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Families gathered after completing the Ontario Cup Snowshoe Race this past Saturday at Abbey Gardens. People competed in either a 5K or 10K race. Abbey Gardens hopes to host the event next year. *Photo by Danielle Martin.*

Minden begins budget talks at 17 per cent hike

By Lisa Gervais

With a first draft budget of a 17 per cent increase, Minden Hills Council has its work cut out for it, Mayor Brent Devolin conceded last week.

Speaking at a Jan. 24 council meeting, Devolin said, "We're going to have to make some tough decisions this year."

Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard did not attend last week's meeting due to the flu. Councillor-at-large Ron Nesbitt also missed the meeting due to illness.

According to Blanchard's first draft budget executive summary, a report tabled at last week's meeting, if departmental budgets went ahead as initially presented, the

percentage increase in the 2019 levy would be 17.64 per cent. That represents increased costs of approximately \$1.4 million over last year.

The 2018 increase, following four rounds of budget talks, was 8.6 per cent in Minden Hills.

In an interview last week, Devolin said

the first draft is "akin to the Christmas wish list" for department heads. He said they don't have an expectation council will sign off on those wish lists.

"The number that we start with and where we end up are not in the same place," he said.

However, he added it puts "everything out

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HHHS grapples with low funding

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services board is pushing ahead on a major project despite only getting a fraction of its requested funding from the province.

A report from the board's finance committee Jan. 24 detailed that of the \$393,000 sought in exceptional circumstance items, only \$33,000, or eight per cent, was funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Finance committee chair David Gray said a well remediation project in Haliburton would have to go on despite the lack of funding.

Board chair Jeff Gollob said the project is required by the Ministry of Environment. He added the low amount of funding was being felt elsewhere.

Health restructuring creates uncertainty

The future of Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) and the health care system is uncertain in the wake of reports the province is considering major changes, according to a chief executive officer report.

HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer told the board Jan. 24 about media reports the province is planning to reduce the number of LHINs and combine a number of provincial health agencies.

"It's too soon to tell. The government has not confirmed any of this nor have they denied any of this," Plummer said. "It is too soon to tell what the impact will be to HHHS or our hospitals or our partner hospitals. We will certainly be watching."

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care press secretary Hayley Chazan said in an emailed statement the government is committed to the transformation of the health care system. But she did not specify whether the reduction of LHINs or other health agencies would be part of that.

"We're working with partners in health care to develop our long-term transformational health care strategy," she said. "We will continue to listen to patients, families and frontline providers and we will create a healthcare system that works for the people of Ontario."

HHHS is part of the Central East LHIN.

Health services reducing deficit

HHHS is continuing to work to reduce its budget deficit.

Gray reported on the status of the board's 2018/2019 deficit, which is projected to be \$78,000 as of November. He noted that is an improvement over the September projection of \$131,000.

Plummer said the management team is continuing to implement strategies to achieve a balanced position by the end of the fiscal year. She also reported HHHS submitted balanced plans for the 2019/2020 fiscal year, which now await approval by the Central East LHIN.

(HHHS news compiled by Joseph Quigley)

Municipalities want OMPF funding

By Joseph Quigley

County of Haliburton municipalities are calling on the province to give proper consideration of rural and northern municipalities as it undertakes a review of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

As of Jan. 24, all four lower-tier municipal councils have voted to send letters to Minister of Finance Vic Fedeli in regards to the review of the OMPF. Fedeli wrote municipalities Dec. 21 that the province is reviewing the OMPF, the province's main assistance grant to municipalities, as part of its efforts to reduce its deficit.

County of Haliburton Warden Liz Danielsen said the fund is a significant revenue stream for municipalities.

"The thought of losing all of or any substantial portion of our Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund contributions remains of extreme concern to all municipalities that rely heavily on this source of funding," Danielsen said in an email. "It can amount to as much as 25 per cent of a small municipality's revenue stream and that loss would have a significant impact on taxes or levels of service being provided."

In response to Fedeli, Danielsen wrote a letter dated Jan. 14, with all four lower-tier municipalities voting to support it and draft their own similar letters at their latest regular meetings. The letter notes the county and its municipalities receive a total in excess of \$7 million in OMPF funding and it is hoped the renewed program will continue to support rural and northern municipalities.

"We understand the program is not functioning as it was originally intended and we must do our part to address the fiscal challenges we face as a province," Danielsen wrote. "We respectfully request, however, that rural and northern communities continue to receive transfer funds that reflect our different needs and challenges."

The review has led to a delay in the details on the allotments each municipality reviews under OMPF. Fedeli said in the Dec. 21 letter the amount of deficit incurred by the previous government was unsustainable.

"This is why we're making every effort to restore fiscal balance to the province," he said. "While we will be operating within a smaller funding envelope, we want to work with you to return the program to what it was initially intended to do – support the Northern and rural municipalities that need it most."

At the Algonquin Highlands council meeting Jan. 17, treasurer Tammy McKelvey said the delay in the OMPF allotment is affecting budgeting.

"We would normally know about this funding in November, so it has a huge impact," McKelvey said. "It makes it difficult to move forward with budget."

Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said there is some confidence rural municipalities will be safe but they will have to see.

"We'll wait with bated breath," she said during the Jan. 17 meeting. "The timing is critical to get the letters in while the review is undertaken."

Minden council meeting today on arena project

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on the table so we can have a rational discussion, and to begin to synthesize a direction for staff, and an idea in our own heads of the balance between tax increases and things that need to be done, and to calculate what we think is responsible given all the factors."

Devolin said it may take longer this year to complete the budget process since there are a number of outstanding bits of information, including the results of the provincial government review of Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund contributions. The township received just over \$1.7 million last year.

Questions around arena project

The biggest departmental increase as of now is community services.

The first draft includes a \$274,500, or about a 33.7 per cent, increase over the 2018 budget.

In a written report, director Mark Coleman talks about the \$12 million refurbishment of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. His report indicates the construction mobilization costs will be offset by debenture, grants, fundraising and reserves. He also says if the renewal project doesn't proceed, the township may have to spend upwards of \$200,000 to keep the ice plant operational for another season.

A special council meeting is taking place today (Jan. 31) on the arena project.

Coleman's department is also looking to hire a facility

and parks supervisor.

Acting fire Chief Mike Bekking is looking for \$90,500 to hire a probationary deputy fire chief. It is hoped that person can become his successor. The township has been unable to hire a new fire chief to date, following the departure of Doug Schell, since the price tag is proving prohibitive.

The building and bylaw department has also included two new staff in its budget. One is a full-time building inspector and bylaw officer, the other an addition to planning, to help with the workload and ensuring the official plan, zoning bylaw plan and other projects get done.

Some of the other big-ticket items include an estimated jump in Scotchline landfill spending, by about \$200,000. The first draft also contains a proposed one per cent increase to user fees for water and sewer.

The roads department is asking for a 15 per cent jump in funding.

There's also a new budget item, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, events and programming, and economic development. And, following a leak of pipes in the community centre room last week, money will have to be found for repairs.

The Highlander will provide more specifics on future draft budgets, and the final budget, in coming months.

[See page 6 for an editorial on the arena project].

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Dysart et al Economic Development Committee member Glenn Evans said short-term accommodation needs to be addressed by the municipality. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Dysart committee eyes action on short-term rentals

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al's Economic Development Committee is planning to press forward to decide on rules around short-term accommodations.

The committee met for the first time in the new term Jan. 23 and decided to make the issue its first priority.

Committee member and Coun. John Smith said Dysart should press ahead on the file and not count on the actions of neighbouring municipalities.

"Many people in this community are looking for us to take a position on short-term rentals," he said. "Are we going to continue to allow the wild west or are we going to put some limits and constraints on that?"

Committee member Glenn Evans said short-term rentals remain a big concern.

"This did need to be tackled," Evans said. "It sort of bubbled to the surface on the last committee and then it just bubbled back down again. It never did get the attention that I think it should have gotten."

Committee member Dennis Casey noted Highlands East was the reason behind that, as the municipality opted to wait for how Highlands East handled the subject. Highlands East ultimately decided against proceeding with a proposed short-term accommodations bylaw for the time being.

Smith pushed for the committee to aim for a summer 2019 timeline to get new rules in place.

