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John Holmberg makes snow at the top of the hill at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The popular ski hill is preparing to open this Saturday, Dec. 7 for another winter season. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Land donated for future Dysart rec centre

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al has been gifted a piece of land that could someday hold a new recreation centre.

The municipality made the gift public at a council meeting Nov. 26. The 15.75-acre block is at the corner of County Road 21 and Soyer's Lake Road, across from the Pinestone Resort. A condition of the transfer is that it can only be used for a new rec centre.

Marnie Blair made the donation to honour her parents, Lee and Marie Blair.

"The community meant a lot to both of my parents and, as such, I am delighted to make this contribution to the health and well-being of all," she said in a message to the township.

She declined an interview but added she is glad "to support the community in this way."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said it is an area she has considered for years and she is excited by its possibilities.

"I am absolutely thrilled," Roberts said. "It's flat, it's on County Road 21, it's the

last property that's actually on sewers."

However, Roberts said although this is a good first step, she emphasized the municipality is a long way from starting any development.

"This is fairly far off in the future. I don't even think anything will happen in this term of council," Roberts said.

It is no certainty that the piece of land will be the site of Dysart's next recreation centre, with no feasibility study yet done. But Roberts said the municipality did not own any excess land which would be a

good fit.

"The reality is there's very little land that we have to build anything like that on," Roberts said.

She said there are issues with A.J. LaRue Arena as a community centre, such as accessibility. Though she does not expect to start advancing a new rec centre in 2020, she said council might strike a committee later in its term.

"It's an asset for the community," Roberts said. "This isn't something that's going to be done just with council."

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Teachers go on one-day strike

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teachers joined colleagues across the province in a one-day strike Dec. 4.

The Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation (OSSTF) and the province remain at a standstill in negotiations over a new collective agreement. Issues include the province's planned cuts to high school funding, mandating e-learning courses and compensation.

Local teacher and OSSTF branch president Ryan Merritt said this is something they would rather not be doing.

"No one wants to be on the picket line," Merritt said. "But it's a series of steps to work towards our goals. It shows a collective unity towards challenging these cuts to education."

Minister of Education Stephen Lecce said it is the OSSTF that has to move in negotiations.

"The onus is on OSSTF to be reasonable, stay at the table and to cancel this needless escalation that is hurting children, parents and families," he said.

Supportive community members joined teachers throughout the day. Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County's Bonnie Roe said she felt it was important to show solidarity.

"I'm just a firm believer if we come together as a community, we can make a difference and have a voice," she said.

Community grieves for one of its own

By Lisa Gervais

Justin Daniels was remembered Saturday for his love of family and carpentry during a Celebration of Life and Reception at the Haliburton Legion.

Family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances are grieving the loss of the 37-year-old tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident Nov. 20 in Algonquin Highlands.

A GoFundMe page started by his mother, Valerie, a former owner of the Oakview Lodge and Marina, has garnered more than \$30,000 for Daniels' wife Michelle and children, Peyton, Cameryn, and Addison.

Images of Daniels played on a projector on the wall, accompanied by county and western music. A table gave some insight into the type of man he was. It featured pictures of him and his family, work boots and other tools of his carpentry trade, a guitar, and a photo of him on a dirt bike.

Irene Gerber, the wife of Justin's boss, John, was the emcee. She said people had gathered in sadness and love.

"Today, our souls honour his soul,"



*Today, our souls
honour his soul*

Irene Gerber
Family friend

she said. She added that when a tragedy such as Justin's death occurs, "the first reaction is disbelief and an outpouring of emotion." However, "something amazing takes its place," in describing how people had rallied around the family, including starting a MealTrain to provide daily meals to the family.

John said Justin had worked for him for about five years, and "I very quickly came to realize that he was highly dependable, a leader, and a skilled craftsman." He said the young man's positive attitude and upbeat nature made the job site a fun place to be.

He added that Justin, "garnered respect through his high standards and work ethic" and stood out amongst his peers.

He said their team had built many homes and cottages over the years and Justin often befriended clients and would tailor the workmanship to their needs, particularly the female clients. "They would share their vision and idea and Justin would make them all come true."

He further described him as a "sincere, honest, hardworking family man.

Providing for his family was in the core of who he was. His presence will be deeply missed by his coworkers and myself. His absence will be large but his shadow will watch over us on all future projects and we will strive to pursue the excellence he pursued every day as a legacy to him."

Justin's uncle Ian spoke to Daniels' love



A celebration of life and reception was held for accident victim Justin Daniels this past Saturday at the Haliburton Legion. *Submitted photo.*

of family.

He told the story of how after his first date with Michelle, he declared that he was going to marry her and he did, and the two went on to have three beautiful children together. He recalled that on the night before he died, Daniels' was teaching Peyton the guitar.

"Speaking for everyone: We love you and we miss you," Ian said.

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Haliburton Wee Care supervisor Denise Wolm stands outside the facility's daycare.
Photo by Joseph Quigley.

County secures Haliburton Wee Care future

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton hopes to protect the future of Haliburton Wee Care daycare after purchasing its facility for \$770,000.

Council agreed Nov. 27 to have bylaws presented for the purchase of the County Road 21 property in Dysart et al. The municipality is buying it from the Hodgson family, who started and managed the non-profit Wee Care but want to retire. The daycare currently leases the property from the Hodgsons and will continue to under county ownership.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said the City of Kawartha Lakes, which manages child care on behalf of the county, noticed the Wee Care property up for sale in 2018. He said the family is committed to Wee Care and did not want to leave it in the lurch. The municipality stepped in to buy it. "This ensures that both day cares in the County remain in public ownership and stable ownership," Rutter said.

The municipality also purchased the Ontario Early Years Centre daycare facility in Minden in August for \$2, to ensure that daycare could continue running.

Wee Care supervisor Denise Wolm said it is a positive development.

"It's been a great thing for us because the county is working on our behalf. They're looking to support us in whatever way possible. It's not going to change much for

the day-to-day operation," she said.

Wolm added she hopes the municipality can help secure provincial funding so the facility can expand and take on more children. She said they are licenced for 24 pre-schoolers and 10 toddlers but have a waiting list of approximately 30.

Wolm said management briefly explored a new location in light of the Hodgsons selling the property, but it was not a serious threat. She added the board of directors also examined purchasing the property themselves as a non-profit but found it was not feasible.

"This is definitely the best arrangement we could possibly hope for," she said.

The annual rental revenue for the property is \$36,000, which will pay off the county's purchase in 21 years. With interest, the county expects the annual taxpayer-funded investment will be no more than \$15,000.

Rutter said the property is large enough to be the site of future development near the daycare, suggesting housing or community gardens.

Coun. Andrea Roberts commended the purchase.

"Really good day for young families in Haliburton County. I can't image not knowing where my child is going to go to," Roberts said. "This is sort of a forever and I think this is really forward thinking ... just as much as we need doctors in our community, we need daycares."



