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**INSIDE: HOME IN THE HIGHLANDS WITH COLIN + JUSTIN**

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Red Hawks forward Lucas Haedicke (#96) battles in front of the net during a game against Holy Cross Feb. 5. See page 18 for story. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

## Hub creates safe haven for Haliburton youth

**By Joseph Quigley**

Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub steering committee member Joey Varga told an audience she has first-hand knowledge of why youth services in Haliburton needed to change.

Helping develop and get funding for the hub became part of the 19-year-old's

healing journey, she said. After her family went through a challenging process in the health care system, she lost her 19-year-old brother Morgan Kessler to suicide in 2017.

"We felt we needed to do something that would make a difference in the system," Varga said. "Morgan needed something like this. The youth everywhere needed something like this. And I'm thankful to

be able to say I have been involved in making it happen. As a team, the youth in the community together with our allies have begun to create a legacy. We are making a difference."

The Haliburton Youth and Wellness Hub celebrated its official opening Feb. 6. Dozens of people toured the centre on Dysart Avenue, which offers youth

recreation and a variety of walk-in health services.

The hub has been running for several months as construction on its basement and accessibility features continued, which Point in Time executive director Marg Cox said were completed two months ago. The location is aimed at ages 12-25 and acts as both a social gathering space and centre for

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## Province commits to hub funding

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services for mental health, addictions and counselling. It also features social supports, helping youth with employment, income and housing.

The hub has 29 organizational partners who are working to provide services, including Point in Time, Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the Kawartha North Family Health Team. It was part of a series of 10 hubs built throughout Ontario and was funded in large part through a provincial three-year grant worth \$975,000.

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott was on hand for the opening. She said addressing mental health and addiction services is a priority for the provincial government. She also announced that provincial funding for the hub would continue in perpetuity.

"There's no end date. This is a valuable resource in this community that's obviously, quite clearly needed," Elliott said. "There's been so much community involvement in this."

"With the creation of the youth hub, we as a community are saying we care," Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said. "My hope for the youth hub is it gives teens a place to laugh, to share, to play music, to eat food,



Point in time executive director Marg Cox (right) describes the features of the hub to ministers Laurie Scott and Christine Elliott. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

dance. But most importantly, to feel connected, supported and loved."

Cox said now that a foundation of services is in place, organizers would take steps to add more to the hub.

"It is such a joy to have Haliburton youth have the kind of services they deserve and to see such a community effort pull together to make it happen," she said.

Talitha Varga, Joey and Morgan's mother, told the audience she can imagine her son would have used the youth hub and made connections there.

"I see a home for youth. A place for them to just be. To be heard, seen, supported and loved," she said. "It is too late for Morgan, but I believe this youth hub will save lives."



## Wires block traffic after collision

Emergency workers attended the scene of a collision on County Road 21 at the Industrial Park Road intersection for several hours Feb. 10. Haliburton Highlands OPP said the incident involved a pick-up truck and a hydro truck, with only minor injuries reported. Traffic became blocked by phone lines from a downed poll, forcing cars to reroute onto Industrial Park Road. *(Joseph Quigley).*



# Highlander news



Highlands East council voted 3-2 to draft a bylaw restricting fireworks. *File photo.*

## Highlands East plans fireworks restrictions

By Lisa Harrison

Highlands East councillors voted 3-2 to advance restricting fireworks in their municipality to certain holiday weekends.

Acting fire chief Chris Baughman presented a bylaw draft at the Feb. 11 council meeting in response to direction from council last September. That direction was to investigate the introduction of a bylaw prohibiting the use of fireworks.

Baughman included that option in his presentation, but noted that, to his knowledge, there is not a total ban on fireworks anywhere in Ontario. He therefore added two other options for council's consideration: restrict fireworks use to certain holiday weekends and times, or maintain the level of regulation already in place.

"We rarely find the events or the person who set [fireworks] off," said Baughman as he described the difficulties in enforcing a fireworks bylaw. "[It] is my opinion that public education and messaging regarding current restrictions and safeties may be more beneficial than the introduction of a bylaw."

Mayor Dave Burton and councillors Suzanne Partridge and Ruth Strong voted for the holiday restrictions option. Deputy mayor Cecil Ryall and councillor Cam McKenzie wished to see the bylaw written differently, such as including special occasions permits, and voted against the option.

With the vote, Baughman will bring forward a new draft of the bylaw for approval at a future meeting, which will restrict fireworks.

Baughman's first draft, written with bylaw enforcement staff, addresses the holiday restrictions option. It states that use of consumer fireworks would be banned at all times except: Victoria Day, Civic Holiday and Labour Day between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday; New Year's

Eve from 7 p.m. to New Year's Day at 1 a.m.; and Canada Day between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend prior to Canada Day, the weekend directly following Canada Day or on July 1.

"It used to be I would not leave my dog unattended" on holidays where fireworks were used, said Partridge. "Now it's gotten to the point where it's every weekend ... it's happening all the time. I don't see having any special exemptions, just sticking to the holiday events."

Other restrictions in the draft included the location of the fireworks, and permit and certification requirements for public fireworks displays. Flying lanterns will be banned from both sale and use.

Anyone who contravenes the bylaw would be liable to pay an administrative penalty of \$100 upon issuance of a penalty notice.

Two studies have been done regarding fireworks restrictions in Highlands East, Baughman reported. A township website questionnaire gathered 174 votes for a total ban, 174 for restriction to holiday weekends and 228 for maintaining current regulatory levels.