"If we just let it lie for many months, another whole year of the wild west that exists today is, from my perspective, unacceptable," he said.

However, deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy replied with the need for public consultations, such a timeline would not work. He instead suggested the committee have something to put forward by the start of the new year.

Committee chair Walt McKechnie said it would be a great accomplishment if the committee could start moving to address the issue, adding the number of cottage rentals can impact water health.

"It's something that has to be addressed right away," he said. "It's so important to our community. We're sitting on such a tremendous amount of water."

Committee considers new strategy

The committee also reviewed the municipality's economic development strategy, discussing ways to adjust it and narrow it down from 16 separate priorities.

Casey said there is a chance to do something different and improve on the poor reputation the municipality has in business.

"Dysart has a bad reputation of not doing their thing well in terms of how business is being helped," Casey said during the meeting. "I don't think there's anybody in this room that will deny that."

Nobody on the committee denied Casey's statement.

He recommended the committee discuss how it feels about its business community before adjusting its strategic plan.

"Let's decide where we're going and let's decide what we can do and then put a budget number on it to make the things happen that we want to make happen," he said.

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Former Minden resident sentenced to life in prison

Former Minden resident Garry Taylor Handlen was handed a life sentence by a judge in the Supreme Court of British Columbia Jan. 28 after being found guilty of first-degree murder.

The Vancouver Sun reported Handlen received the sentence, which is the minimum for a first-degree murder conviction under the criminal code.

Handlen, 71, was previously found guilty Jan. 17 for the murder of 12-year-old Monica Jack in 1978. A 2014 RCMP press release said Jack disappeared while riding her bike on a highway in British Columbia.

The Vancouver Sun reported Handlen confessed to undercover cops that he abducted Jack before strangling her in his vehicle.

Handlen was also previously charged with the first-degree murder of 11-year-old Kathryn-Mary Herbert, who disappeared in 1975 according to an RCMP press release. However, the charge was dismissed in court Jan. 28, according to The Vancouver Sun.

The life sentence also offers no parole eligibility for 25 years. However, because the murder occurred before the 2011 repeal of the criminal code's "faint hope" clause, Handlen can apply for parole after 15 years.

Two NDP nominations

Two nominees are vying to represent the NDP in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock (HKLB) in the upcoming federal election.

In a press release, the association said two candidates have been approved as nomination contestants: community activist Barbara Doyle and James Mulhern of the Lindsay and District Labour Council.

The HKLB NDP association said its nomination meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. in Lindsay. The meeting is at Community Care Village Housing (65 Melbourne St.) The event is open to the public but only registered party members are eligible to vote.

Council wants in on retail cannabis stores

Council discussed finding a collective voice as the province allows more cannabis retail stores.

Director of planning Charsley White said in a report the province has made numerous changes to the cannabis licencing process over the past couple of months, including restricting the initial 25-licence lottery to populations of 50,000 or greater and distributing them by region.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said the county municipalities should work together to get consideration for the next round of retail cannabis stores.

"We want to have a collective voice to say we want to be considered," she said. "We shouldn't be penalized just because we are a rural area."

All County of Haliburton municipalities have previously opted in to allowing retail cannabis stores, which are expected to start opening in April.

Resources for allocated physician recruitment

County council is planning to invest more resources into physician recruitment.

Council approved a \$75,000 inclusion in this year's draft budget Jan. 25 for a new staff person who would be responsible for physician recruitment and economic development.

The new staff person was recommended by chief administrative officer Michael Rutter, who said the physician recruitment committee has struggled to find



County of Haliburton chief administrative officer Michael Rutter recommended on Jan. 25 that council allot funding in the draft budget for a new staff person to help with physician recruitment. Photo by Joseph Quigley

success and other municipalities are using dedicated staff for the purpose.

"Without physicians, most everything we do is for naught. We market ourselves as a destination," Rutter said. "They need to have family doctors, they need to have a full health care continuum. If you don't have that, so much of what we do is, really, wasted effort."

Rutter said the staff person would need to focus on recruitment efforts two to three days per week. To make it a full-time position, he suggested an economic development position be added to physician recruitment responsibilities.

The idea received support at the council table.

"We need to craft our own future and our own growth and there's a lot of people that are clamouring for economic development to come back," Coun. Carol Moffatt said.

Coun. Brent Devolin said he would prefer to see physician recruitment disentangled more from economic development. But he added there is a need for consideration of economic development at the county level.

"Do I think there was a huge mistake made in the past with economic development?" Devolin said. "Absolutely."

Rutter said in an email the County of Haliburton decided to focus on tourism five to six years ago and responsibilities for all other aspects of economic development fell onto lower-tier municipalities.

Council approves housing asset plan

The county received a good grade on the state of its housing assets.

Council received a report on a housing asset management plan Jan. 25, done in partnership with Kawartha Lakes. The plan outlines the state of the county's housing assets, both as part of the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation and through other non-profit entities.

The County of Haliburton received an average grade of B for the state of its housing infrastructure, meaning it is in a fair condition. However, Housing Services Corporation manager of asset management Doreen Khatchadourian said the county would have to take steps to keep that grade.

"That B is declining unless certain measures are (taken) to keep it at that level," she said.

Khatchadourian recommended the county build capital reserves to meet future needs and explore creating an internal capital repair loans program to support non-profit housing providers.

Council also voted to incorporate the plan into its own asset management plan.

(County news compiled by Joseph Quigley and Lisa Gervais)

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County stalls on new transit system until budget

By Joseph Quigley

County council expressed uncertainty over implementing a new transportation system Jan. 23 as it opted to push a decision to budget deliberations.

Council received a final report on a public transportation implementation plan from consultant IBI Group. The report details the methods and costs for the county to create a new public transportation system, which would primarily service Haliburton and Minden but also extend to Dorset and Wilberforce.

In a discussion after the report, Coun. Carol Moffatt said there are a lot of unknowns about proceeding with the project.

"This is a very big and serious topic and a financial hit as well," she said. "We'd be committing to an unknown, in theory, to build on."

The presentation from IBI Group highlighted the challenges a new transportation service will face, including an ageing demographic, a sparse population distributed over a large area and dispersed travel patterns which are difficult to service.

A booked, shared ride service was recommended by IBI Group, to be handled by a contractor. The proposed service would run six hours per day, six days per week in a core coverage area around Minden and Haliburton, and three hours per day into Dorset and Wilberforce through Gooderham.

IBI Group senior associate Chris Prentice said the service would have its limitations and require focus to be successful.

"Really got to focus on the area in which the greatest success will occur," Prentice said. "You really want to walk before you run. You really want to make sure the service is going to be used first before you start adding to it."

The cost is about \$162,000 over a full year of service. This assumes the province provides the maximum gas tax contribution toward the transportation project of \$141,654 annually.

County director of planning Charsley White said getting that funding requires a long-term commitment, at least three to five years with an expectation the program would continue beyond that.

"I don't hear from any member of council that we're there or anywhere near there," Warden Liz Danielsen said in reply.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said the county has to be aware the costs could be higher than presented.

"There are lots of variances," she said.

"We know the purpose is a service to the community and so there's going to be a cost. But I think we need to acknowledge the cost would be much greater than what's indicated today."

Roberts also said the Dysart et al council would have to discuss its own DYMO bus should the transportation project go ahead. The implementation plan notes



IBI Group senior associate Chris Prentice presented a transportation implementation plan to county council Jan. 23. Photo by Joseph Quigley

the bus could be repurposed for the new transportation system.

Council voted to receive the report for information.

Danielsen said council would have to look at the structure around the transportation task force and possibly forming a

committee on the issue made up of council and the task force members.

"We may want to see how the overall budget stacks up against this and where our priorities are going to be for this year," she said. "It may be this has to go on a little bit of a slower timeframe."

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A lot at stake in arena vote

A meeting at Minden Hills council today (Jan. 31) will likely determine if the 2018-2022 version of local government there will spend arguably the largest amount of money in the township's history.

Of course, we're talking about the \$12 million S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena refurbishment.

While we don't expect a final vote at today's special council meeting, we do anticipate one when council next meets on Feb. 14.

Today's meeting will give township staff, the architects and builders a chance to disseminate more information on the project to council.