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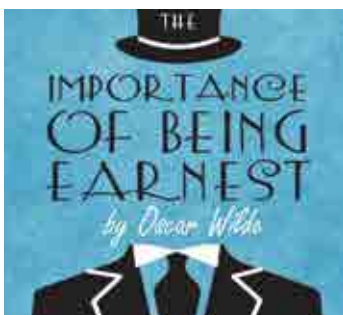
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Lucien

Written & Performed by Marshall Button
Lucien, the opinionated mill-worker and New Brunswick's Blue-Collar Philosopher, has enjoyed a 25 year run since he first appeared in Fredericton, as part of a satirical Bicentennial revue, Maritime Mixed Grill. The show now plays like a comedic period-piece while also skewering contemporary issues. Lucien hearkens back to an era when jobs were plentiful, unions were strong and job security was not a dirty word. Marshall Button developed the character Lucien based on his experiences working in the paper mill in his hometown of Dalhousie, New Brunswick and is nearing 2000 performances of Lucien, from coast to coast in every Canadian province.

Performances July 22, 23 (7:30 p.m.), 24 (2 p.m. matinee).



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by Duncan Macmillan

with Jonny Donahoe

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Housing impacts drug problem

By Joseph Quigley

Human Services and Justice Coordinating Committee of Haliburton County co-chair Andrew Hodson said he sees problems with what is available to vulnerable people.

The committee hosted a public discussion at the Lakeside Baptist Church Nov. 28 about substance abuse and how it can be addressed in Haliburton.

As people described their personal experiences and struggles getting help, Hodson said he understands that difficulty.

“When they do reach out and don’t get it, it’s just an absolute travesty,”

Hodson, a worker with Four County Crisis, said. “We don’t have a homelessness shelter up here. We can do all the stuff in addictions but people don’t have a place to live.

“I’m incredibly worried about our county.”

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Traumatic grief specialist Yvette Perreault facilitated the event. She described the severity of deaths in the opioid crisis, with more than 12,000 since 2016 according to the Government of Canada.

“Society’s response is still hostile,” Perreault said. “It’s a crazy amount of numbers but you wouldn’t necessarily know that, because people aren’t necessarily up in arms about it.”

The Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland Drug Strategy said



Traumatic grief specialist Yvette Perreault facilitated an event at the Lakeside Baptist Church Nov. 28. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

there were 145 confirmed opioid-related emergency department visits in 2018, but the tri-county data could not be broken down further.

Minden’s Dr. Nell Thomas attended and said local data on overdoses has issues, as emergency departments may not log them if a patient reports a different issue. But she said based on her caseloads, she has “a lot of people who are suffering” from a variety of addictions.

She added although there are prescriptions to address opioid abuse, options are lacking for stimulant-type drugs such as cocaine. She said there are not many options, although efforts are being made to find solutions.

“We’re working to find safe alternatives for people,” Thomas said. But people showed solidarity

throughout the discussion and talked about ways to improve the situation.

“We’re in this together,” Perreault said. “There’s a vulnerability here but these conversations matter about how we’re going to take care of each other.”

“It has to be flipping over of our culture,” attendee Jean Schlicklin Tyler said. “It has to be a wake-up call.”

Hodson also identified waiting lists and transportation as issues. But he re-affirmed that housing is a bedrock needed to address substance abuse.

“It’s just fundamental in people’s basic support system,” Hodson said. “Offer them a home with dignity, somewhere they feel safe. I just don’t think any of the other stuff, the higher levels of needs can be addressed (without that).”

Speaker: ‘May the horse be with you’

By Lisa Gervais

People left the Inspiring Women’s Luncheon Nov. 28 with some strategies to gain inner balance and mental strength to get them through setbacks and distractions.

Sharon Campbell Rayment was the guest speaker at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce event at the Haliburton Legion last Thursday.

She shared the story of how a fall from her beloved horse, Malachi, led to an acquired brain injury that rendered her one of only 60 people in the world to have Foreign Accent Syndrome. She now speaks with a Scottish brogue.

At one point, she was diagnosed as being “completely disabled.”

She said that after the accident about 10 years ago, she struggled to speak and stuttered. She was no longer a busy, thriving entrepreneur, wife and mother. Instead, she was anxious, overwhelmed, depressed, frustrated, and pining for her old life.

She said she erupted one day, from tiredness and anger, while working in the barn. She then went out to the horses and Malachi came right up to her.

“He put his chin on my shoulder,

slowly and gently lifted it over my head to the other side. He pressed his neck to my ear and I could hear his heart beat. And it was strong. And it was true. And I swear I heard ... ‘I know you’re lonely. I know you’re angry. And I know you’re frustrated but I’m right here. I’m as close to you as that heartbeat, as that breath, and in that moment I knew that if I had not fallen I would have missed the very rhythm of life,’” Campbell Rayment told a hushed audience.

“And what is the rhythm of life? To me it’s being present. Present to where you are. Present to whom you’re with and what you’re doing.”

She said that prior to her accident, she filled her life with busyness, spending a lot of time physically in one place, but always thinking about another.

She has worked ever since on rewiring her brain and designed something called the NeuroMindSHIFT process.

“After three years of struggle and research, I have confirmed that we can change our brains to help the mind overcome the anxiety and common traps that distract, disrupt, and lock us into ineffectiveness” her website says.

She walked the audience through a guided meditation, got them to get up



Sharon Campbell Rayment was the guest speaker at the first annual Inspiring Women’s Luncheon. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

and move to deal with their anxious “fight or flight” response, to yawn to release tension and taught them to use a pressure point in their hand.

“Because we all experience stress, don’t we?” She said the only time there is no stress is “when the undertaker undertakes to take you under.”

The woman, who continues to work with horses, ended her talk by wishing the audience, “may the horse be with you.”

Around the County

Schmale shadow minister for crown-indigenous relations

MP Jamie Schmale has been named the Shadow Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations.

In a media release, his office said the appointment reflected a commitment to holding the government accountable to improving the relationship between the government and Indigenous communities.

Schmale said it is an honour.

“The goal is to reflect the growing strength of the Conservative team and our commitment to work for Canadians from coast to coast,” he said.

“I believe that it is time to work together to create a positive future for Indigenous youth, including increasing economic and education opportunities.

“We must support those who are affected by their relationship with the Crown, and work to bring forward policies that make real and measurable improvements in the lives of Indigenous Peoples of Canada,” Schmale added.

During the 42nd Parliament, Schmale served as shadow minister for Northern Ontario and deputy shadow minister for natural resources.

Land Trust gets grant

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust said it will use a \$36,375 federal government grant to map and evaluate the Kendrick Creek Wetland Complex.

The Land Trust announced Nov. 26 it had been given the grant courtesy of Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The Land Trust said in a news release that the complex is 849 hectares in size.

They noted that wetlands significantly reduce the impact of flooding.

They’re also an important habitat for species at risk and reduce the carbon footprint.

“We are looking forward to connecting with landowners in this complex to acknowledge their excellent wetland stewardship and to provide information on a variety of incentive programs that are available to support this stewardship,” Mary-Lou Gerstl, chair of the HHLT, said.

Scott promotes Ontario at Washington meetings

Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott were in Washington D.C. Dec. 4 to meet with business leaders and politicians.

In a press release, the government said the two would meet with the governor of Maryland and chair of the National Governors Association, Larry Hogan, as well as Maryland Secretary of Commerce Kelly Schulz.

