie Nate Miscio was strong between the pipes until a puck finally got by him at the end of the period.

Teo O'Malley fed a perfect bounce pass to Tim Turner in the second period and Turner made no mistake scoring on a pretty deke. The Bears fired right back though with

three quickies to take a commanding 4-1 lead into the final period.

The Storm had a two-man advantage but were still unable to cut into the Bears three goal lead and the Bears added one more late in the march 5-1 win (Submitted by Gord Hoenow).

Novices play in front of AHL crowd

The Highland Storm Bright Woods Landscaping and Consulting Novice LL team played against Huntsville Davicor this past Saturday January 5th.

The first period started off slowly for both teams. Halfway through the second, the Storm lit up when Hunter Hamilton scored a beauty top shelf goal unassisted. Then, only twenty seconds later, Brody Hartwig scored another assisted by Jacob Sutton. Davicor snuck in a quick one with only twenty seconds left in the second period making the score 2-1 going into the third.

Hartwig opened up the third period displaying his phenomenal stick skills skating through the entire offence and landing two quick unassisted goals in the net

completing another hat trick for the season.

Cruise Neave charged through the offence scoring the 5th goal of the game assisted by Hartwig.

Carter Knapton-Shaw played a great game and Davicor managed to sneak in one more goal after a third shot rebound with three minutes left.

Storm fought hard right until the end with numerous scoring chances throughout the game. With only a minute left to play, Storm stayed strong in front of the net with Hartwig passing to Tyler Hughes then to Matthew Fairey who ended the scoring with the last goal of the game. Everyone cheered as Fairey shared his joy with friends on the ice and hugs from coaches when he hit the bench. The final score ended in a 6-2 win for Storm.

On Jan. 6, the team travelled to Coca Cola Coliseum to watch the Toronto Marlies in action and got to experience what it's like to skate in front of a crowd of 6,000 people. The team took to the ice at intermission for a fun shoot out challenge! 70 fans from Haliburton Highlands travelled down to cheer the team on. What an amazing experience for all the players!

Be sure to come out to the Minden arena Saturday Jan. 12 at 11:00am to cheer on this great team as we take on South Muskoka Envotek (Submitted by Cheryl Smith)



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Former NHL player Cody Hodgson visits new hockey players

Former NHLer Cody Hodgson visited A.J. LaRue Arena Jan. 2 to practice with the Initiation Two hockey group. Hodgson skated with the group of four to six-year-olds for the hour long practice and signed autographs afterward. (Submitted by Brad Park.)



Christmas Eve Memorial

About 30 people attended a Christmas Eve tribute Dec. 24 in honour of Terrence Bradley, who was tragically struck and killed by a car a year to the day at Highway 35 and Water Street. His sister Meagan McNalley organized the vigil, with OPP slowing highway traffic to ensure the vigil's safety. The vigil walked along the same path Bradley did, with a wreath laid down in his honour. "I was deeply touched by their support and love for my brother Terrence. I am so thankful," McNalley said. (Submitted by Kerry McNalley.)

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration, and if deemed advisable for passing, at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, January 24, 2019** at the hour of 9:00 AM. 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.

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Minden Hills New Years

Left to right: Mazey Robinson, Mackenzie Milburn and Alexis Feero stand together on the ice at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena for a New Years Eve public skate held by the Township of Minden Hills Dec. 31. Below: Lucas Upton blows out a flaming marshmallow. Photo by Joseph Quigley



Curling for a meaty prize

Minden Curling Club's newest league is a Team Entry format. On December 17th 2018, after a few nail-biter finishes in the last games, the pictured teams emerged victorious and received steak prizes from Dollos Foodland. The Team Entry night will continue in the New Year. Congratulations to all! . Left: First place winner for the tournament, left to right: Doug Hall, Deb MacLean, Janice Cook, Jeff Cook. Right: Second place for the tournament, left to right: Audrey Robson, Joyce Nilsson, Steve Robson, Iain Kay. (Submitted by Wes Lytle)

SIRCH Donation

RBC Dominion Securities vice president Elizabeth O'Connor (right) donates \$1,000 to SIRCH community services, represented by executive director Gena Robertson (left) and communications specialist Angelica Ingram Jan. 7. The donation wrapped up the organization's Gifts from the Heart Campaign, which raises money for SIRCH's Community Kitchen program. The campaign raised approximately \$31,000 in total.