A Billings Lake Association survey covered 54 of 85 occupied cottages on the lake. Of the 48 responses received, 10 were for a total ban, 24 were for restriction to holidays and 14 favoured the status quo.

During an hour-long discussion, councillors considered Baughman's three options and whether the bylaw draft should be amended in any way if the holiday restrictions option were chosen. Topics included eliminating time restrictions and allowing for special occasion permits.

"If we were to come up with a way to come up with permitting [for special occasions] as an option I would be totally in favour," said Cecil Ryall.

Chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter noted that amendments may be made to the draft. Baughman confirmed he will amend the draft and bring it back to council.

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# Highlander news

## Algonquin Highlands sets climate change targets

By Lisa Harrison

Algonquin Highlands aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 15 per cent per sector by 2030 to help combat climate change.

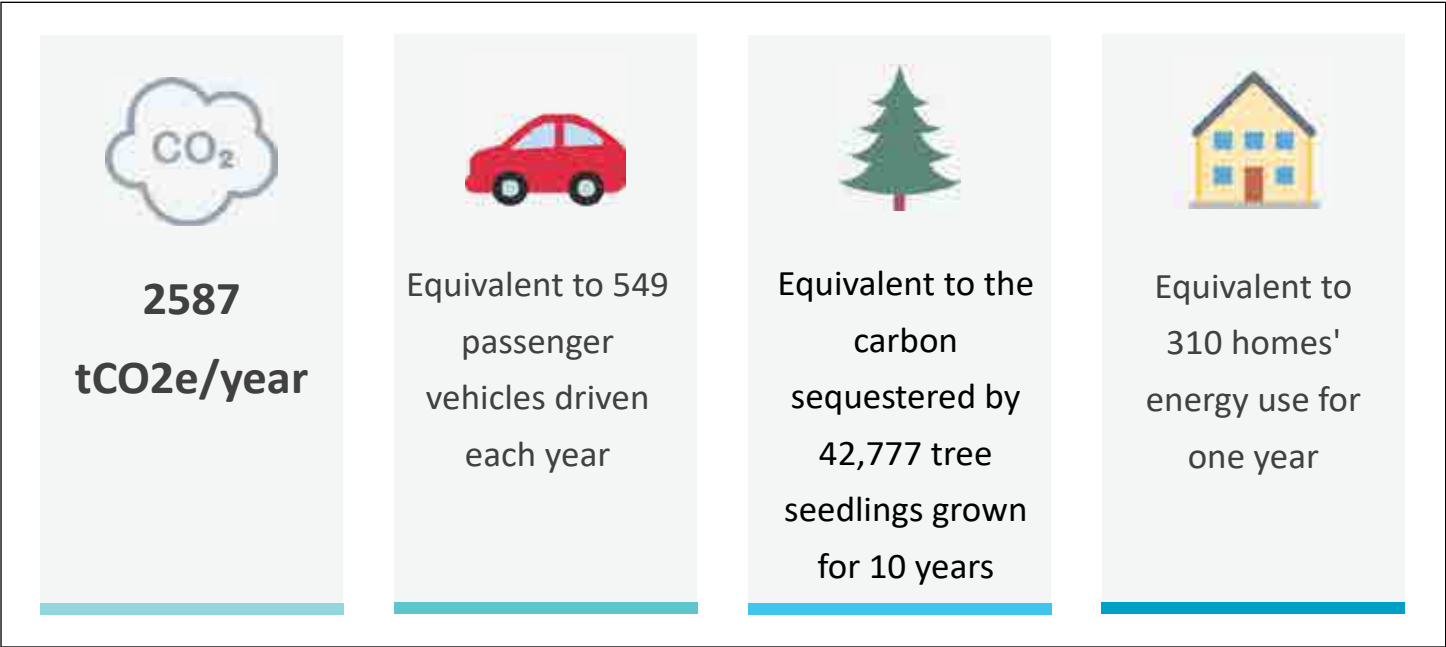
AH council received a presentation on Phase 1 of a climate change plan for the township from Korey McKay, the county’s climate change coordinator, at the Feb. 6 regular council meeting.

McKay outlined the township’s current standings going into Phase 1, which incorporates milestones for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and reduction targets.

AH accounts for 16.5 per cent of the county’s overall corporate GHG emissions, McKay reported. According to 2018 measurements, that’s 2,587 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) per year. An example comparison would be 549 passenger vehicles driven annually.

The GHG inventory by sector shows AH has 79 per cent of emissions from waste, 14 per cent from the vehicle fleet, and seven per cent from buildings.

Based on expected population growth of six per cent between 2018 and 2030, AH emissions are forecasted to rise by six per cent by 2030 if no action is taken. However, McKay noted that current population growth projections now show a possibly higher rate, so emissions would also be higher.



A 2018 assessment of greenhouse gas emissions in Algonquin Highlands shows 2,587 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) per year. Photo via Algonquin Highlands.

She recommended reduction targets of 15 to 20 per cent for buildings, 10 per cent for the fleet and 10 per cent for waste. Suggested ways to do this included switching out four light-duty vehicles for hybrid or electric versions and greater education on waste reduction and diversion. Mayor Carol Moffatt noted it’s difficult to set targets when factors such as costs are

not yet known. “Certainly, one of the considerations of changing over light-duty vehicles in Haliburton County is geography,” said Moffatt. “I would be cautious of having any kind of electric vehicle going 15 kilometres down a muddy cottage road for a building inspection, [whether] it’s got the guts to do

what needs doing in a rural environment ... That technology will change and we can keep our eye on it.” Council voted to target a reduction of 15 per cent for buildings, 10 per cent for the fleet and a more aggressive 12 per cent for waste, and recommended that the county include the target in its joint Municipal Climate Change Mitigation Plan.