“Ontario has strong trade ties with Maryland, and I’m looking forward to meeting with business leaders and officials to explore opportunities to promote Ontario’s world-class infrastructure market,” said Scott.

“Our message is clear: Ontario is one of the best places to build and invest.”

Minister Scott was also participating in a fireside chat with the Australian Ambassador to the United States, Joe Hockey, at the P3 Government Conference.

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Securing day care a good move

This week's news - that the County has purchased the Haliburton Wee Care daycare for \$770,000 - brings the local daycare story full circle.

The purchase comes about a year after Minden, and the County, got a real scare in June 2018 when The Children's Learning Centre gave parents just one week's notice that they were shutting their doors.

Some 52 families received a letter saying the only licensed daycare in the town was closing. They cited ongoing concerns over funding, coupled with a growing administrative burden.

It was one of the hardest weeks for not only those families, but municipal staff and councillors, who scrambled to find a solution.

Peterborough-based company, Compass Early Learning and Care, stepped in with a new agreement to continue daycare at the Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) in Minden without service disruption. The deal allowed them to use the existing child care space on Prentice Street effective the very day the former centre was slated to close.

In August of this past year, there was another development on the daycare front. The OEYC board transferred ownership of the daycare facility to the County of

Haliburton for \$2.

At the time, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said the municipal control should prevent a similar situation from happening again.

It gave parents some sense of security after going through that tumultuous week of scrambling to find alternative day care, when there was really none to be found.

While the purchase did not change the day-to-day operations of the facility, since Compass Early Learning and Care manages the daycare under the oversight of the City of Kawartha Lakes, the asset itself came into possession locally. It can be argued that it guarantees in perpetuity that it can't go away.

Since then, the facility has gotten 23 new childcare spaces, and up to \$750,000 in capital funding from the province.

Now, the County is doing the same thing for Dysart et al. In buying the only licensed daycare there, the hope is to protect the future of that facility as well.

County Council agreed Nov. 27 to have bylaws presented for the purchase of the County Road 21 property in Dysart et al. The municipality is buying it from the Hodgson family, who started and managed the non-profit Wee Care but want to retire.

The daycare currently leases the property from the Hodgsons and will continue to under County ownership.

"This ensures that both day cares in the County remain in public ownership and stable ownership," CAO Mike Rutter said.

Again, it won't change the day-to-day operations. However, it is an indication of greater municipal support and involvement, indeed bringing some assurance to Haliburton families.

They daycare's managers are hoping the municipality can help secure provincial funding so the facility can expand and take on more children.

Parents across the county can now breathe a sigh of relief, and the moves demonstrate forward-thinking on behalf of the County.

Having secure day care further sends a message that Haliburton County is a good place to work, live and play for potential newcomers, including the medical professionals we so desperately need.



By Lisa Gervais

Winter woes not so unexpected

Why is it some of us are still caught off guard when winter makes its presence known?

I am referring to those who express surprise when suddenly the front lawn is covered with snow, burying the garden hose and sprinkler, or those shocked to learn that it could be a week and a half or more before the garage can install the winter tires. After all, we have been welcoming winter, in one form or another since, well, forever.

Listening to CBC radio this past weekend, one couldn't help but get the impression that our good friends in Toronto were in full crisis mode. Panic stricken reporters were seemingly tracing the movement of every plough and sander in the metropolitan area. Those responsible for snow clearing were hunted down for sound bites that would provide any hint of how and when the city was going to emerge from the sudden appearance of snow, yes snow, on city streets and sidewalks. With military-like precision these road clearing managers described the efforts underway to ensure that no one should have to confront a flake covered road or sidewalk. (An all season problem every time I drive into Toronto.)

It all sounded rather, I don't know, excessive. I like to think if our forefathers, the people living here 50 years ago, had heard such carryings-on, they would have been beside themselves to hear the histrionics that greeted the first significant snowfalls of the season. To them, winter was just another season, expected to arrive anytime after November 1 and to reveal itself with a blanket of snow and cold temperatures.

Now, if the snow had arrived, say at the end of September, I can see some reason for exclamations of surprise, however the snow that fell this past weekend was, if anything, a little late in marking winter's arrival.

Of course, the usual chorus of climate skeptics could be heard, throwing around with a sly smirk, the question: Whatever happened to global warming? Well, global warming continues apace as the never-ending reports from the United Nations and the warning letters signed by thousands of scientists tell us. While it might be convenient, if the warming these experts tell us is happening, could somehow resolve our woe over the snow filled streets, the fact is global warming leads to climate

change which will have a more telling impact on the planet we continue to treat with utter disrespect.

The climate is changing and those changes are creating problems for people around the globe: raging fires in California and Australia, flooding in Bangladesh and Italy, drought in western United States and north Africa ... all indications that the climate of the world is changing and not for the better.

So the problems we encounter as a blanket of snow descends on our part of the world, on schedule in November or December, should not cause any ripple of concern. In fact its arrival should be greeted with a sigh of relief that, while we may be slightly inconvenienced or annoyed, winter's arrival was right on time. When December gets here and we haven't seen a speck of snow, then I think we should be concerned.



By Jack Brezina



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: *What are you looking forward to this winter?*



Deborah Rondeau
Eagle Lake
Getting away. Being closer to the end of winter so I can come back refreshed.



Holly Quibell
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Snowshoeing with my dad and celebrating his 60th birthday on Dec. 28.



Janice Chambers
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Going on vacation. Somewhere warm. Definitely warm.



Corey Davies
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Spring. I love winter but I do look forward to spring and the start of the golf season.



Mike Durnan
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Spring. I'm not really a winter person. I do like ice fishing but I'm not a skier or snowshoer.

By Lisa Gervais

JUNIOR HIGHLANDERS



Red Hawks bring the heat

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys hockey team volunteered for Heat Bank Haliburton County Nov. 30. The team chopped, stacked and loaded firewood for the Heat Bank to provide to those in need.

“It’s good to give back to the community,” coach Jason Morissette said. “They’re young, they have lots of energy. Put them to work and it’s good for team morale, team bonding.” (Joseph Quigley)

Top: The team gathers together atop the wood pile they worked on. Bottom left: Isaac Little splits a log with an axe. Bottom right: The team works together to stack firewood. Left to right: Ty Mills, Braden Robinson, Paul Turner, Lucas Haedicke, Darian Maddock. Photos by Joseph Quigley.



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County of Haliburton news

Council sets priorities

Council plans to prioritize county-wide broadband, a governance review, economic development, sustainability and climate change adaptation over the next few years.

Council approved a list of priorities, a vision and a mission Nov. 29. Their selections stem from a strategy workshop held Sept. 6.

The document offers some timelines for the priorities. The municipality plans to complete a governance review by June 2021.

The municipality hopes to draft and implement the community-centred side of its climate change plan between 2022-2024. It also intends to decide on whether to hire someone for economic development in the first quarter of 2021.

County adopts housing and homelessness plan

The County of Haliburton officially has a strategy for how it will address housing and homelessness over the next decade.