In a nutshell, they'll tell councillors - and no doubt a packed chamber - that the original builders in the 1970s put chloride salt in the mortar of the masonry brick walls. It was to prevent freezing. However, a big no-no in today's Canadian Building Code. They've now exposed the foundation down to the footings, and concluded much of the foundation and structure is, in their words "not salvageable."

Sure, they can fix it - at a cost of about \$905K, while maintaining the smaller, 185' rink size. They figure that would give the

township another 17 years or so. Or, they can rebuild at about \$1.2 to \$1.6 million and get another 40-plus-years. [This is just one part of the project].

They've made it pretty clear that doing nothing is not an option. After all, various incarnations of Minden Hills council have known for years the arena was destined to be a big problem child and have been nursing it along.

There are some cost-cutting options in the architect/builders report today. They say council could defer work, but it'll cost a lot of money to keep the aging building up and running. They could also defer parts of the building, for example the gym, until sometime later. They could go back to the existing rink size, not expand, and save \$85K.

Some on this council, particularly incumbents Brent Devolin, Lisa Schell, Ron Nesbitt and Jean Neville have invested a lot of time on the arena renewal and will be leaning to finally giving the project the green light. However, incumbent Pam Sayne has voted 'no' since the beginning. Newbies Bob Carter and Jennifer Hughey have both expressed some reservation. They're not anti-arena redevelopment per

se but they are worried about how a township of Minden's size is going to come up with \$12 million. They just want to ensure due diligence, check, check and double check before signing off on this one.

Today's council has inherited a problem. The council of the day was well meaning in building a facility that has lasted nearly 50 years. Perhaps they could have overseen the building better so the chloride salt and other problems did not occur. However, at the time, they did what was thought necessary.

The township has known since 2010, when AECOM did its structural report, that something had to be done. But it wasn't until the 2014-2018 council came in that work began to find a solution.

When it finally comes to vote, there is a lot at stake. The biggest spend in the township's history could serve taxpayers very well into the future, or they could be left with a very sour taste in their mouths and they will remember that taste when it comes time to mark their ballots in 2022.



By Lisa Gervais

Vignettes from life – keyed for success

It is said that 'music is good for the soul'. It soothes, uplifts and inspires. These phrases were furthest from the mind of the young lad who sat shivering, even though the air was warm outside, and the countryside proudly wore her mantle of Autumn, like Joseph's coat of many colours. The old sandstone building was dark, and cold inside - row upon row, seats, like uncomfortable church pews surrounded the stage, filled with little lads and lassies, most of whom wishing they were somewhere else.

Off to one side, at a small table, huddled three white haired men, each appeared to be as old as Methuselah, maybe even older. They looked expectantly at center stage, with pencils raised. The object of their gaze, a small boy, blowing nervously on his fingers before an 88-key Steinway grand piano. This creation of metal, strings, wood and ivory, just sat there, like some prehistoric monster, waiting to pounce, should one wrong note reverberate discordantly throughout the auditorium.

But this was the moment of truth. All those weeks of practicing, playing over, and over again the same piece of music, until everyone at home was ready to climb the walls, the melody seared into the brain like a cattle brand. Those tricky passages demanded proper fingering. Don't forget that change of key on page two. The counting, like a built-in metronome. Watch that speed! The timing! Remember the tone and colouring! Hundreds of instructions

tumbled through his mind. Count, one and two and, one and two and, fortissimo! One and two and, pianissimo. Easy now, remember the arpeggio - careful, change of key again, the last few bars, that tricky phrase, the final bar, the last note. The rest. Raise the hands, place them on the lap, and you are finished. Scattered applause. - after all, the captive audience had already heard the same piece of music several times - and there were at least eight more students waiting to perform. Bowing to the judges and audience, he made his way from the clutches of the monster, taking his seat on the uncomfortable pew, but now he felt warm inside. He felt he had done his best - especially when he felt a tap on the shoulder, and a voice whispered. "Your performance was great" - If his music teacher was pleased, then it was worth it. Oh, by the way, he garnered third place in the competition.

Our daily lives should be lived in the same manner. Each day has been given to us to enjoy. We must work for part of it, play for part of it, and rest for part. If we look to it with eager anticipation, expecting something great to happen, we are rarely disappointed.

It saddens me to see people of all ages refusing to develop their talents, that would benefit, not only themselves, but for the joy of others. It reminded me of the sparrow in the garden who refused to sing - because his voice was not as fine as that of the lark, yet even the chirruping of the sparrows that

awakens us, brings joy to a lonely person.

So, what have you done today that brought joy to someone else? Where are you going, teenager? And you, who have seen many winters.

Just because that rocking chair feels good - does not mean that your work is finished. This old world is tired and hurting, for hatred and greed poison the air, like carbon monoxide. The flames of selfishness consume the soul, leaving only smoking debris in its wake. But, love mercy and compassion burst forth in times of crisis.

Without thought of remuneration, or glory, volunteers risked their own lives to rescue the young soccer team trapped in the cave in Chiang Rai, Thailand. No geographic boundaries, or politics, could sway their determination to save those young lives. And they succeeded, and great was the rejoicing! But at the ultimate sacrifice of one of the divers. Why is it that a crisis has to take place before we respond with caring, compassion, and love.

These qualities enable us to be what we are capable of being. Remember, even the chirruping of that little sparrow brings joy to the listener.



By Peter Walford-Davis

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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What is your prediction for Groundhog Day ... will it see its shadow or not?



Julie Herbridge
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No, I don't think he will see his shadow.



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Yes I think he will.



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I hope he sees his shadow.



Joleen Thomas
Carnarvon
I think he will see it.



Ian Mann
Minden
I hope it will be a short winter, so I hope he won't see it!

By Danielle Martin

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Noah, from Toronto, sits in front of an igloo constructed on Maple Lake Jan 19-20. The build was the fourth one done annually by Matt Finlin and friends. Finlin said the igloo was 10 feet wide by 10 feet high and 300 lasagna trays were used to mould the ice blocks. Submitted by Matt Finlin.

Sunshine on a winter's day

And so, it's that time of year again, you know, the really cold bit. Winter yes, but the heart of winter. The time when the days seem shortest, the wind blows the hardest and the temperatures plummet lowest. The time when my family back in Blighty snort and call me a liar for telling them the actual average temperature on any given day.

"Ha. No way. You must think I'm a mug," says my brother, when I tell him that I have been working outdoors in minus 25 Celsius. And I didn't even add on for wind chill.

"That's like the 'death zone'," chimes in his buddy with a grimace, as he leans and leers into our video chat.

I assure them that I'm not fibbing, not telling tall tales, and then try to explain that the cold is different over here. "Less damp,

not so chilling ..." I hear myself say, all the while trying to convince myself almost as much as persuading them that nailing siding on a cottage as the wind whistles off of a lake in mid-January is actually a fun thing to do.

Our phone call ends with the two guys on the other end still skeptical and me wondering why I didn't save for that winter vacation this year, 'dammit'.

It's then that I spy Iggy – our new reptilian family addition – stretched out on the warm sand of his tank, sunning himself under twin lamps, one heat, one UV. Just like in the Australian outback, where his wild kin live.

"Damn lizard," I mutter under my breath but then it hits me. People who get Seasonal

Affective Disorder in winter use those lamps to feel better, so why can't I?

The lizard cocks his head quizzically as I unscrew his sunshine from its lamp shade. I pick him up and bring him too because there'd be hell to pay if my lovely wife caught me stealing Iggy's sun. Into my office we go. Crank the thermostat all the way to the right. Remove the 60-watt bulb from the fixture hanging from the ceiling and replace it with Iggy's UV lamp. Instant sunshine on a dreary January day. The room still has to warm up a tad but it's getting there fast and soon Iggy and I are reclining, me in a T-shirt and shorts, him buck naked, soaking up the rays.

I put my sun glasses on. I get myself a beer and if I close my eyes I'm nearly there

Down Under. Perfect. Or almost. One thing is missing ... I know. I give the tank of lizard food that sits on my window ledge a shake. Crickets start to chirp.

"Eureka," I cry, looking around for Iggy's beer to clink glasses.

The light, the warmth, and the sound of a summer's day. I stretch out in my arm chair, close my eyes and soak it all in.