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## Assumptions are dangerous

Few things generate the kind of outrage that abused animals do.

Such was the case last week, when a property came under investigation for containing allegedly abused dogs. It has gotten more blowback than just about anything else we cover. With investigators not immediately seizing the dogs or pressing charges, a change.org petition has amassed more than 7,800 signatures, asking the province and municipality to scrutinize the investigation.

People are so outraged that there have allegedly been threats against the property owner. That is shocking and this is a bridge too far.

The property in question had 14 hunting dogs chained outdoors in insulated dog houses. Their living conditions appear poor based on the supplied photo and video. The evidence was credible enough and OPP and provincial animal welfare services started to investigate the scene. There was enough wrong for investigators to ask for some changes to the dogs' conditions.

But that does not appear to be enough for most. The investigators have not pressed charges or seized the dogs, apparently not finding enough wrong to do so. That has upset the neighbours who reported the

property in and has outraged thousands.

I can understand why this story is so upsetting for people. I grew up surrounded by dogs and love them as much as anyone. Nobody wants to see animals getting abused. We all want them to be safe and happy and the imagery certainly makes it seem like these dogs are not.

But there is a saying that assumptions are dangerous. People commenting online have been far too quick to jump to conclusions. Some presume the dogs must be being mistreated, even though the independent investigators who have been to the property have not yet found that to be the case. Some assume the property owner must be lying about regularly attending the property without witnessing such a thing themselves.

Our worst fears for the story have come to true: that there would be an ugly blowback and an online hate mob spawned. It is unfairly pre-emptive. We are in the business of telling truth and helping drive positive change, not villifying people. Even if the property owner is failing or harming these dogs, that does not necessarily mean he should be subjected to threats, either. We do not know the full circumstances.

I am not against dissent in this case. I urge restraint, not complicity. In honesty,

I cannot tell what the answer here is. Authorities are not infallible. But if the investigation cannot find enough fault to charge, we cannot necessarily presume there is much fault.

I can say *The Highlander* will continue to pursue answers however this is resolved. But these are not the only hunting dogs chained outside like this. It may not always be inhumane, though some might argue it is. Perhaps what people should take issue with is the overarching treatment of hunting dogs and the laws and regulations around them, rather than against one individual who to this point, has not been charged with any crime. From that perspective, I do not take issue with people pressing on authorities and the change.org petition could be a good thing. Though people would do well to let the investigation finish and do more research about the laws beyond Facebook.

But the answer is rarely, if ever, to threaten individuals without much power. We would all do well to be more mindful of our words.



By Joseph Quigley

## Environment Haliburton!

## Giving environmentally-friendly love

As Valentines Day approaches, we ponder what to buy to celebrate love. Among the most common gifts for this occasion are chocolate, jewellery and roses.

Roses are less fattening than chocolate and less expensive than jewellery and can be bought at the last moment. But roses have a very fat carbon footprint. Most roses for Valentines Day are grown in Colombia and Ecuador and have to be flown in on special cargo planes. It is estimated that the transportation of roses from South America to Miami, Florida creates about 360,000 metric tons of CO2. If they fly to cities in Canada, that figure would be even higher.

Once in their destination city, they're separated into bouquets before being loaded onto refrigerated delivery trucks which then drive across the country. The flowers need

to be kept cold every step of the way and refrigerated trucks burn more fuel, meaning greater carbon emissions.

Chocolate is not without problems either. The plant that chocolate comes from, cacao, has a very narrow genetic base and this lack of genetic diversity makes it highly susceptible to disease. Brazil was the third highest producing country of cacao in the early 1980s but a disease called Witches' Broom wiped out almost the entire crop in 1989. Now, 70% of cacao is produced in Africa.

But global warming is causing droughts in areas such as Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire and cacao plants don't tolerate extreme heat or drought. Expansion of cacao farming to meet increased demand is causing deforestation. Also, there are problems with

pesticide use and child labour.

Just in case you're thinking about buying a diamond for your love, this industry is also fraught with problems. Diamond mining has used child labour and often the living and working conditions for people in the diamond mining industry are very poor. Diamonds mined in conflict areas have been used to fund civil wars.

So, what are some environmentally and socially conscious choices to celebrate Valentines Day?

How about dinner out at a local restaurant or a gift certificate at a local spa. A season's pass to a local concert or theatre series? Sounds good to me!

**Susan Hay**  
*Environment Haliburton!*

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# PHOTO CONTEST



# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: How do you feel about Valentine’s Day?



**Ryann Scott**

Haliburton

“I think that it’s cute. All holidays are an excuse to celebrate something and it’s nice to have a day to celebrate love.”



**Ben Conley**

Haliburton

“I like that people like Valentine’s Day- it’s not really my thing though.”



**Marie Wales**

Haliburton

“I love all the love!”



**Noah Lorusso**

Haliburton

“I like the time you get to spend with people- but it’s too commercialized.”



**Laura Hardwick**

Haliburton

“I don’t care for it.”

By Hannah Sadlier

## LETTERS

### Hunting dogs in poor conditions

Dear editor,

The Highlander article re. investigation about the conditions some hunting dogs are kept in, will not please a few hunters.