County council voted Nov. 27 to endorse the 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan developed by the City of Kawartha Lakes. The plan establishes a vision for addressing issues, including targets for developing affordable homes.

"The plan is really focused on the low and middle-income households and making sure that we have adequate housing for those individuals," city manager of human



City of Kawartha Lakes manager of human services Hope Lee speaks to County of Haliburton council. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

services Hope Lee told council. "The work has been extensive."

The plan has already been adopted by the city. Under it, the county will attempt to create 750 new affordable housing units over the next decade, while the city will try for 1,280.

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter highlighted how the county is advancing that goal, with \$125,000 in the draft 2020 budget for the second half of the Minden Pinegrove Place affordable housing development. Another \$75,000 is allotted for another development with a non-profit.

"Your work is much appreciated," Warden Liz Danielsen told Lee. "It's good to see we have a solid plan moving forward."

Danielsen staying as warden

Danielsen is keeping her position as county warden.

She was the only person on council to submit a qualified nomination form, for herself, for the appointed position.

Danielsen is acclaimed and will be sworn-in for at least one more year as warden Dec. 17.

Council members interested in the deputy warden position, currently filled by Dave Burton, can vie for it Dec. 18. If needed, council will vote on candidates in January.

(County of Haliburton News compiled by Joseph Quigley).

Minden Hills news

Minden endorses services review

Minden Hills council formally gave its support to a service delivery and governance review currently underway at County Council and further pledged 12.5 per cent of the costs associated with it.

Warden Liz Danielsen and County CAO Mike Rutter spoke at their Nov. 26 meeting. The two have already addressed Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al councils, with just Highlands East to go.

Rutter said the County is being assisted by Michael Fenn, who recently led the regional reviews for the province and has a distinguished career as a civil servant and consultant. He's also a Dysart et al property owner.

Rutter said Fenn "observed that best practice in good governance is summarized as 'form follows function.'"

"Once decisions are made about the best way to organize and deliver individual services or to make policy in specific areas, then it is clearer who should be responsible and how they should go about managing, governing and financing them. Once the service delivery review is complete, Council will be in a much better position to decide on an appropriate governance model," Rutter said.

The plan is for an RFP for that review to go out before the end of the year. Rutter

said he anticipates hiring a consultant early in the new year. He added the final report must now be done by June of 2021, not the fall of next year, as previously thought.

Danielsen said the last amalgamation in Haliburton County caused 'angst' over fears of loss of identity and it was something they did not want to happen this time around.

Coun. Bob Carter said he is pleased the County is going through with this "very useful exercise." However, he felt it was a bottom up, rather than a top down approach. He said an argument could be made for setting goals and then working top down. He added that angst "doesn't mean it's the wrong decision to make. It doesn't mean we shouldn't do it or that we don't have to do it."

He added that he hoped someone was looking at the governance model, not just at how to spend money.

Response to Garbutt

In response to two delegations made by Jim Garbutt of Garbutt Disposals, the township has approved paying \$100/tonne for cardboard processing.

Further, council has also approved the request to have Waste Connections of Bracebridge directly invoice the township for any processing it does.

It has also decided that it will accept IC&I (industrial, commercial and institutional)

waste and all recyclables with a volume limit for loads accepted of OCC (old corrugated cardboard), to include a fee for cost recovery.

Staff have so far recommended charging a little over \$10 per cubic metre for those bringing in .3 to 2.3 cubic metres of cardboard. Up to .3 cubic metres would be free and more than 2.3 cubic metres not accepted at any site. It would allow for cost recovery and a small revenue, director of public works, Travis Wilson, said.

Cultural Centre repairs

The township has finally closed off its cultural centre repairs file after a series of burst pipes in the roof last January.

Emily Stonehouse, economic development, destination and marketing officer and supervisor of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, said the township had to pay a \$10,000 deductible and received federal and provincial government HST rebates of a combined \$7,328.69. The insurance company paid the remaining \$56,349.45.

Stonehouse said the stages included an emergency teardown and rebuild.

"It's done ... that's the important thing," she told council.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Successful town hall to be repeated

By Lisa Gervais

With 50 people attending their first-ever town hall meeting this past Saturday in Haliburton, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said they hope to have another in the spring - and two-a-year going forward in their terms of office.

The public packed the 2-4 p.m. session Nov. 28, asking about a range of issues including: landfills; the County's shared services review; the need for electric vehicle recharging stations; heavy traffic on the County Road 21 corridor just outside of the village; road deterioration at snowmobile crossings; the future of Head Lake Park; housing; the prospect of municipal water and roads in general.

Businessman Jerry Walker asked about the possibility of a single-tier government for the County.

Roberts said County staff and councillors were keeping an open mind, and by hiring a professional consultant, would make decisions based on facts, not emotion.

With landfills, Roberts said challenges, such as landfills reaching end of life, and decisions about where waste will go in future, are County-wide. She said they need the help of the province. She noted Coun. Walt McKechnie has for years lobbied for incinerating of garbage. Dysart et al has requested the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) look into researching the idea on behalf of all townships across the province. Kennedy added that they are big items and with 6,500 Dysart residents, "we can't afford what needs to be done."



Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy and Mayor Andrea Roberts held a town hall meeting in Dysart Nov. 28. *File.*

One resident said with electric vehicles becoming more prevalent due to concerns about climate change, Dysart could make itself a tourism destination by putting in car charging stations. Kennedy said it's definitely "on the radar" and would be discussed, including around the Head Lake Park master plan. Roberts added the units are not cheap and would have to be operated at cost recovery.

As for traffic along County Rd. 21, Roberts said Dysart et al, and the County, are looking into ways to calm the traffic, including a future pedestrian crosswalk.

Kennedy added that townships are now looking into the possibility of development charges, which would give municipalities more money from developers to do work. The two councillors said they'd also like to look at traffic in the downtown and Roberts said she would bring concerns to the next meeting mayors have with the OPP.

As for the park, Roberts reiterated they are working on a master plan as the park "is like a 40-year-old house in need of renovations". She said they are already holding talks with stakeholders.

With housing, Kennedy said he thought it was prudent to identify properties owned by the township and approach developers "to find out what they can do to get things rolling." He noted that Dysart had 296 properties of various sizes. Roberts said the County had committed to 750 units over the next 10 years. She said its achievable "if we all work together."

Both Roberts and Kennedy said they were happy with the outcome of the town hall.

"This has been great," Kennedy said. Roberts added they were hoping to have a positive conversation and felt that was achieved.

"We're here to get ideas from you, and let you know what we're working on."

HE ponders ward structure change

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East council considered whether it would upend its ward system to make the deputy mayor an elected position.

Council discussed an organizational review Nov. 26 made by consultant Savino Human Resources Partners. The report recommended changes including more staff team meetings, the closure of fire halls and making the deputy mayor elected instead of appointed by council.

But chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter said that would not be simple, as that would create an undesirable six-person council under the current ward structure.

Council discussed changing the structure or letting councillors be elected at-large. Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said he had no issues with making his position elected.

"Would not bother me at all," Ryall said. "There are advantages and disadvantages of having the ward system ... I would not believe in

having our council members at large."

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said she supports an elected deputy mayor and wants the wards to be more equitable.