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Reporting to the Vice President of Community Programs, Haliburton Highlands Health Services [HHHS], this position provides team leadership and clinical supervision to the Mental Health Services team. This team provides early intervention (ages 14-35), counselling, crisis and case management (ages 18+) in a low barrier and client-centred model of service delivery.

The Clinical Manager is a key resource to a multi-disciplinary mental health team and a strong advocate for mental health issues more broadly in the community and across the organization. They are a proven leader in the field of community based mental health (counselling and case management), with demonstrated commitment to providing vision, leadership, and guidance in the operationalization of the strategic directions held by HHHS. With a strong emphasis on the delivery of high quality client-centred care across the continuum, the Clinical Manager will advocate and collaborate with community partners and health service providers locally and regionally. They are responsible for the quality of programming and are responsive to the needs of our community in an ever-changing health system; continually seeking best and promising practices focused on the provision of high-quality relevant mental health services – leading, guiding, and mentoring the team to this end. (Job # 2019-01)

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When the Ex Drops In

by Barbara Olson

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Across

1 Winnipeg band ____ Test Dummies

6 Passenger pick-up info, for short

9 Old enough

14 Belly protrusion

15 Retaliation matching the offense

17 Schwarzenegger film about a ridder of rodents?

19 Jazz and big band, for two

20 Apply to, as ointment

21 "Deserted" land in jokes

22 Treat a hide, in more ways than one

24 Atlantic catch

26 One swapping Clue for Battleship, say?

33 Fifth word in Mclean's "American Pie"

35 Whiner

36 Screwy in the head

37 Beer ____ (drinking game)

39 Reads intently, with "over"

41 "Julius Caesar" costume

42 ... the ____ the beholder

44 There's rhythm in their feet?

46 Letter writer's "and one more thing"

47 Service that delivers cooking cloves ASAP?

50 Evidence in a modern whodunit

51 Here, to Henri

52 Slightly open, as a door

55 Top the tank at Petro-Can

59 "Diddly squat"

63 World fair showcasing exotic water lilies?

66 Removes, as a cap

67 Thrashed, Dickens-style

68 Greek leader?

69 Edward Snowden's employer, once: Abbr.

70 Member of a movie mob, say

Down

1 ____ d'Ivoire (African nation)

2 German mining valley

3 ____ ton (pigged out)

4 Sleep under a sombrero

5 Witch craft?

6 Seasons in "le soleil"

7 Grow weary

8 Prefix with sphere

9 Harp finale?

10 "Sorry pal, no can do"

11 LSAT writers, potentially

12 Liverpool lockup

13 To be, in Terrebonne

16 Seed-eating bird

18 Auto maintenance job

23 Sound booster

25 Vancouver Island's ____ Bay

26 Hopeless case

27 Be a runaway bride?

28 Make a bundle at the office?

29 Bad news boyfriend

30 Thick, sticky substances

31 Heart readings, briefly

32 Rugs from Sweden

33 Take down ____ (humble)

34 Spanish painter who became deaf

38 Klondike boom

40 Prepares to skinny dip

43 Blue note, casually

45 "Wait a ____, I'll be right there"

48 Homes equipped with bars

49 Levy on butts and booze

52 58-Down's prov.

53 Diefenbaker-esque facial feature

54 With ____ of one's hat

56 Nerve fibre

57 Coppertone nos.

58 Campus in Edmonton: Abbr.

60 Isn't improper?

61 Manitoba's former premier Gary

62 T.V.'s "Two ____ Half Men"

64 VIA stop: Abbr.

65 Swelling reducer

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DEC. 20 SOLUTIONS

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Find this week's crossword solutions on Page 20.