But as a Holocaust survivor pointed out, the 11th commandment should be, “don’t be complacent.” It is unfortunately a problem that has long existed and needs to end. I am aware of three hounds that recently froze to death around here, two at the end of a three ft. chain attached to a dog house with no flap, straw or insulation. Anyone who thinks this is an appropriate way to keep a dog, should be chained to a dog house themselves. Yes and toss them a few bones with a bit of gristle left on them acquired for free from the butcher.

I am not suggesting all hunters mistreat their dogs. I know hunters who consider their dogs companions who share the furniture, and others who have heated kennels with chain link pens to allow them freedom.

My 13th and probably last dog has access to a 50 x 200 ft. pen but prefers dad get off his butt and take him for a daily 45 minute walk in the woods.

28 years ago I adopted a pair of black and tan hounds abandoned on my property. Frankly, I had never given hounds much credit for intelligence, but Tiffany changed all that. To the end of her 15 years she was probably the most intelligent and intuitive dog I had ever owned. She had her favourite chair in the living room, but at the end, her rear legs went and she had to be helped about. When the day came that every

dog owner dreads, that last trip to the vet, I got her out on the step to lie in the sun while I got ready. When I came back out she was gone, then I glanced at the truck. She had managed to drag herself some 30 ft. to the vehicle and was waiting for me.

Keith W. Stata,  
Kinmount

### Dogs want human touch

Dear editor,

Keeping a dog chained outdoors in cold weather is cruel and inhumane. Working dogs need to work, and all dogs need daily exercise, companionship and decent shelter. They are our protectors, our companions, our best friends, and in some cases our eyes and our ears. They have feelings, they know pain and loneliness, anxiety and frustration. Dogs want desperately to be part of a human pack. A little love and a gentle touch will give you one of the best friends you’ve ever had.

I have been told that responsible hunters do not accept the suffering of any animal. So maybe hunters will be the ones to put a stop to the cruelty inflicted upon these poor dogs.

Shanna and Courtney, thank you for drawing attention to an intolerable situation. Also, thank you to The Highlander and Joseph Quigley for printing the article.

Judy Phipps and Family,  
Haliburton

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jennifer Burrows captures this Blue Jay’s winter coat.

**CORRECTION:** In the Jan. 30 edition of The Highlander, on page 10, the Rotaract Club information was said to be on Feb. 17. In fact, it is Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Haliburton School of Arts and Design. The Highlander apologizes for the error.



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## Stouffer is BIA VIP

The Haliburton BIA gave its annual VIP award to Master's Book Store owner Kathy Stouffer during its annual general meeting Feb. 6.

The award recognizes contributions to the growth of downtown Haliburton. Stouffer celebrated the 40th anniversary of the store's opening this past June.

BIA president Luke Schell said Stouffer has persevered in a time where many small towns lack bookstores.

"A bookstore is such a refreshing business to see in a town our size," he said. "You have a destination store in the middle of our town that people come here to go to."

Stouffer said she was appreciative of the award and the local businesses that recommend her store.

"Thank you for this," Stouffer said. "It's much appreciated. Word of mouth is the best advertising."

## Executive stays steady

The Haliburton BIA executive is standing pat for another year.

All eight members of its board agreed to stay on. No nominations came forward for new executive members.

"That speaks of a very healthy BIA and a very dedicated committee," Schell said.

He said things went well for the group this past year and its events have been somewhat more successful.

"We've accomplished all the things we wanted to accomplish," he said.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts thanked the executive for its continued



Haliburton BIA vice-chair David Zilstra (left) and chair Luke Schell present Kathy Stouffer with the organization's annual VIP award. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

commitment.

"It's challenging having a small business in a small town in rural Ontario in this day and age," Roberts said. "I think you guys are doing a fantastic job."

## Budget approved

The BIA approved its 2020 budget with a two per cent increase in its levy to maintain its many events and initiatives.

It is the first increase in three years and is expected to generate an additional \$2,380 for the organization compared to 2019. The balanced budget features \$57,825 in revenues and expenditures and maintains funding for seasonal decorations, flowers,

and a range of events such as Midnight Madness.

The budget also draws \$7,845 from the organization's reserves, a continued trend. Dysart et al treasurer Barbara Swannell said the organization would have to be careful with its reserve balances going forward. She noted their reserves were just under \$26,000 at the end of 2018 and now project to be about \$10,000 after 2020.

"You've got some key initiatives here from what I can see. Just be aware at some point, if you continue with the same trend ... by the end of 2021, you will not have any more reserves," Swannell said. "It probably is healthy to have a little bit of a reserve for future plans." (Haliburton BIA news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

## Algonquin Highlands News

### AH pursues RED funding

AH council has decided to pursue funding for a communications coordinator under the Rural Economic Development (RED) Funding program revitalized by the province in 2019.

Staff reported at council's Feb. 6 meeting that municipalities may apply for only one of the two available funding streams. The first provides up to 50 per cent cost-sharing for projects related to business and job growth, including attracting a skilled workforce. The funding cap is \$150,000. The second stream provides up to 30 per cent cost-sharing for certain minor capital projects. The cap is \$250,000.

Council reviewed two options from staff. The first was the hiring of a communications coordinator on a one-year contract at an estimated cost of \$85,000, including laptop, cell phone, desk and supplies, with the possibility of full-time employment afterward. AH's cost would be \$42,500.

The second was a digital sign and self-watering planters for Main Street in Dorset at an estimated cost of \$50,000, of which AH would pay \$35,000.