"We need to realign our boundaries," Partridge said. "I don't think we should be voting for all council at large."

But Coun. Cam McKenzie said though he is okay with the position getting elected, he does not want to see his ward, as the smallest, get removed.

"I can see where this is going. Ward 1, which I represent, is going to disappear," McKenzie said. "I know we have limited numbers, but it's kind of a unique place."

Mayor Dave Burton said he would prefer wards be done away with.

"We still are not amalgamating. We are still territorial with each of the wards," Burton said. "We are here to represent all the people in Highlands East, not just our wards."

Council also discussed the consultant's recommendation to close one or two fire halls. McKenzie said

it caused a "firestorm" of concern but Hunter emphasized that the municipality does not need to follow the review's recommendations.

They also touched on customer service. The review said the municipality should invest in more online and remote options, as well as educate residents about municipal rules.

Hunter said there was some disagreement in the interviews that informed the report. Staff said customer service is excellent while council said improvement is needed.

McKenzie said he hears from people that they get left in "limbo" waiting for replies from staff and there needs to be more done to get back to people quickly.

"Answering a complaint, may not be able to do anything about it, but at least they know we got the message and we're dealing with it," McKenzie said.

Council voted to accept the report as information.

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Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge opened their new puzzle shop and factory in Haliburton Nov. 30.

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Couple fitting pieces together

By Joseph Quigley

Brigitte Gall and Michael Bainbridge said getting trapped at home by a 2018 cold snap inspired the unique business they are starting in Haliburton County.

Locked in with a group of friends, a large jigsaw puzzle became the centre of attention. The two had searched for another business model for Bainbridge, a professional mineral photographer.

The idea struck to turn his photos into puzzles, which led to their new business "The Occurrence." After months working from their home and online, they soft-launched a new jigsaw puzzle shop and factory Nov. 30.

"There is increasingly a need for people to disconnect and have a real, physical, tactile experience," Gall said. "It's reminiscent of all those rain or snow days at the cottage or hanging out with the family."

The two kickstarted the business on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton with the help of the Haliburton County

Development Corporation, which helped secure more than \$40,000 in matching grants through the Rural Innovation Initiative Eastern Ontario and Business Expansion and Innovation Program. Their property features a factory-floor with all the tools needed to print puzzles in the back and a space to sell them at the front.

The two decided to print for themselves upon discovering how few places do. They said they could not find any printers based in Ontario and few in Canada. Most large printers who could work in bulk would not do the limited runs they were interested in.

"You got an artist, 'I want to do a limited edition number, my artwork in a puzzle.' You have to order in large quantities to make it financially worthwhile," Gall said. "Printing in house, we can do small batches and high-quality puzzles."

One of the pieces they use is a piece of art owned by the County. It is a depiction of a map of the County,

featured in a mural at the land registry office. The two presented to County council Nov. 27 and got permission to use the image, with a portion of sales going toward the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands artists in the school program.

"This is great stuff and it will help promote the area," Coun. Brent Devolin said. "Let it happen."

Bainbridge said their new business has gotten a positive reception so far.

"I don't think there's been a single sense of anyone who has said 'that's a stupid idea, you're crazy,'" Bainbridge said. "Almost invariably people say, 'that's really cool.'"

The two are not completely up and running yet, anticipating regular store hours to start in January.

"Really enthusiastic about the opportunity to do this and it couldn't happen without the help of HCDC," Gall said. "That's what's so great about this area, is people really are supportive of each other in a small community."

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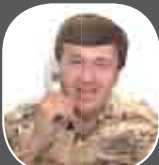
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Bantams drop 6-4 thriller to Bears

The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House – McKecks Place Rep. Bantams took on the South Muskoka Bears Nov. 27 at home and what a game it was.

The Storm came out strong in the first period, demonstrating great heads up play, resulting in an early goal.

Kaine Brannigan hustled and stole the puck with Cooper Coles rushing towards the net. Brannigan sauced a beauty pass to Coles, who made it 1-0.

Unfortunately, the lead was countered quickly as a puck deflected off an opposing player's skate to sneak by Taylor Consack to even the game 1-1.

Two Storm players took penalties, leading to many feverish shots on Consack but he kept the Bears at bay. With 31 seconds left, defencemen Austin Boylan scored a lucky goal while dumping the puck out of his zone. The Bears goalie misplayed it and the Storm were up 2-1.

Both teams were evenly matched and battling hard for the puck in the second. The Bears got another goal to tie the game 2-2. With under five minutes left, the Storm took another penalty and the Bears made it 3-2. Nearing the end of the frame, the Bears took a penalty for too many players and Boylan sent the puck to Kyan Hall on the power play. He scored to make it 3-3.

In the third, the Storm appeared as though they were losing steam. It started off slow with numerous icing calls but after the Bears took a penalty for shooting the puck after the whistle, the Storm capitalized. Aiden Perrott assisted Boylan in capturing his second goal of the night, sending a shot from the point past the Bears goalie to tie it 4-4. Back and forth the score continued as the Bears were able to get another goal. The Storm continued to fore-check but with 2:55 left in the third, the Bears got another making it 6-4. (Submitted)



Cooper Coles opens the scoring Nov. 27, putting one behind the South Muskoka Bears goaltender.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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#2 AUSTIN BOYLAN

Austin's speed and determination earn him the second star. With two goals in this game, he always gives everything he can when he's on the ice. He has become a good leader on the team.



#3 AIDEN PERROTT

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#2 WESTON BOWKER

Weston consistently works hard in his center position. Not only did he help his wingers in the corners and make some great passes, he is a role model to his team in sportsmanship and hard work.



#3 EMERY BAGSHAW

Emery was rewarded for her determination and hard work. She fought to free pucks and move them down the ice to create scoring opportunities and to score the tying goal in the last game. She plays with a smile, keeping the teams spirit high through the ups and downs of the game.

Peewees compete in Silver Stick

The Storm's Peewee LL Canadian Tire took on Lakefield, who ended up being undefeated in the tournament. Olivia Gruppe scored the Storm's only goal unassisted. The Storm's second game was against Havelock and Brian Robichaud made some outstanding saves keeping the score down but the Storm's offense couldn't break the defensive lines of Havelock. The Storm's final game was exciting against Kemptville. Liam Harrison opened the scoring assisted by Haiden Bird. Kemptville retaliated. Weston Bowker quickly put the Storm ahead again assisted by L. Harrison. Kemptville wasn't backing down scoring two more goals. Emery Bagshaw tied the game assisted again by H. Bird, making the final 3-3. (Submitted)