Now, if I could just turn the smell of sweaty, damp work boots into that of freshly mown grass all would be good in the world.



By Will Jones

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Minden firefighters help save patient

By Lisa Gervais

Three metal lightning bolt pins grace the tie of Minden Hills interim fire Chief Mike Bekking.

During a 30-year-career in Markham, it's somewhat surprising that two of the pins have come while he's been filling in, at Minden Hills.

The last pin was awarded to Bekking at the Jan. 24 Minden Hills Council meeting. His colleague, Cody Withey, was also handed a pin by Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell.

It's given when a member of the EMS brings someone back who is vital signs absent (VSA).

Bekking and Withey, along with two EMS from the City of Kawartha Lakes, brought a woman back from VSA on Jan. 3 during a call to the south end of Minden Hills.

"We started performing CPR on the patient, preparing to hook up the defibrillator," Bekking told *The Highlander* in an interview. "While we were doing that - one EMS person was doing chest compressions and we were doing airway - her breathing and pulse returned."

At the time, they were readying a defibrillator to see if the patient had a shockable rhythm. The CPR was to ensure oxygenated blood continued to pump to her brain and other vital organs. Bekking said they didn't have to shock her, though.

"By the time we got her into the hospital, her vitals were stable and she was conscious," he says with a smile.

While proud of his third pin, Bekking added, "It's really good for Cody, because he's brand new, he's only been with us approximately a year, so it's very exciting for him."

Withey told *The Highlander* he's "still kind of in shock by the whole thing."

However, he said he feels very lucky to have the opportunity to help people by being on the department. "Because it's always been something I've wanted to do. I'm very happy everything turned out how



Minden Hills firefighters Cody Withey, left, and Mike Bekking, right, receive their lightning bolt pins from Deputy-Mayor Lisa Schell at a Jan. 24 council meeting. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

it did with us and the paramedics being able to bring her back."

He said coming to council to get his pin was strange "but warming." He said they don't do it for recognition "but it does give a sense of pride knowing you've done a good job."

He said he looks forward to continued service and the chance of helping people the best he can.

Bekking said he got his first pin years ago in Markham. He was training firefighters in the use of defibrillators when they first came out when a person across the street was VSA.

"I happened to be there with the unit, which wasn't even in service yet. I attended across the street and the patient had a shockable rhythm."

The second pin came in 2018, also in Minden Hills, with a team of firefighters.

"Surprisingly ... when you do it for 30 years, and all of a sudden in two years I've done two of them," he commented. Like Withey, Bekking said he is proud.

"Absolutely. You do a lot of calls that are unsuccessful. And, then, when one comes along that you do play an important part in helping someone, we celebrate, it's good for everybody that we celebrate our successes."

Burke wins Ontario junior citizen award

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's Morgan Burke has been chosen to receive a 2018 Ontario Junior Citizen Award.

The 16-year-old is well-known locally after launching her business, The Birds and the Bees, and for selling her honey to raise money for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

The latest accolade was announced Jan. 25.

The awards are presented by The Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA).

Burke and 12 other recipients will be recognized during a special ceremony March 18 in Toronto.

In a press release, the OCNA said, "at just 15 years of age, Morgan decided to start her own business combining her love of nature with her desire to provide a valuable product and service. Her goal? To develop a line of products using honey bees as a

resource."

They gone to say how she took courses at Trent University to learn about the process of raising bees and successfully applied for a grant through the Kawartha Summer Company Development program.

She became a regular face at local summer markets and has even participated in the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto where she received awards for best customer service and best booth display.

A year into her entrepreneurship, Morgan began looking for ways to share the success of her business with her community. The "Bee'cause We Care" initiative was born last summer with honey bottled in branded jars supporting HHHS.

The release added that Burke has contributed more than \$1,200 to the organization, all while maintaining honour roll as a grade 11 student. For more, see The Birds and The Bees Facebook page.



Morgan Burke during the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary's Snowflake Bazaar in 2017. File.

Living well

Canadian Cancer Society looking for volunteer drivers in Haliburton county

By Lisa Gervais

Can you imagine being recently diagnosed with cancer and told that you need to travel to Toronto to receive your life-saving treatment?

For many people in Haliburton County that's the reality they face.

But what if you didn't have family or friends who could take you there. What would you do?

The Canadian Cancer Society offers Wheels of Hope, a transportation service that helps people get to their life-saving treatment. The service relies on volunteers from the community to drive clients.

In a press release, they said they are in need of volunteers who can drive long distance to Peterborough, Oshawa and Toronto.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Canadian Cancer Society. It takes a special person to become a volunteer driver," said Amanda Delgado, volunteer engagement coordinator with the Canadian Cancer Society.

"These volunteers use their own vehicle to offer friendly support and kindness at a time when patients need it most.

These volunteers use their own vehicle to offer friendly support and kindness at a time when patients need it most. Without them giving their time to drive, many people would simply not be able to get to their cancer treatments.

Amanda Delgado
Volunteer co-ordinator

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In 2018, volunteer drivers in the Peterborough and district area made 7,879 trips, totaling 809,611 km. These drivers helped 61 children and 332 adults get to their cancer appointments both locally and in Toronto.

The Canadian Cancer Society anticipates the need for the Wheels of Hope transportation program will increase each year given the aging population and more advanced screening practices.

"If you have some time to spare during the work week and love to drive, then we could use your support", Delgado says. "Volunteer drivers are well trained and supported in their role. They must attend a training session and have an MTO and criminal records check before joining

our team of volunteer drivers."

The Canadian Cancer Society offers flexible day-time driving opportunities and provides a small reimbursement for kms accumulated.

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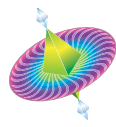
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Carnarvon man rose to highest ranks of UN

By Lisa Gervais

Although Bradnee Chambers travelled the world for his work with the United Nations, his namesake Road and 12 Mile Lake held a special place in his heart, according to his brother-in-law, Bill Kulas.

Chambers' brothers, Tim and Frank, flew to Germany before the Christmas holidays to bring Bradnee home. He passed away Jan. 23, following a short illness.

At the time of his death, he had risen through the ranks to become the executive secretary of the United Nations' Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS).

The CMS issued a press release the day he died, citing it a "tragic loss for CMS and the United Nations."

They added that Bradnee dedicated his entire academic and professional life to advancing environmental issues.

"He was convinced that global environmental problems must be addressed through stronger international environmental law and governance – a conviction that guided his work throughout his career."

The press release said Bradnee will be remembered dearly by all of his colleagues in Bonn. It said he was a strong leader with a clear vision; a kind and cheerful manager who always kept his door open to all staff; and a generous and warm-hearted colleague.

Closer to home, his Minden family is also paying tribute to Bradnee.

Kulas is married to Chambers' sister, Ginger and spoke to *The Highlander* on behalf of the family.

Bradnee grew up near Carnarvon and went

to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Kulas said his brother-in-law was well read, "and determined to assist mankind in every way possible, and to make a difference."

He said he was humble and never boasted about his meetings with world leaders. "He was a very caring and considerate person and he treated everyone the same."

Bradnee loved his Scottish family heritage, Kulas said. The Chambers family were one of the first settlers in the Carnarvon area.

He recalled how Bradnee loved sitting at the dock and watching the sunsets anytime he came home for a visit.

But Kulas said Bradnee wanted to travel and explore the world and not leave any stone unturned. "He wanted to know everything about how the rest of the world functioned. His aunt, Jean Bate (Chambers) played a big role in supporting and pushing him to continue with his educational goals."

Kulas said Bradnee fell ill during a UN meeting in New York City last summer. He was hospitalized at the Cornell Presbyterian Hospital where he was diagnosed with brain cancer. He came home to 12 Mile Lake to recuperate. He then decided to have major surgery in September at the world-renowned Charity Hospital in Berlin.

Bill and Ginger spent more than six weeks with him after surgery. However, after chemotherapy and radiation treatments, he suffered some major setbacks.

"His wish was to come home to be with family over Christmas and New years." That's when Tim and Frank brought him home.

"I guess he knew that this would be his



Bradnee Chambers. Photo courtesy of the CMS. Submitted.

last journey," Kulas said.

He added as difficult as the loss has been, it has made a very close family even closer, and they have wonderful memories to cherish together.

He said the family is so proud of what Bradlee accomplished.