While Mayor Carol Moffatt said she was more likely to choose the capital projects option as providing "more tangible" benefit,

the remaining three members present voted for the employment option. All agreed on the need for greater community engagement and that a communications coordinator role could help with this and other needs such as website management and grant applications.

### AH approves sole sourcing of SCBAs

Algonquin Highlands will source self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units from a single supplier based on a recommendation by former fire services chief Mike Cavanagh.

Interim fire chief Wayne MacIsaac presented the report at the Feb. 6 council meeting. The report recommends sourcing the MSA G1 model of SCBAs for several reasons including the longevity of, and minimal repair costs for, the current MSA models. AH has been purchasing its MSA models from A.J. Stone Company Ltd., the largest MSA dealer in Ontario for the fire service, and the township may be able to reduce costs if it can join in on another large order.

The replacement project is included in the 2020 budget at \$205,000. Approximately the same amount will be required in 2021 for completion.

Council approved the sole source purchase and directed the chief to proceed with the replacement following budget discussions.

### Museum expansion project resumes

The Dorset Heritage Museum addition project is back on track.

Progress was suspended when the two construction bids received by Algonquin Highlands came in substantially above the anticipated \$270,000 project cost. Quinan Construction Ltd. had the lowest bid at \$393,500 and was the only bidder to meet all project requirements, according to a consultant's review.

The museum committee was updated by AH staff and has agreed to raise funds to cover the difference, according to a Feb. 6 staff report to council.

Staff provided council with two options for proceeding with the project: continue as-is and pay the full tender price, or work with the bidder to change the project scope to reduce costs. The latter would require new drawings at an additional cost of up to \$4,000.

Council approved the second option. (Algonquin Highlands News compiled by Lisa Harrison)



# Highlander news

## MP talks internet, taxes with local businesses

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce members grilled Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale for progress on topics ranging from housing to connectivity Feb. 11.

Schmale, who was re-elected in last fall's election, fielded questions during a chamber breakfast held at Camp Medeba, addressing subjects on the minds of business owners.

When asked, he spoke at length about the issue of internet and cellular connectivity. Schmale has helped push for federal dollars to come to the \$213 million Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) project to improve coverage in the area. The project has now been in the works for several months but there is no firm timeline for its completion.

"I know many of you in this area are going without," Schmale said. "I know it isn't great. The going forward is how do we stop this piecemeal improvement scale that seems to be happening in many areas, especially rural Canada."

When asked how people could support and press for better internet infrastructure, Schmale said the County of Haliburton is working hard to push that message.

"The conversation needs to happen on a grassroots level. That's something I'm advocating for on your behalf," Schmale said. "I know everyone's being patient but at some point, your patience wears out."

Chamber executive director Jennifer Locke also raised issues the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has with the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA). She said the national chamber seeks a service delivery audit of the CRA to address communications problems and other issues.

Schmale said most of the calls his constituency office deals with are CRA complaints and he supports changing it.



Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Jennifer Locke introduces Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale during a chamber connect event Feb. 11. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

"The tax system needs a review," Schmale said. "If I had my way and I was king, you would have a flat tax, at least at a federal level, and make it fairly simple for you. I don't think I'm going to get my wish."

He added his party has had conversations about a large tax review, though those have not stretched on the other side of the aisle.

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts asked about federal help for the housing problem. She described her daughter posting a place

for rent in the area and getting inundated with more than 100 requests including plenty of qualified, working people.

"The municipalities can't take it (housing) on by themselves," Roberts said, adding it is harmful to employers trying to attract candidates. "Housing becomes a stumbling block and they can't find people to come to the area because that person can't find accommodation."

Schmale said all levels of government

have a role to play. He further said the conditions need to improve to get private developers to build needed rental units.

"Nobody's going to build rental units if they can't make a profit. It's just the way it is, and the government can't do everything because there's not enough money," Schmale said. "We need to ensure the conditions are right ... Otherwise, those on the lower end will continue to get squeezed out or live in terrible conditions."

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The meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 1123 North Shore Rd.

For more information please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated: February 12th, 2020.

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# Highlander news

## Municipalities breaking through the ice for burials

By Joseph Quigley

Municipal officials and staff participated in a workshop to chart a path forward for bringing winter and green burials into the County of Haliburton.

The Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society hosted a winter burial workshop Feb. 4 to showcase how the practice could be brought into the County. Representatives from all four of the lower-tier municipalities attended to hear from expert speakers about the concept.

The society is pushing for the municipalities to start offering winter and green burials, which try to minimize the environmental footprint of traditional burials. Founder Terry Moore said he felt good about how the event went.

"Issues relating to moving towards winter burials got out there," Moore said. "It was being discussed actively for the first time. There was a lot of engagement here."

Winter burials are presently not offered anywhere in the County of Haliburton, given the increased difficulty of breaking through the frozen ground compared to summer. Green burials are a newer concept also not yet offered.

But City of Niagara Falls supervisor of

cemetery services J.P. Narbonne showcased the variety of equipment his municipality uses to provide burials year-round, which can be purchased or rented out. He noted different conditions can impact speed in both the winter and summer months.

"Weather's a huge factor. It slows us down, speeds us up," Narbonne said. "Whatever you have, it will change how long it's going to take to dig a grave or what you need."

The workshop also featured a presentation from CemeCare Complete Cemetery Solutions, a contractor that services burials in a wide area and has winter options. They offered a quote for \$1,125 to open and close a gravesite, with a \$350 surcharge for winter.