Kyan Hall rushes the puck up ice. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

fh SCOREBOARD

REP LEAGUE

- Haliburton Timbermart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies ATOMS
Nov. 30 Atoms 4 vs. Kawartha Coyotes 3
Goals: V. Logan, B. Hartwig, D. Davison (2)
Assists: E. Mueller (3), D. Davison
- Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports-Dollo's Foodland PEEWEES
Nov. 26 Peeewe 1 vs. Sturgeon Thunder 6
Goals: C. Manning
- The Peppermill Steak & Pasta House - McKecks Place BANTAMS
Nov. 27 Bantams 4 vs. South Muskoka Bears 6
Goals: A. Boylan (2), C. Coles, K. Hall
Assists: K. Brannigan, A. Perrott
- Nov. 30 Bantams 3 vs. Ennismore Eagles 8
Goals: G. Hutchinson (2), A. Boylan
Assists: C. Fowler, K. Brannigan
- The Highlander-Smolten Family Dentistry MIDGETS
Nov. 29 Midgets 5 vs. South Muskoka 1
Goals: R. Casey (2), B. Robinson (2), C. Martin
Assists: C. Martin, I. Little (3), P. Turner, T. Turner
Nov. 30 Midgets 4 vs. Millbrook Stars 2
Goals: I. Little, S. Hoenow, R. Casey, B. Robinson
Assists: T. Mills (3), T. Clements

LOCAL LEAGUE

- Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice TEAM NAVY
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Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice
- GJ Burtch Construction-Carquest Minden LL Atom Blue
Took part in the Silver Stick Home Tournament in Wilberforce this past weekend.
- Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow
Silver Stick Home Tournament Nov. 30-Dec. 1
Storm 8 vs. Sturgeon Lake 4
Goals: I. Borgdorff (2), G. Borgdorff, V. Heasman (2), E. Rowe, J. Casey (2)
Assists: G. Borgdorff, E. Decarlo (2), M. Little, E. Rowe, I. Borgdorff
Storm 3 vs. Stirling 1
Goals: I. Borgdorff, J. Casey, G. Borgdorff
Assists: I. Borgdorff, M. Little, R. Gordon,
Storm 7 vs. Apsley 5
Goals: I. Borgdorff (2), R. Gordon, E. Rowe, J. Casey (2), T. Mulock
Assists: J. Casey (4), T. Mulock, Z. Prentice, R. Gordon
Storm 9 vs. Havelock 0
Goals: R. Gordon, J. Casey, T. Mulock, E. Rowe (3), I. Borgdorff (3)
Assists: J. Casey (4), I. Borgdorff, R. Gordon, V. Heasman
Storm 2 vs. Delhi 3
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Assists: V. Heasman
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Highlander environment

Support growing for green burial society

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society (HHGBS) formally launched Nov. 28 with 27 people now committed to bringing the environmentally-friendly practice to local cemeteries.

More than 30 people attended the society's inaugural meeting at the Haliburton United Church to discuss the idea that involves burying the dead using green practices in specialized graveyards or plots. Society founder Terry Moore and Green Burial Society of Canada board member Mark Richardson answered questions and discussed implementation.

Moore said he is pleased about the positive response. He credited it to the efforts of community organizations to raise a sense of environmental stewardship in Haliburton over the past decade.

"People are ready to have a conversation about this and I think people are now prepared to listen," Moore said.

Environment Haliburton! has developed the idea over the past few months with a working group. Moore brought the concept forward after his family's struggles with burying his son, Kyle Moore, in an eco-friendly way during the winter.

He presented to local councils earlier this year and they spoke supportively. But Moore identified barriers at the municipal level, such as their worries about cost and winter burials. There are now plans for

a workshop in January with an external operator showing municipal staff and policymakers how a green burial could happen in the winter.

"Demonstrate how it's done in order to address some of the practical considerations that some of the townships have," Moore said.

Compared to cremation, green burials are more expensive, Richardson said. But he added they are still greener, given the carbon dioxide released into the air when burning bodies.

But the appetite for burials has plummeted. The Cremation Association of North America said the cremation rate in Canada was 72 per cent in 2018.

Moore said convincing lawmakers will take more public awareness.

"There is an interest in this and it's not just a niche group of people who are in the tree hugger community," Moore said. "The more conversations we have, I think it helps to build a different cultural norm."

Sharon Ireland attended and said it was a strong presentation.

"This is an absolutely great alternative to conventional burials," Ireland said. "We have an awful lot of environmental consciousness in the community towards our wild spaces."

Moore said green burials can happen if the community shows support.

"I'm very optimistic that we'll be able to remove the remaining barriers," he said.



Green Burial Society of Canada board member Mark Richardson spoke at Haliburton United Church Nov. 28. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Minden Hills Community Centre Fundraising Group Application
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or email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

This is an open call for applications until membership is filled.

For more information, please contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Service - mcoleman@mindenhills.ca. Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>.

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Getting Christmas crafty

Shontel Morrison of Little Miss Crafts a Lot shows off her Christmas wares at the Haliburton Legion Nov. 16. It was part of the Haliburton Royal Canadian Ladies Auxiliary craft sale, featuring 30 vendors, a country market and café.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.



Reverse Advent calendar helps food bank

The Haliburton Lions dropped off their reverse Advent calendar donations to the 4C's in Haliburton on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Every day in November, they donated a different food item. *Submitted photo.*

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100 women heal Enchanted Forest

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County donated \$6,350 to Abbey Gardens to help it rebuild its Enchanted Forest kids play area.

The forest was damaged in September by vandals. Abbey Gardens will use the funding to build it back up.

"It's really exciting," Abbey Gardens director Heather Reed said. "It was very disheartening to have that kind of a space trashed. We're very committed to having it rebuilt and we have had lots of community offers of support." (Joseph Quigley)

Children, left to right: Zebedee Jones, Isla Dobbins, Isaac Gill, Jesse Gill. Adults, left to right: Susan Roscoe, John Patterson, Joan Featherstone, Heather Reed, Thea Patterson, Barb Bolin, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, Tina Palmer, Mary Morton. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Gooderham group awards bursary

The Gooderham Community Action Group awarded its second \$500 bursary to Kailynn Sikma of Gooderham. Kailynn is attending Algonquin College in Ottawa studying Advanced Biotechnology and made the college rugby team. Students can apply through the Gooderham website, gooderhamontario.ca and applications are due by Sept. 1. Pictured, left to right: Liz Case, Marja Tuomi, Arlene Quinn (Kailynn's mother), Kailynn Sikma, Marilyn Wooder, Nick Case and Denise Winder. Photo submitted.



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

Council Meetings

Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Dec 12 – Combined COTW & Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the month of December

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. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

Christmas Food & Toy Drop Off

In support of the Annual Minden Community Christmas Basket Program, donations of non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped children's toys can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Municipal Administration Office, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday
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Donations will be accepted until December 18, 2019.

Winter Sand Available for Residential Use

Is available at the Minden Curling Club parking lot, 50 Prentice Street for residential use. Please note there is a limit of one five-gallon container per car. Sand is for personal use only, no commercial users please.

Notice - 2020 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2020 Budget deliberations during its combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2019.

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

Vicki Bull, Clerk
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NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING for PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday December 12, 2019 during its combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Council Meeting, regarding proposed changes to its Fees and Charges By-law.

This meeting will commence following the two (2) 9:00 AM Public Meetings for proposed Zoning By-law Amendments in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2019.