"Truly a role model for all of us. A small-town boy who struggled in high school with

below average grades who just persevered and proved to many people that hard work and perseverance can take one to new heights and achievements."

Chambers had been executive secretary of the CMS since 2013, leading two successful conferences. He began his work with the UN in 1994. He also wrote numerous books and articles.

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Feb 14 - Budget Deliberations, 2nd Round
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February Storm schedule

February 2

10:00 AM
LL Novice 1-Bright Woods Landscaping and consulting vs. South Muskoka Fitzmaurice Bros
Gravenhurst

11:00 AM
Rep Pee wee vs. Durham Crusaders
A. J. LaRue Arena

11:10 AM
LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction vs. Huntsville McDonalds
CSC (Jack Bionda)

1:00 PM
LL Pee wee 1- Walkers Home Hardware vs. Parry Sound Harry No Frills
Gravenhurst

2:00 PM
LL Atom 2- TD Canada Trust vs. Huntsville Little Caesars
A. J. LaRue Arena

4:00 PM
LL Pee wee 2- Canadian Tire vs. South Muskoka Blakewood Construction
A. J. LaRue Arena

5:00 PM
Rep Bantam vs. Shelburne Wolves
A. J. LaRue Arena

February 3

10:30 AM
LL Pee wee 2- Canadian Tire vs. South Muskoka CC Tatham
Gravenhurst

1:00 PM
Initiation 2 vs. Apsley
Apsley

4:00 PM
LL Midget 1- Pharmasave vs. Parry Sound Tamarack North
BOCC

February 7

8:00 PM
LL Midget 1- Pharmasave vs. LL Midget 2- Total Site Services
A. J. LaRue Arena

February 9

11:00 AM
LL Novice 1-Bright Woods Landscaping and consulting vs. LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction
S. G. Nesbitt Arena

11:10 AM
LL Atom 2- TD Canada Trust vs. Huntsville McDonalds
CSC (Jack Bionda)

11:15 AM
LL Pee wee 2- Canadian Tire vs. Parry Sound Gibson H & C
Gravenhurst

11:45 AM
Rep Pee wee vs. Durham Crusaders
GM Centre (2)

1:00 PM
LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction vs. South Muskoka Middaugh
S. G. Nesbitt Arena

3:00 PM
Rep Bantam vs. Shelburne Wolves
Shelburne CDRC

February 10

1:00 PM
Tyke vs. Huntsville Otters
A. J. LaRue Arena

1:40 PM
LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction vs. Huntsville Davicor
CSC (Jack Bionda)

2:45 PM
LL Pee wee 2- Canadian Tire vs. Huntsville Main Street Dental
CSC (Jack Bionda)

3:30 PM
Rep Bantam vs. Shelburne Wolves
A. J. LaRue Arena

4:00 PM
LL Novice 1-Bright Woods Landscaping and Consulting vs. Huntsville Near North
S. G. Nesbitt Arena

5:00 PM
LL Pee wee 1- Walkers Home Hardware vs. South Muskoka Blakewood Construction
S. G. Nesbitt Arena



February 15

8:30 PM
LL Midget 2- Total Site Services vs. South Muskoka Dominoes Pizza
S. G. Nesbitt Arena

February 16 to 17

Tyke
Bernie Nicholls Tyke Round Robin
(Minden)

February 16

9:00 AM
LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction vs. South Muskoka Envotek
Bracebridge

11:00 AM
LL Pee wee 1- Walkers Home Hardware vs. Almaguin Ice Devils
Burks Falls

3:00 PM
Rep Bantam vs. Shelburne Wolves
Shelburne CDRC

February 23

Initiation 2
Haliburton Fun Day (Haliburton)

9:50 AM
LL Novice 2 Dewayen Simms Construction vs. Huntsville Near North
CSC (Jack Bionda)

11:15 AM
LL Pee wee 1- Walkers Home Hardware vs. South Muskoka CC Tatham
Gravenhurst

12:30 PM
LL Pee wee 2- Canadian Tire vs. Parry Sound Harry No Frills
Gravenhurst

1:00 PM
LL Atom 1- G.J Burtch Construction vs. South Muskoka Wes Finch
S. G. Nesbitt Arena

4:00 PM
Rep Bantam vs. Shelburne Wolves
A. J. LaRue Arena

February 24

12:00 PM
LL Novice 2- Dewayen Simms Construction vs. South Muskoka Envotek
S. G. Nesbitt Arena

1:00 PM
LL Pee wee 2- Canadian Tire vs. Almaguin Ice Devils
SSJ Arena

4:40 PM
LL Midget 1- Pharmasave vs. Huntsville Aben Graphics
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6:00 PM
LL Midget 2- Total Site Services vs. Huntsville Little Caesars
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The Highlander/Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets advance to the next playoff round. Photo by Danielle Martin.

Storm rep reports

Midgets takes series

The Highlander/Ed Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets moved on to the second round of the playoffs by winning game five against the Shelburne Wolves, Sunday, Jan. 27. It was a tough start for the midgets, losing the first two games against the Wolves. However, when it was time to raise the bar, the midgets did exactly what was needed to win the next three games.

The midgets came out strong to a full Haliburton arena, Saturday, Jan. 26, down 2-1 in the series. It was

their game from the puck drop and they demolished the Wolves 6-0.

They stayed consistent with two goals each period and shut out the Wolves from their zone. Smith got things going in the first with a hard drive to the net and a quick top corner goal, assisted by Vasey and Walker. Next, team captain, Walker started the rush, skillfully maneuvered through the defence, and fired the second goal. Another couple of goals in the second period by Haedicke and Clements, then it was MacNaull and Clements again, in the third period. The Wolves were

baffled by the Storm and Sisson nabbed a well-earned shutout win.

Game 5 was do-or-die for both teams and they came out flying in the scoreless first period. Late in the second, Clements rushed the net and blasted a shot. Morissette was right behind to pick up the rebound for the Storm's first goal. That boosted the Storm into action. Minutes later, MacNaull drove hard to the net and Davies picked up the rebound for the second goal. The third period was full of aggressive end-to-end action. The Storm did well keeping the Wolves out. Late in the game, Robinson

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Carson Sisson



Carson played a stellar game stopping 27 shots to secure a shutout and kept his team in the series. Carson has shown strong leadership between the pipes all season long keeping his team competitive during the season.

Tyson Clements



Tyson has developed well over the season showing great improvement as the year has progressed. Tyson scored two goals to help lead his team to victory in Saturday's game and assisted in keeping his team alive in the series.

Shawn Walker



Shawn has just returned from an injury and has been the cornerstone of the defence and team all year. Shawn leads by example scoring a key goal in Saturday's game. Shawn continues to be a true leader by fulfilling his role as captain of this team.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Storm rep reports

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stole the puck, got a breakaway and capitalized with a goal. With just a few minutes left in the game, the Storm sealed the series with another goal. While dominating the play in the Wolves zone, Walker ripped a shot and Gilbert was there to put it away. The Wolves got lucky with a minute on the clock and made it a 4-1 final. A well deserved 3-2 series win for the midgets. They now move onto the second round of the playoffs against the Stayner Cyclones. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)

Bantams drop first game

The Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Bantams were granted a bye through the first round of the playoffs. They started in the quarter-finals this past weekend taking on the Shelburne Wolves Saturday, Jan. 26 for their first game. Goals were scored by Mathias Lee and Gage Hutchinson with assists going to Evan Armstrong, Kolby McGovern, Kyan Hall and Jackson Wilson. Unfortunately, the Storm were unable to defeat the Wolves with a final score of 7-2. Game two is Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. in Haliburton. (Submitted by Monica Keefer)

Peewee A's shut out Durham

On Jan. 26, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee A's travelled to Oshawa for game three of the MPS playoffs against the Durham Crusaders. The Storm played hard but lost 2-1. The goal was scored by Austin Boylan. On Sunday, Jan. 27, the peewees hosted the Crusaders for game four. The first period started with a beautiful

goal by Mak Prentice. It was a 1-0 hockey game going into the second. To start the second, Cheyenne Degeer came off the bench, got the puck, and scored. Then, Addison St. Cyr bulged the twine. Next, there was a scramble and Boylan tossed the puck in the net. It was 4-0 going into the third. To start the third, there was another scramble at the net, the puck got out, and Prentice took advantage for his second goal of the game. Final score 5-0 Storm and a shut out for Ethan Dobson.