"We have good working relationships with municipalities," director of sales and administration Jeff McIntosh said. "We'll get your grave open for you."

Costs became a sticking point in the workshop, as staff asked about different models. The City of Niagara Falls keeps rates flat across summer and winter, but other areas vary costs based on season, as winter is usually more expensive.

Moore said municipalities have a choice



Kevin Baker and Jeff McIntosh from CemeCare Complete Cemetery Solutions speak during a workshop Feb. 4. Photos by Joseph Quigley

on the matter but added death is not equitable.

"It's just the luck of the draw as to when you're going to die," Moore said. "Why should somebody's family who happens to have a member die in the wintertime have to bear that extra cost?"

County Warden Liz Danielsen said all the

lower-tier municipalities are at different stages and would have to discuss a way forward.

But she added she is confident winter and green burials will come to Haliburton.

"It's absolutely possible, no doubt in my mind. It may take a little bit of time. It may not be in all four municipalities," she said.

### New Children's Aid director

Jennifer McLauchlan has been appointed interim executive director of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS).

She began her new posting Jan. 2 with the pending retirement of Jennifer Wilson in February. Wilson had been at the helm for eight years.

The board issued a press release saying Wilson "leaves a long and impactful legacy not only on the agency, but on the child welfare sector in the province."

McLauchlan had been director of corporate services. "Jennifer McLauchlan has full confidence from the

board as she brings continuity of vision for the agency," said board president Rod Sutherland. She joined the agency in 2012.

KHCAS is a child protection agency responsible to protect children from harm or risk of harm due to neglect, and physical, sexual, or emotional abuse.

### Foster parents wanted

The KHCAS has put out a call for more foster parents.

"Please step forward and show children in our community that you are there – and that you care for them," said Wilson in a written appeal to the community.

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"These are community children – and the community shares responsibility for helping them in their time of crisis."

Wilson said the goal is to have the children live in current neighbourhoods or communities to cause the least disruption.

Wendy Gordon, foster care supervisor at KHCAS said people from all communities and backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to apply. It welcomes foster parents of all faiths, genders, and sexual orientation.

To learn more about being a foster parent, visit the fostering section of the KHCAS website or call 1-800-661-2843 ext. 1221 to talk and ask questions.

(Lisa Gervais)

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# Highlander news

## County presses province on Muskoka favouritism Watershed management funding contested

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton is pressuring the province on inequalities it sees in how watershed management is being handled.

Councillors discussed the issue Jan. 22. They voiced dissatisfaction with the province creating a new Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group (MWAG) and providing it with \$5 million in 2018 to work on watershed management in that area. They have expressed further concern after learning MWAG input would help guide watershed management across the province.

Council met with various officials at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference, which ran Jan. 19-21. Coun. Brent Devolin said progress was made and the province heard from multiple municipalities on the issue.

"There is some recognition at the conference," Devolin said. "This wasn't the best and we may be engaged more productively as we go forward ... They got the message loud and clear."

Coun. Carol Moffatt outlined those concerns in a letter to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. After attending a consultation session with the citizen-led MWAG in November, she said she was told part of the mandate would be to help create a "broader comprehensive approach to watershed management in

Ontario." She said Haliburton County and its partners have already worked extensively on improving area watershed management over the past 10 years.

"It seems odd that we – and our many partners, have no knowledge of the ministry's work on a broader, comprehensive approach," Moffatt wrote. "We'd be most pleased to offer our knowledge."

In a response, the ministry said protecting the Muskoka watershed would help it develop a more comprehensive approach for other areas of the province.

"The Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group will help support engagement efforts with local organizations, municipal representatives, Indigenous communities, and the broader community to identify priority projects that could form part of the Watershed Conservation and Management Initiative," spokesperson Gary Wheeler told *The Highlander* in an email. "Our government will continue to put forward smart, sensible solutions."

The response did not directly refer to or address the County's concerns.

Moffatt's letter also takes issue with the MWAG not consulting beyond the Muskoka watershed and makes mention of the \$960,000 Haliburton is seeking for its own watershed work.



An aerial construction photo of work being done on Horseshoe Lake dam. *Submitted.*

She said she had a brief conversation with Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks Jeff Yurek at the ROMA conference.

"He didn't say no to anything,"

Moffatt said, adding she expects further communication to come. "He seemed interested in the whole innovative model we've created."

"We did hear from some ministers; they believe the money for Muskoka was political in nature. So, we'll just keep pushing," she added.

The ministry did not address this point when asked for a response by *The Highlander*.

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# Highlander health

## Hospice program in search of new volunteers

By Lisa Harrison

Hospice volunteers can be critical to quality of life for a patient with a serious or life-threatening illness and for his or her caregivers.

One man whose wife had been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness found that as her health grew worse, their relationship changed. They disagreed often and tensions rose. He didn't know what was wrong or how to fix it.

Help came in the form of hospice services offered by Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

"A hospice volunteer took some time to sit with the spouse in private to explore with him what his fears and concerns were," said Nancy Gosse, Interim Hospice Coordinator, in an interview.

"He expressed that he felt helpless, that he had spent their married life being the one who takes care of things and makes things right and now he seemed to be doing everything wrong and couldn't help her."

The volunteer helped him understand the changes he was seeing in his wife and identify tasks he could help her with, said Gosse. He became calmer, and he and his wife were able to smile and laugh together in the last days of her life.