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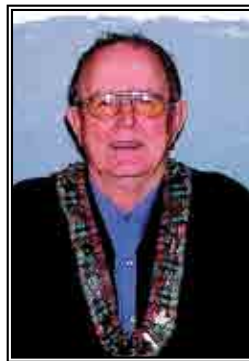


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OBITUARIES



William "Bill" Davis

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden on Saturday morning, November 30, 2019 in his 78th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Freda Davis (nee Dugan). Loving father of Ed (Linda), Sherry (Bill Mulholland) and Charlene. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Heather (Cameron), Craig (Cori), Edward, Jonathan, Carly and by his great grandchildren Hunter & Lillian. Predeceased by his brother Bryan Noble. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces Sandra and Sherry. Bill was a Paramedic for Dysart et al and a Dispatcher for the Ministry of Health. He served the Community as Deputy Reeve and Reeve of Dysart et al. He served on many Committees locally and Provincially for many years and as a Warden of the County of Haliburton. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, hockey, hunting and most of all his grandchildren and his family.

Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday December 10, 2019 from 2 - 6 p.m. A Celebration of Bill's life will take place on Wednesday morning, December 11, 2019 at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in The Community Room. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Autism Ontario or 4 C's Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.



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A sincere THANK YOU to my wonderful loving family for all their constant care during my stay in hospital and at home. They were always with me. Also, Thank you to all my friends and neighbors for the cards, phone calls, visits, food and flowers. I am so fortunate to live in such a caring community everyone is so helpful and always there to lend a helping hand.

- A sincere Thank You, Marlene Watson

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NOTICE

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- Sincere Thank you
Marlene Watson

CHRISTMAS



Christmas ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Lees. Fondly remembered by her best friend and cousin Carlie McDonald, and also by her nieces Denise and Terry (Mark).

In keeping with Maureen's wishes, Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on a date and time to be announced in the spring.

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- 1 Marksman's mark
 - 7 One getting a lecture, maybe
 - 14 Slick with the lines
 - 15 Quarterback guards
 - 16 What some do after taking a knee
 - 18 Twist, as facts
 - 19 Untainted: Fr.
 - 20 "Dig in!"
 - 21 Gossiper's opening
 - 23 Taking a cue, maybe
 - 27 Feels extreme pressure
 - 29 Jewish feast
 - 31 Disguise one's roots, in a way
 - 32 Former CBC radio show hosted by Sook-Yin Lee
 - 33 Van. summer fair
 - 34 One in charge: Abbr.
 - 37 Tokyo, once
 - 39 Belief
 - 40 Quick getaway?
 - 42 "Am ____ the right address?"
 - 44 From head ____ (all over)
 - 46 Crap shoot
 - 50 Friend of me and I
 - 51 "____ tale told by an idiot ..." (Macbeth)
 - 52 Gator tail?
 - 53 Computer monitor: Abbr.
 - 54 Aldo ____ (Montreal rocker)
 - 58 Prepares for all possibilities
 - 62 Take advance orders for
 - 63 Hot apple quaffs
 - 64 The Sabbath, e.g.
 - 65 Comfy and warm

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- 8 Windsor knot item
- 9 Booted from office
- 10 Tear off, as an entry form
- 11 Gave off
- 12 New beginning?
- 13 Spike TV, formerly
- 17 Record-breaking jump for Kurt Browning
- 22 Launch (at), as insults
- 24 Go from a spark to a flame
- 25 Off one's rocker
- 26 Little man in the garden
- 27 Grand goals
- 28 Crown Royal product
- 29 Kind of bank or whale
- 30 Diplomat on a mission
- 35 Didn't see eye to eye
- 36 Squealer
- 38 Elevator man
- 41 Splits apart, or sticks to
- 43 Having prickles
- 45 Song with the new lyrics "in all of us command"
- 47 Having the most seniority, literally
- 48 Drop acid?
- 49 With no layovers
- 55 Sugary suffixes
- 56 Green, in Grenoble
- 57 Meeting: Abbr.
- 58 "The Last Spike" co.
- 59 Smelted stuff
- 60 Grp. that kidnapped Patty Hearst
- 61 "About the Author" bit

- Down**
- 1 "Heaping" amts.
 - 2 Wild way to run
 - 3 "Clue" weapon
 - 4 Became clued in
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What's on

DECEMBER 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

Balanced Fitness Classes for Seniors – free of charge. Programs running Tuesdays and Fridays in Haliburton, Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in Minden, and Mondays and Fridays in Wilberforce. Call 705-457-2941 or 1-855-285-2944 x2938 for details. info@hhhs.ca. No classes running December 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 or January 2nd.

Devotional Gatherings, to be held Mondays/Tuesdays, afternoon and evening sessions. Come join us for prayers, meditations and readings; all spiritual traditions are honoured and welcome. An open space for reflection, prayer and sharing for well-being of individuals and the state of the world. "Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the face of the earth..." Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378 or Pat at 416-606-9657.

Thursday December 5

9 a.m. – noon – Adult Day Program Open House, at HHHS Minden Auditorium, 6 McPherson St. Refreshments provided for family, caregivers, current and potential clients. All are welcome. Contact 705-457-1392 x3305 with any questions.

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Lunch Is On Us – at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St., Haliburton. Free of charge, eat in or take out. Bring your friends, or make some new ones. For more info see sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult Only Public Skating at AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton \$2/person

1 – 3 p.m. – Let's Dance! Dancing in the daytime, at Rails End Gallery, 23 York St. Haliburton. "Dance like nobody's watching."

4:30 – 7 p.m. – Moms+ (MomsPlus) drop-in program for expectant mothers, new moms, and moms with small children, at Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce. An informal place for moms to bring their small children, to come enjoy tasty foods, make crafts and meet other women.

5 – 8 p.m. – Women's Shopping Night, hosted by the Village of Haliburton merchants and the Haliburton BIA. Come out for in-store sales, free giveaways, strolling carolers, and visit our warming station in the Village Barn for free hot chocolate and free shopping bags. Get your passport at one of our local merchants, visit at least five businesses, and enter to win 1 of 5 Foodland gift cards!

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. – The Highland Storytelling Circle meets the first Thursday of the month in the Radio Hall

of Canoe FM. Join us with a story or just to listen. No charge, all welcome. For more information call Bob at 705-457-8617.

Friday December 6

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Christmas Luncheon, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. Bucket draw, Santa squares, bake sale. Admission by donation. (Snow date December 7th)

4 – 7 p.m. – Children's Christmas Gift Sale, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. Nothing costs more than \$1.00. Children can come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family and friends, we can help kids shop, wrap, and tag gifts. For more info call the church office at 705-286-2541.

5:30 – 8 p.m. – Oxtongue Lake Christmas Tree Lighting, at the community centre. 5:30 p.m. welcome, 6 p.m. tree lighting and caroling, 6:30 p.m. warm-up and social time.

5:30 – 8 p.m. – Haliburton Rotary Community Christmas and Skating Party, at AJ Larue Arena, Haliburton. Kids activities at the Legion, with free pizza and goodies, visit with Santa.

7 - 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball, at the Haliburton High School gym. Cost is \$2, racquets are available. Contact Jennifer at 705-749-3787 or Jbcoates@xplornet.ca for further info.

Saturday December 7

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Free Breakfast with Santa, at YMCA Wanakita, 1883 Koshlong Lake Rd. All you can eat breakfast, photos with Santa, carnival games, live animal show, face painting.