The Peewee 'As play their fifth game Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena. (Submitted by Amber Card)

Atoms advance to next round

The Ridgewood Ford/Cottage Country Building Supplies Atoms played two more games versus the ever-challenging Durham Crusaders. With the series tied two games apiece, they drove to Oshawa for game three.

The Storm opened the scoring in the first period with a Jace Mills' solo effort, to set the tone.

The second period started off with another Mills goal, supported by Owen Sisson.

Goalie Chase Winder was outstanding in this game.

To add to the excitement, Austin Latanville popped in another helper after following up one of Parker Simms' many rushes that resulted in an easy rebound in front.

The Storm headed home with a 3-0 win and a series lead.

In game two Sunday, the first period remained scoreless despite multiple chances at both ends of the ice. In the second, Deegan Davison chipped the puck over the minders' pad to open the scoring. Looking for some

insurance, Latanville buried one assisted by Scheffee to make it 2-0. The Crusaders made it 2-1 but that was it for them as the Storm advanced. (Submitted by Pasi Posti)

Novice make it through

In game three of the first round of the playoffs, the Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice travelled to Wasaga Beach to battle the Stars.

The Storm came out strong in the first period with Henry Neilson putting in two goals. The Stars reciprocated with a point before the end of the period.

There was intense action in the second period but no goals.

Evan Perrott took another point for the Storm before the end of the game, for a 3-1 Storm victory. Isaac Trotter did a commendable job puck handling and penalty killing.

Game four was in Haliburton Sunday. The Stars put in two goals in the first period, then Trotter snuck one in during the second period after some scrambling in front of the net. Perrott tied the score early in the third but the Stars retaliated with two more goals, taking a two-goal lead. The Storm weren't done fighting, and Luke Gruppe fired in the third Storm goal. With 30 seconds left in the third, the team pulled the goalie and Perrott tied it.

In overtime, Max Rupnow launched one in for the Storm, winning the game 5-4, and the first round of the playoffs. Goalie, Carter Braun made wicked saves throughout the weekend. Next up are the

Shelburne Wolves. (Submitted by Sara Gruppe)

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Jayme Coltman



Forward Jayme Coltman continues to gain confidence in her abilities as the season progresses. Jayme displays her hockey knowledge consistently and enjoys battling for puck possession along the boards. Her speed and presence make her a constant threat and her strength in front of the net is sure to bring in a goal or two in the playoffs.

Brody Prentice



The youngest member of the squad, it's remarkable the effort and confidence Brody exudes on a weekly basis against players with more size and experience. Brody's played every game this season which has helped his steady improvement. His efforts in every aspect of his game have inspired his teammates to up their game as well.

Paul Turner



Centre Paul Turner has been an intricate part of the Pharmasave Storm this season. The veteran is a strong role model and one of the team's scoring leaders. Paul plays every game 100 per cent and has yet to be given a penalty. He is expected to be an influential component as the playoffs approach.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Atoms fall to South Muskoka

The TD Canada Trust Atoms' season is almost coming to an end with only two games left. The Atoms took on South Muskoka in Bracebridge this past weekend. During the first period, South Muskoka proved they never give up, scoring two goals. But, with persistent skating, Logan Reid battled the puck off the boards, took a nice wrist shot from the hash tags and scored top shelf. During the second period, South Muskoka found the back of the net twice.

In the third period, South Muskoka were able to sink another but with the atoms never giving up, Logan Burke took the puck away from three forwards and sent a beautiful pass to Ethan Rowe who scored. South Muskoka won this one, though. (Submitted by Chris McMartin)

Parry Sound beat Peewees

On Jan. 26, the Home Hardware Peewees played Parry Sound. Parry Sound came out strong, scoring three first period goals. The Storm shut them down in the second period, only allowing one Parry Sound goal. Parry Sound started the third with a couple of quick goals but at the four-minute mark, Alex Hendry put the Storm on the board, assisted by Daniel Stephen. Parry Sound scored another before the Storm's Emery Bagshaw scored an exciting goal, assisted by Hendry with a minute left in the game. Final score 7-2 Parry Sound. (Submitted by Marita Bagshaw)

Midgets put Ice Devils on ice

The Pharmasave Midgets played in a one-day tournament Saturday.

Game one was against the Mariposa Lightning. It was close with good action at both ends. Storm goalie Nate

Miscio made some excellent saves and defenseman Danaya MacDuff solid plays to keep the Storm in the running. The Lightning won 3-2 on a late third period goal. Storm goals by Tim Turner and Brenden Newhook.

Game two was against the Kawartha Coyotes. The Coyotes charged from the opening faceoff, leading 4-0 before the half way mark of the period. The Coyotes continued to press in the second period, taking a 7-2 lead into the final frame. Both Storm goals were by Sam Hoenow. Kawartha went on to win 8-2.

Next were the Coldwater Wildcats. The Wildcats scored first putting the puck between the pads of Miscio. The Wildcats went up by a couple after pinning the Storm in their own end for an extended time. The Wildcats held their ground for a 2-0 win.

On Sunday, the team headed north to play the Almaguin Ice Devils. The first period was evenly-matched with entertaining hockey. The Storm took the lead on a Paul Turner breakaway goal. In the second period, Turner laid up a beautiful saucer pass to Brenden Newhook to send him in one-on-one against the Devil goalie. Newhook made no mistake, putting the puck in the top corner for a 2-0 Storm lead. Tim Turner wanted part of the action as well, scoring on a low slapshot to put the locals up by three. Almaguin broke Miscio's shutout bid late in the third but a couple of late Storm goals by Hoenow had the Storm cruise to a convincing 5-2 victory. (Submitted by Gord Hoenow)

Novice bring home the gold

The Brightwoods Landscaping and Consulting Novices attended their first season tournament in Apsley this past Saturday.

Game one was against the Newcastle Stars and the Storm dominated with a 3-2 win. Brody Hartwig was game MVP with three goals, assists from Jacob Sutton, Matthew Fairey and Benton Lloyd.

The second game versus the Clarington Vikings was

a hard, action-packed, evenly-matched game with back-and-forth play. Every Storm player fought hard, pulling out a 5-2 win. Zachary Prentice started off the scoring and Hartwig continued to rack up points with the next four goals. Carter Knapton made many great saves and Hunter Hamilton was MVP.

The third game was against the Bancroft Jets. Hartwig again showcased his unique abilities in obtaining the puck and skating around his opponents to secure another hat trick, ending in a final score of 3-1.

Hawksley Dobbins was MVP. The win gave the Novice gold. (Submitted by Cheryl Smith)

Atom 1 dominate Huntsville

On Saturday, GJ Burch Atom1 hosted Huntsville. The Storm's hard work paid off when Taylor Mulock buried the puck in the second period tying the game at one, assisted by Eric Mueller and Isaac Borgdorff. The Storm took the lead to start the third period on a great individual effort by Jacob Mantle. Minutes later, Huntsville tied the game at two. The Storm's Jacob Lloyd-Gottinger stood his ground making numerous spectacular saves earning himself the hard hat and his team a hard-fought 2-2 tie.

On Sunday, the Storm hosted Parry Sound in Minden. It took only 18 seconds for the Storm's Mulock (1G, 2A) to find the back of the net. The Storm came to play. Sadie Evans-Fockler (1A) blocked shots with her feet, Jacob Davis (2A) dove to chip the puck out of his zone. Every player registered at least one point [Brody Hartwig (2G, 1A), Jacob Mantle (2A), Zach Prentice (1A), Isaac Borgdorff (2G, 1A), Olivia Gruppe (3A), Eric Mueller (2G, 1A)]. Layne Robinson earned the hard hat getting his first goal of the season as well as two assists on the day. Final 8-4.

Next up the atoms travel to Huntsville February 2. (Submitted by Jamie Lloyd)

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In Loving Memory of
**Dr. William Bradnee
Bate Chambers**



Bradnee became Executive Secretary of CMS in 2013 and led the Convention through the Conferences of the Parties in Quito in 2014 (COP11) and Manila in 2017 (COP12).