HHHS will hold two Explore Hospice

information sessions this month to encourage community members to become hospice and visiting volunteers. These volunteers are matched to the patient, known as a client, to provide practical and emotional support. They also provide respite to caregivers.

"In many cases, the hospice volunteer assists the client with ... expressing their hopes, dreams and desires to help them connect with meaning for who they are as a person outside of their illness," said Gosse.

Volunteers can also provide unexpectedly uplifting moments.

For example, do you love to sing? Consider joining the Bed Side Singers, small groups of acapella singers who serenade patients with familiar songs.

"Bed Side Singers have often reported that they walk into a room of a client, seeing them looking sullen and quiet, only to see their face light up into a big smile once they start singing for them," said Gosse.

"In many instances the client begins to sing along and starts to engage with smiles and laughter."

If you enjoy helping people find solutions to their needs, your niche may be with Eventide: Community Conversations on Living and Dying Well. These volunteers connect community members with



Volunteer Della Redwood visits with a Highland Wood patient. Photo by Lisa Harrison.

resources on death and dying and what it means to live well when facing a serious illness.

Other roles include acting as facilitators to assist with HHHS grief groups and cancer support groups.

Hospice volunteers receive extensive training and ongoing support from HHHS, including enhanced learning opportunities that are a great resume builder, according to Gosse.

At the Explore Hospice information sessions, visitors will be able to speak with current volunteers, hear patient and family perspectives, ask questions and get started. The sessions will be held Feb. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the board/meeting room at Minden Hospital and from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Ruth Parkes Room at Haliburton Hospital.

For more information contact Nancy Gosse or Brigitte Gebauer at 705-457-2941.

## Mechanical felines the cat's meow at Hyland Crest

By Lisa Gervais

When Larry Medley was in Hyland Crest, he bonded with the home's mechanical cats.

Larry passed away in June, but his wife of 25 years, Rosalind, said the robotic companion animals were a big part of his life at the long-term care home he lived in for nearly three years.

"To me, it was the greatest therapy in the world for Larry," Rosalind said in a recent interview with *The Highlander*.

She said Larry often had two, and sometimes three, cats in his room. And when he got up in the morning, being wheeled into the TV room, she said his eyes "just popped ... like you wouldn't believe" when he saw the cats there.

"One time he even told me to go get food and a litter box," Rosalind said with a smile. She said he would prompt her "to go see if they're cold." She would joke she was taking one home and he would retort they had to stay with him.

While a seemingly simple thing, Rosalind said it's one of the best things Hyland Crest has done.

Administrator and director of care for Hyland Crest, April DeCarlo, and nurse, behavioural support person Christina Black said they started out with one cat about 18 months ago.

"I believe it was a family member that mentioned her loved one, who had dementia, had a cat at home. They asked if they could bring in their real cat, and that's how the conversation got started," DeCarlo said.

People had also read about the companion pets for ages five to 105, so they brought one in to try it out with a mix of male and female residents. "And some of the reaction was great. It's like the doll therapy," DeCarlo said.

Many long-term care homes have dolls for patient use.

They now have half-a-dozen mechanical pets, including a robotic dog. Some have been donated by family and some by staff.

During an interview, a very lifelike white cat named Fluffy meows, purrs, rolls on its back for a pet and falls asleep.

"Some of them enjoy it without the sound," Black says "just to have the cat on their knee."

DeCarlo adds, "some do worry about who's going to feed it, so if you say 'can you watch Fluffy for a little bit, I'll come back to get her and take her home after' they're good with that. Some don't ask those questions. It really depends on the level."

"But I think you do see it in their facial expressions. You see how calm they are with it. I think it makes a big difference. And they're very loving towards them. You can see the change when they're petting it and wanting to know who's going to feed it."

"Just about how they react, that compassion, it's like the baby doll, when they hold up that baby just the light of their eyes. It brings them back to the memories that they had, whether it be that pet at home or the soothing companionship."

In addition to Medley, Black said one



Christina Black and April DeCarlo with one of Hyland Crest's mechanical cats. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

other resident really responded to the cats.

"We don't have the sound on it but she does carry it around wherever she goes. If we find somebody that really is attached to them, we try to keep it for just that resident because we do have a couple of extra."

Black said it doesn't work for every patient every time but is another tool in their toolbox when dealing with residents, especially ones with behavioural issues.

DeCarlo adds that with residents that have responsive behaviours, they try different things, "be it cat therapy or doll therapy or planting or colouring and then we go from there to see what they react to and how their atmosphere is."

It's not just residents that the animals

are having an impact on either. Black and DeCarlo said visitors get a kick out of them, too.

"I think their first reaction is, is it real? Then they get a little closer and investigate."

"I think overall long-term care changes so you change to meet the residents' needs," DeCarlo said. "Today, the cat may work, tomorrow it may not. So, I think those are the things, when it's appropriate and when it's not appropriate, it what's the staff use. They may never has used it, but in the middle of the night, it may be soothing to the resident that night."

Other area long-term care homes are also using mechanical companion pets.



# Highlander arts



Justin Van Lieshout at work with 519 Films on One Simple Shift. *Submitted photo.*

## Haliburtonian travels world to make documentary

By Lisa Gervais

Landing in Helsinki, Finland at 4 a.m. - after a 10-hour flight - and then having to be at work from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. was one of the hardest work days Haliburton native Justin Van Lieshout, has ever had.

Van Lieshout is working on a documentary titled One Simple Shift for 519 Films out of Cambridge, ON.