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Santa's Workshop Craft Sale & Luncheon, at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. Shop unique items from area vendors. Members of St. Margaret's Anglican Church will have lunch available.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Children's Christmas Gift Sale, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., Minden. Nothing costs more than \$1.00. Children can come and shop for Christmas Gifts for family and friends, we can help kids shop, wrap, and tag gifts. For more info call the church office at 705-286-2541.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – "Fill the Cruiser" at Wilberforce Foodland with your donations and support our local food banks in Wilberforce and Cardiff.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Santa at Lockside Trading Company, for wishes and pictures. All proceeds go to Jacks Journey and MPS II Research Fund.

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends Don Stiver and Ian Pay, at the Minden

Legion for a Christmas Country show. No cover charge.

6 – 8 p.m. – Gooderham Community Christmas Dinner, at Robert McCausland Memorial Community Centre. Catered by Carol Evans and her band of Santa's Helpers. Please reserve groups of 6 or more in advance by calling Denise at 705-447-2953. Tickets available in the Building Department in Gooderham or at the door \$15/person.

6:30 p.m. – Light the Night in Cardiff. Join us at the Dragon Fly in Cardiff, for refreshments, tree lighting and a visit from Santa! Everyone welcome.

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends, Don Stiver and Ian Pay, at the Kinmount Legion for a Christmas Country Show. No cover charge.

Sunday December 8

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.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Santa at Lockside Trading Company, for wishes and pictures. All proceeds go to Jacks Journey and MPS II Research Fund.

11:15 a.m. – Family Christmas Service and White Gift Sunday (donations to Haliburton 4C's, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., at Pine St. Haliburton. Lunch following the service.

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

12:30 p.m. – Santa Comes to Wilberforce, begins at the school at 12:30 and parades down main street to Lloyd Watson Centre for more fun! Children 10 and under register at the door to receive a free picture with Santa, candy bag, pop, hotdog and a present!

1 p.m. – HHOA Annual General Meeting, at the Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. Members and guests welcome. Raffle at 4 p.m. 705-457-9664

3 – 5 p.m. – Christmas Concert Matinee, Highlands Wind Symphony, live at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. \$15 or \$30/family. Tickets available at Master's Book Store, or Minden Pharmasave.

4 – 5 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton \$2/person

5 – 8 p.m. – Free Turkey Dinner at West Guilford Pizza & Grill, please call to RSVP 705-754-9141. Everyone welcome, prizes for the kids, prizes for ugliest Christmas sweater. Santa will be here at 6 and 7.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm

Wednesday: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - \$500 Jackpot \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month

Thursday: General Meeting - Third Thursday of the month starting at 7 pm. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary - Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm

Friday: Cribbage 1 pm start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC. Darts Friday fun darts – 4:30 pm onwards
Saturday: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards

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; Calorie Counter 5:30

- 6:30. **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.

KINMOUNT BRANCH

Wednesday - Darts 7 p.m.

Friday - Bingo - Starts at 6:56 p.m.

Saturday - Meat Draw 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7 - Santa will be at the Legion at 2 p.m. Hot chocolate, hot dogs and goody bags are also available all at no charge. Gord Kidd & Friends sing Christmas Carols 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome. No charge, but donations welcome.

Saturday, Dec. 14 - craft and bake sale from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. upstairs.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Dec 6 Fish & chips 6 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Dec 7 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. sharp. If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please.

Dec 8 L.A. breakfast 9 - noon.

Dec 9 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome.

Dec 10 General meeting 7 p.m.

Dec 11 Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Dec 12 HHHC social rec. drop in. Come out for coffee/tea or juice, cards, board games, crafts, Tec. time, pool or just to chat, free, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Christmas theme, Bring \$10 Grinch gift.

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What's on

Biggest cast ever for Nutcracker's 16th staging

In many ways, Haliburton County and Heritage Ballet's The Nutcracker are synonymous with the Christmas season.

The iconic ballet comes to the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion for the 16th time this weekend.

Heritage Ballet's Julie Barban said it is the biggest cast ever - with 82 children - and about 10 adults, performing Friday and Saturday.

"We're up 10 kids," Barban said during rehearsal last Saturday. "We now have 82 kids. We had 72 last year. So, that's kind of new."

She added that Ania Smolen will play The Sugar Plum Fairy this year. She'll also play The Peacock.

"She was also The Peacock last year and she wanted to do it again," Barban said.

She added that with all of the new, young dancers, she has added a few extra things, which she always does.

Asked how she can keep the momentum going year after year, Barban said, "it has become a tradition and sometimes I wonder, oh my gosh, it would be nice to take a break but I don't know. I still love it just as much as the kids do. I don't see it ending for a while."

She said the other endearing thing for her about The Nutcracker is the music.

"I never seem to tire of the music. That's not totally true. After the Nutcracker, I don't want to listen to it for a while, but then as soon as I hear it, I have the dances in my head."

She said Dani Smolen is again busy working on costumes. She said she's been redoing all of The Snowflake costumes.

"I haven't even seen them, so it's going to be a surprise



Dancers rehearse with Julie Barban at Heritage Ballet in Haliburton this past Saturday. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

to me. And then there's a new Spanish. We did get a new Chinese costume this year because the other one was showing its age." She added there are new poinsettias and flowers as well.

They all began work on the ballet in late September, so with this weekend's performances finally upon them, Barban said, "I'm feeling excited." She is also looking forward to a nice long break afterwards.

Charlotte Moynes, 13, has four characters to play, including the Raven Queen, Snowflake Three and a Big Soldier. This is her seventh Nutcracker.

"It's kind of nerve wracking because it's very stressful to

get everything done for the fast changes," she said of the upcoming shows. She added that "in the big dances, it's harder, because with Snowflake Three, there's so many kids."

Despite the challenges, she is really looking forward to it. "I think it's kind of cool. Professional dancers are doing it and then Julie puts together choreography for our own ages and she makes everyone feel included and like they have their own personal role."

Shows are Friday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at 2 and 7 p.m. See: onstagedirect.com or contact Barban directly: julie.barban@gmail.com 705-457-1990

Tinsel and tears for those grieving during holidays

Organizers of an upcoming church service say the Christmas season isn't always a magical time for everyone.

With people across Haliburton County dealing with grief, they are again offering Tinsel and Tears, a church service Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church.

Pastor Garry Swagerman, from the Eagle Lake Community Church, who has facilitated several grief groups, says "Many people feel alone in their grief, but coming to this kind of service will show them that they

indeed are not alone."

"Come join with others who find it hard to see the tinsel through the tears of their grief. Come join with others to share in the hope that is so much a part of this season," added Mary Anne Swagerman.

She said, "Many memories of loved ones that have died bring the color of gray to the season of green, red and white.

However, Tinsel and Tears is a Christian-based service put

on by the Churches of Haliburton.

They want to give those who are grieving gifts of hope and good memories this Christmas. They want to let grieving people know that their loved ones are not forgotten, even though they are no longer with them. They want to let them know that they are not alone in this journey."

Refreshments will be served after the service. (Lisa Gervais)



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