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, at the age of 52.

Beloved husband of the late Elisa. Loving father of Ena of Germany. Dear son of Joan and the late James Chambers. Dear brother of Dan and Linda of Burlington, Tim and Janice of Carnarvon, Ginger and Bill of Minden, Frank and Shelley of Algonquin Highlands, Jeff and Cathy of Windsor. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Bradnee's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon.

Memorial Donations to the Ducks Unlimited or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of
Grant Lee McCrea

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, January 26th, 2019, in his 84th year.

Beloved husband of Martha Agnes McCrea. Dear step-father of Kenneth Picken (Helen) of Seaforth, Royden Picken (Sheila) of Guelph,

Lorna Curylo (Rick) of Paudash, Linda Picken of Guelph and Nancy Wilkinson (Grant) of Newmarket. Loving grandfather of Jason (April), Andrew (Shelly), Beaumont (Brittney), Brandy (Jeremy), Vanessa (David), Nicholas, Ryan (Tahnee), Sabrina (Peter), Allan, Scott and great grandfather of Chloe, Mackenzie, Hudson, Charlotte, Magnus, Blake, Ivy, Kennedy, Tansley, Calais and Vienna. Dear brother of Beverly (deceased) and Helen. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephew, family and friends. Grant's family would like to thank the staff at the Haliburton Hospital for all their care and support.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 1017 Wigamog Rd., Haliburton on Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at 2:00 pm. Spring Interment at South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of
Elsie Mariena McPhail

The last member of the Strawberry Harrison family has gone to be with her Lord and Saviour. Elsie passed away peacefully at Highland Health Services Hospital, Haliburton on Tuesday January 22, 2019, in her 98th year.

Dear mother of David (Faye) McPhail, Glen (Carolyn) McPhail, Barbara (Bob) Inward, Darlene (Mel) Bush, Elaine (Lawrie) Foster. Grandmother of Derek (Anneliese) Inward, Ian (Shelley) Inward, Sean (Lauren) Bush, Jenn (John) Pollock, Amy Balila, and Lindsey Foster. Great Grandma (GG) of Jocelyn & Joshua Inward, Emma & Adam Bush, Hudson & Quinn Pollock, & Cayden Foster. Predeceased by her brothers Walter, Bert, Alfred, Allen and by her sisters Alma Peel, Evelyn Harrison, her grandson Ron McPhail and by her parents Edmond and Effie Harrison. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Monday, January 28th from 2-4 and then on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 from 10:00 until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11:00 am. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Gideon Bibles or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) on Thursday, January 24, 2019 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 76.

Larry is predeceased by his parents John and Edith. Loving husband of 45 years to Dianna, loving father to Dave, Debbie and Everton, Pam and Andrei, Jim, Paul and Sarah. Cherished Grandpa to Dianna, Sara, Larry (deceased), TJ and Kymani, and Bonka to Andrew. Grandpa-Grandpa to Shaneil and Lucas. Dear brother to Leonard and Shirley, Darlene (deceased), Vicky and Rob. Uncle to many neices and nephews.

Friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 2 pm. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at the Haliburton Legion at 4 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the PRHC would be appreciated by the family.

The family would like to thank the staff at the PRHC ICU for their dedication, compassion, and the gift of hope.



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Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

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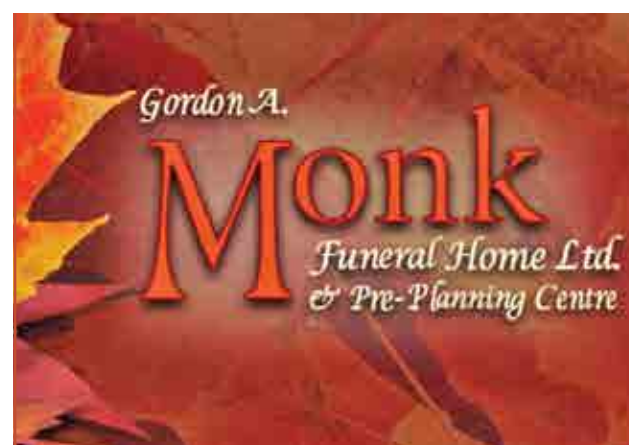
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Holed It!

by Barbara Olson

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Across

- 1 Prov. parliamentarian
- 4 Singers Pat and Debby
- 10 "... a pudgy tat!"
- 14 They're checked at the door, often
- 15 Like a cab awaiting a fare, say
- 16 "Don't use that ___ with me, young lady!"
- 17 Executed flawlessly
- 19 Warm up with a pair of gloves?
- 20 Flat tire replacements
- 21 "Last one ___ a rotten egg!"
- 23 Big, on a T-shirt tag
- 24 Long-snouted swine kin
- 25 Setting for Anne Shirley's adventures
- 27 Avoid partaking of
- 29 "The joke's ___!"
- 32 Do the math, in a way
- 35 ___ in "Oscar"
- 36 Study for a test
- 37 Veggies in certain cakes
- 40 Pulls away
- 41 They're given marching orders
- 42 Brewer's vessel
- 43 Two cents, so to speak
- 44 14 pounds, to a Brit
- 45 Trudeau's "a Canadian is a Canadian" setting
- 48 Frees from duty or guilt
- 50 Eaten-up-inside feeling
- 54 News letters?
- 56 "Rule Britannia" composer
- 57 "Catch ya later"
- 58 "Phew, it's an ___ in here!"
- 60 Golfer's "bogey", and what appears seven times in this puzzle
- 62 Bassoonist's breather
- 63 Sentence analyst
- 64 Basics of education, initially
- 65 Boasters' suffixes, often
- 66 Estimate, as damage
- 67 Green-lights, for short

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Down

- 1 In the ___ of (centred among)
- 2 Parkinson's disease drug
- 3 "Easy peasy!"
- 4 Bad dogs, at times
- 5 Some of Sean Lennon's relatives
- 6 Gretel's grandpa
- 7 Lifelong residents
- 8 Till this time, in verse
- 9 Knitter's ball
- 10 Rule-breaking possessive, apostrophe-wise
- 11 Icings on the cakes, say
- 12 Rated, for trade, e.g.: Abbr.
- 13 Aren't anymore
- 18 Lake near Ontario's Elgin County
- 22 One-masted sailboat
- 25 Cries when the light goes on
- 26 Sicilian summer destination
- 28 Barracks beds
- 30 Put ___ fire
- 31 "___-daisy!"
- 32 Play parts
- 33 Pub projectile
- 34 Least robust looking, as a plant
- 36 Alpha follower
- 38 Tory interim leader Ambrose
- 39 "Madama Butterfly", for one
- 40 Adjusts makeup, with "at"
- 42 Particle board façades
- 45 "Prima" people in 39-Downs
- 46 Some whip snappers
- 47 Civil worker?: Abbr.
- 49 Words before hint or line
- 51 Choose pay-for-play
- 52 Sarcastic digs
- 53 Yuk. and Nun., e.g.
- 54 "Heads up, golfers!"
- 55 Cosmetician Saint Laurent
- 57 St. ___ skin care brand
- 59 P.M. hours, in classifieds
- 61 Verb ending?

What's on

New event turns ice huts into art galleries

By Joseph Quigley

Painter and Ice Cube Gallery organizer Victoria Ward said she has always been fascinated by the sight of huts on ice surfaces.

"It was a really interesting interplay into how people exist in the wilderness," she said. "In the wintertime, I think the most remarkable little dwellings, little shelters, are ice huts."

It is that fascination which Ward said has led her to painting the ice huts, art which she will have on display as part of the Ice Cube Gallery Feb. 9-10. The gallery will be spread across three huts on the frozen ice of Lake Kashagawigamog, with each hut featuring work by a different artist.

Ward, who has lived in the county for almost 20 years, said she, partner Gary Blundell and a friend were enjoying themselves on the ice when the idea started to form.

"We started chatting about how great it would be to have an ice hut turned into something cultural," Ward said. "It is already a cultural icon, to a certain extent, but what if we put art in it?"

In addition to Ward's work, the other huts will feature works by painter Rod Crouse and sculpture artists Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg. The ice huts housing the art will also be custom made.

Ward said the event also includes music and local food for people to enjoy as they view the gallery.