What's on

JANUARY 2018 • EVENT LISTINGS

Saturday January 12

3 – 6 p.m. – The Highlands Trio, in the clubroom of the Haliburton Legion. \$5 cover for non-members. 50/50 draw at 6 p.m.

Sunday January 13

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Minden District Fur Harvesters Winter Workshop – at Minden Community Centre. The public is invited to attend and see fur handling demos, door prizes, and much more. \$2 admission for adults, 12 and under free. Non-perishable food donations also gratefully accepted for the local food bank.

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Sunday Breakfast at the Haliburton Legion. Enjoy a great breakfast for only \$6. Eggs, bacon or sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, juice, tea or coffee.

Monday January 14

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

Tuesday January 15

11 a.m. – noon – Adult Shinny, at the SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden,

every Tuesday. Bring your own gear, cost \$2.

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball Tuesday nights at Haliburton High School Gym. Cost is \$2.00. Rackets provided. Bring clean indoor shoes. Everyone welcome. Contact Jennifer Coates 705-749-3787 for further info.

Wednesday January 16

1 – 3 p.m. – Dying to Know, My loved one's died, what now? Join us in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital to learn about palliative care and how to navigate through challenges. For more info please call Amanda at 705-457-2941 ext 2932.

Thursday January 17

12:30 – 2 p.m. – Haliburton Writer's and Editors' Network presents: "A Little Piece of Paradise: The history of Canning Lake", by James Mitchell. At the Minden library, Rotary Room, free of charge. Call Kay 705-286-6635 or email Kathleenmillard61@sympatico.ca to register. For more information: haliburtonwriters.ca

Saturday January 19

Noon – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Fair Annual General Meeting – at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., lower level. Luncheon starting at noon, following lunch, nominations

and election of new Board of Directors for 2019/20 fair. Everyone welcome. For more info contact Eric Casper at 705-455-7997.

Thursday January 24

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. At Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd. Join us for colouring, euchre, board games, coffee & conversation, pool, falls prevention program, and other activities. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Friday January 25

9 a.m. – noon – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Join us for walking club, colouring, coffee & conversation, mindfulness, falls prevention program, and other activities. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Monday January 28

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

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Sundays: Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

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

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Jan 11 – Free pool 1:30 p.m. Community care 55+. Call Denice Butler at 705-448-8865 to register. Wings 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jam session.

Jan 12 Meat Draw 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. sharp.

Jan 13 L.A. Breakfast 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Jan 14 Bid euchre 7 p.m.

Jan 15 Executive meeting 7 p.m.

Jan 16 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming events

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What's on

Fur harvesters workshop focuses on education

By Joseph Quigley

The Minden District Fur Harvesters are inviting people to get a first-hand look at their craft during their 31st annual winter workshop Jan. 13.

The annual event held at the Minden Hills Community Centre offers trapping demonstrations, a taxidermy display, an array of vendors and more, according to Minden District Fur Harvesters president Ted Nottage.

Nottage said the event is a way for the group to inform the public about the activities of the trappers association.

"It's a chance to show the public exactly what trapping's all about," Nottage said. "You'd be surprised how many people don't actually know trapping's actually going on in this area. Its education is basically what it's all about."

The demonstrations will showcase fur handling and skinning skills for the public, Nottage said. The workshop will also feature representatives from fur auction houses and include 13-14 vendors, offering trapping-related goods and woodcrafts, he said.

"There'll be something to do and see for pretty much everybody," Nottage said. "Public's more than welcome to come and see what we do and ask questions."

Nottage said the event's continued success has come from it being passed down between generations.

"It's the participation of everybody. Everybody seems to look forward to it. We usually have people come from pretty much all over the area," Nottage said. "We have grandparents bringing their grandkids. They were there 30 years ago and now they're bringing their grandkids to see what's going on."

The event takes place between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Jan. 13 and has an admission of \$2. Non-perishable food items are also being collected for the local food bank.



Paul Arkwright and vendor Anne Kulmala of Kulmala furs pose with a beaver pelt at the 2016 Minden District Fur Harvesters annual winter workshop. *File photo.*



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