"People will come. It'll be a very different kind of event from here," Ward said. "We're really hoping that it's a beautiful evening and the people who come from away can see how gorgeous it can be here in the winter time."

Ward said they are open to doing the gallery again in future but want to consider that more after the event happens.

People will be charmed by the gallery, she said. She also called people fishing on the lake with ice huts "remarkable."

"It's actually kind of exotic," Ward said. "It's kind of what makes living in rural Canada really interesting and really unique."

The gallery takes place on Lake Kashagawigamog outside the Bonnie View Inn Feb. 9 from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Top: A promotional image for the Ice Cube Gallery, a new event on Lake Kashagawigamog featuring art inside ice huts. Left: Artist Victoria Ward will feature her paintings in the upcoming Ice Cube Gallery Feb. 9-10. Ward has depicted ice huts in her work and considers them "exotic." Submitted by Victoria Ward

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Tuesday February 5

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Wednesday February 6

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Sunday February 10

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Saturday February 16

Haliburton Frost Festival 2019, Head Lake Park Haliburton

1 p.m. – Polar Bear Challenge 2019. Sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club, part of the Haliburton Frost Fest. Registration from 10 a.m. – noon, event starts at 1 p.m. Proceeds go to Hospital for Sick Children or Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Pledge forms available on haliburtonlions.com. For more info contact Lion Jim Frost at 705-457-4031.

Sunday February 17

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

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

Monday February 18

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Minden Subaru invites you to a Free Public Skate at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena, Minden. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday February 20

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

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINDEN BRANCH

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

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday Free pool 1:30 p.m. Ham & Scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m.

Saturday Meat draw 2-5 p.m. - Early Bird 3 pm sharp

Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m.

Tuesday Executive meeting 7 p.m.

Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Winners of the Pat & Phyllis Gallen Fish Derby

1st Jarret Switzer 4.942 lbs – Miskwabi

2nd Conrad Switzer 3.739 - Miskwabi

3rd Lucas Dale 3.214 lbs - Esson

4th Lillian Mitton 3.029 lbs – Esson

5th Jordan Moody 2.874 lbs - Esson

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Minden Home - \$484,500

NEW PRICE!



Minutes outside of Minden on a 2.86 acre lot. Newly built in 2015. A huge kitchen, spacious dining area and large livingroom provide lots of room for entertaining. The Master bedroom and one Guest Room both have Ensuite washrooms and a walk-in closet. The lower level with high ceilings offers a bedroom and unfinished area for the perfect rec room.

Walkers Pond Acreage - \$359,000



Over 194 acres of fabulous bush surrounding 2/3rds of Walker's Pond, loaded with wildlife. Trails throughout. Hunt, ATV, or build that private home or getaway that you have been planning. A hydro cut line goes through the beginning of the property, then it is all bush. Close to Horseshoe and Mountain Lakes. 5 minutes to Minden

Hunter Creek Estates - \$114,000



A warm, welcoming neighbourhood. This is affordable living at it's best. Two bedrooms, one bath and a 3-season sunroom, sitting on a quiet lot with a big back yard. Only minutes to town. A new propane furnace just installed and never used! This community is the perfect spot for downsizing, and the home is waiting for your warm touches.

Bushwolf Lake Acreage - \$1,299,000



700 acres with frontage touching two lakes. 9,826 ft of frontage on Bushwolf Lake, one half of the lake is yours, with a few cottages on the other side. Seasonal access on a rugged road. The back section of the acreage has frontage on Little Art Lake. Snowmobile, ATV, Hunt, Fish, Snowshoe or Ski.

Soyers Lake - \$999,999

NEW LISTING!



Southern exposure, 135 ft. of rock and sand shoreline, on a 5-lake chain! Bright livingroom with cathedral ceiling. Open-concept kitchen and dining area perfect for entertaining. Master Bedroom with balcony, walk-in closet and ensuite. A loft acts as a third bedroom or use it for a Study or Games Area. There is a finished rec room plus an unfinished games room, storage area and workshop downstairs Great privacy from the lake, minutes to either Haliburton or Minden.

Affordable Waterfront Living - \$375,000



Sit on the deck and listen to the roar of the rapids! A beautiful property only minutes from Kinnmount. A spacious 3 bdrm., 2 bath Home with large living and dining areas and comes with a detached garage. House has a backup generator. The large deck and screened porch are the places you will spend all your time. Situated on a quiet private road.

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Kushog Lake Cottage- \$675,000



300 feet of pristine shoreline from shallow to deep. The cottage was built with low-maintenance in mind and exudes warmth and charm. The cottage has been meticulously maintained. On the grounds you will find a stone boat launch, beautiful landscaping, patios, garage, and so much more!

Haliburton Home \$310,000



This lovely 3 bdrm., 2 bath home is full of charm and character. Arched doorways, a kitchen loaded with oak cupboards and an island, a beautiful wood fireplace, and the Master bedroom is on it's own floor. Newly shingled roof in October 2018.

Minutes to Haliburton - \$360,000



The interior of this cottage or home has been completely renovated. Including all new kitchen, granite countertops, all new hardwood flooring, pine tongue and groove ceilings, updated laundry room, a gorgeous revamped washroom that includes marble countertops, double sinks and more! Some exterior work to be done to really push this over the top and make it your own.

Knob Hill Court - \$385,000



This three bedroom ranch style bungalow close to Minden. Features include three bathrooms including a four piece ensuite and walk in closet in the master bedroom, two wood burning fireplaces, main floor family room and laundry room. Bright and spacious eat in kitchen with walk out to a new back yard deck, separate dining room, paved drive, attached two car garage, full basement much more.

Swinson Road- \$104,900



Large 3 bedroom home sitting on almost 3 acres of level property. Area cleared behind house with a shelter that was once used for horses. Great spot for a hobby farm. Close to schools and shopping. House requires extensive work and is being sold "as is"

Horseshoe Lake - \$699,000



Located on beautiful Horseshoe Lake are 2 cottages and a cabin. Main cottage is year-round and offers 3 bdrms., 3 baths with an inlaw suite on lower level with separate entrance. Cottage #2 is an adorable 900 sq. ft. 3 bdrm. seasonal cottage with stone fireplace and a fully renovated kitchen and bath. The one room cabin has a kitchenette and 3pc washroom. Sand beach. Southeastern exposure, gorgeous views from all 3 buildings, & access to a popular 2-lake chain - everything you could ask for

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Pandash Lake Perfect!



Perfect year-round, turn key family cottage or home. Large lake, private 4 BR, 2 Bath sits at water's edge. Hard sand beach, use of 30 Ac forest across the road. Sunroom, southern view, great rentability, many upgrades & meticulously cared for. **\$649,000.**



Kashagawigamog Lake Cottage

Recently totally renovated 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home/cottage situated on Haliburton's popular five lake chain. Open concept kitchen, dining and living-room finished with durable vinyl flooring and wood cabinetry. Sit back, relax and enjoy a beautiful view from the new deck, or great swimming off the dock. Although 85 ft of frontage - it is VERY private. NW exposure takes in great sunsets! Want extra space for the kids or guests? Large shed could easily be converted into a Bunkie. This "turn-key" cottage is a pleasure to show. Call our Team to see it! **\$595,000.**



Haliburton Village Home

This is a lovely move-in ready 3 bedroom bungalow on Park Street in the village. Neat as a pin! Well insulated, lots of storage space, central vac, carport and detached oversized single garage with loft. Private corner lot with mature trees. Walking distance to all needs.

\$279,500.



Carnarvon Home



Enjoy waterfront living on peaceful Mirror Lake. 3BR 4PC bath home with full basement & walkout to the lakeside. FAO Heat, stone woodburning fireplace and a lower level woodstove keep it toasty warm. Sunroom, 2 decks, pretty & convenient location.

\$289,000.

Grass Lake, Haliburton Cottage



Village Convenience~Country Charm! Cozy turnkey 2BR cottage plus cute log-look Bunkie! Open concept, pine finish, woodstove. Beautiful west exposure & view. Steps to waterfront, sitting deck and dock. Lake water & septic.

\$449,500.

Wigamog Rd. Lot



285 ft road frontage for privacy, well treed. Only minutes to Haliburton Village or Golf at the Pinestone. Sewer hook-up required for building. Great family or retirement location.

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