The film is about educational reform, featuring three American schools that have adopted a different approach for high school students.

One of the schools is essentially a travelling boarding school that has already taken Van Lieshout around the world. However, it isn't all glamour, he said.

"The reality is that I work like mad. My job is hard to describe; I do any and everything that needs to be done, all over the world. From logistics, to camera work, to set design and location scouting."

It all came about last summer.

"I got laid off from my last job because the production I was working on was not getting renewed for another season and so

I was just living my miserable little life in the city super-unemployed," Van Lieshout said with a chuckle during a recent interview while home for the holidays.

However, he was looking for work when he came upon 519 films. They were advertising for an intern, a posting that changed to international coordinator. By the time he got the job and started working, his title was field producer.

In addition to filming people from the three schools; they've also captured world leaders, including Richard Branson and the Finnish minister of education "and just some really cool people like that who can weigh in on what high school should be trying to produce," he explained. He added it was quite surreal making a cup of tea for Branson. Other interviewees may include Margaret Atwood, Michelle Obama, Jane Goodall and Ron Howard.

The first school is 3DE (Three Dimensional Education) in Atlanta.

Van Lieshout explained "it's basically like having kids do co-op on steroids." He said the school is partnered with Atlanta businesses. Kids basically have jobs. One

student they're filming is doing a co-op with KPMG, a business consulting firm. He's working on a case study and if the work is good enough, KPMG will use it. "By the time you graduate, you know your strengths, weaknesses and interests better," Van Lieshout said of the program. He said they're predominantly a low-income school that still has to meet state benchmarks.

The second school is Avalon School in Minnesota. He said their focus is project-based learning with no classrooms other than a science lab. He described it as the most "hippy dippy." It's also a step up on the socio-economic scale.

Students choose things they are passionate about and earn credits in traditional subjects. For example, someone interested in flowers can create artworks of flowers for art credits or study their biology for science. He said the role of teachers is making connections in the community so the kids have resources. He added there is no administration and every teacher is on the same level, making decisions as a collective. "It's super cool.

It's in a warehouse. It does not look like a school in any sense," Van Lieshout said.

The third school is THINK Global School based out of New York. It's the travelling boarding school. "If you had all the money in the world to design an education system, this is what would come out," Van Lieshout said.

He likes what he is learning, and says, "I would love to see small changes implemented in our local schools. The solution is as simple as asking students what they need, and giving teachers the power to give it to them."

The job has taken him across the US, to Finland, England, Wales, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Australia to date.

He said the plan is to finish filming at the end of the spring or early summer. They'll then go into post-production over the summer. It's hoped the movie can premier next fall at Sundance or the Toronto International Film Festival.

He's been talking to local filmmaker Tammy Rea and adds, "I think it would be super cool to bring it to the Haliburton International Film Festival."

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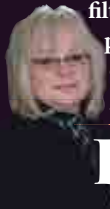
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## Rep novice decimate competition

The Highland Storm Ridgewood Ford/Haliburton County Chiropractic Rep Novice Team came out in full force this past Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Haliburton Arena against Woodville Hurricanes.

Having just recently transitioned from cross ice to full ice, this team is a force to be reckoned with, showing superior offensive and defensive playing across all zones on the ice. Henry Nielson started off the scoring with only 11 seconds into the first period. Followed by 4 more goals in the first period scored by Nixon Ecclestone, Levi Rowe with two and Hunter Hamilton.

The Storm continued to dominate into the second period, scoring seven more goals. Nielson added another two to his tally, Hawksley Dobbins, Travis Rowe with two, Brycen Harrison and Jacob Manning.

The home team didn't back down in the third continuing their scoring with another nine goals. T. Rowe added another three goals, Ecclestone with two goals, Dobbins, L. Rowe, Nielson and Cruize Neave for a final score of 21-0 giving goaltender Colten Simms the shut out.

Be sure to stop by the Haliburton Arena this upcoming weekend to watch these players in action, Saturday Feb. 15, 11:00am vs. Ennismore Eagles. They will also be playing Family Day Monday, Feb. 17, the Rep Novice Team will be playing at intermission time at the Peterborough Petes arena. (Submitted)

Nixon Ecclestone scores a goal during a blowout victory for the Highland Storm. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

### HIGHLAND STORM RIDGEWOOD FORD/HALIBURTON COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC REP NOVICE THREE STARS:



#### #1 HAWKSLEY DOBBINS

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### #2 JACOB LLOYD

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### #1 JACOB DAVIS

Jacob's fearless drive and determination make him a thorn in his opponents' side. His ability to sneak through tight spaces or his vision for the open man make him a valuable asset to the team.



### #3 ADAM DAVIS

The cornerstone of the team's defence. Adam is a selfless, team first, work horse on the blue line. He quietly does his job and can be counted on to hustle back to foil the opposition's scoring chances.

## Peewees battle hard in losses

On Saturday, the Highland Storm Walkers Heating & Cooling/Walkers Home Hardware LL Pee wee Yellow travelled to Huntsville to face off against Huntsville HRC. Huntsville struck first and dictated the pace of the game. Although Huntsville got ahead early, the Storm kept working. Jacob Davis sacrificed his body diving to keep the puck in the offensive zone. Then the next shift, Davis could be found diving to chip the puck out of the storm's end. The Storm's goalie Jacob Lloyd stood on his head making a number of unbelievable saves to keep his team in the game. Daniel Stephen was able to beat Huntsville's goalie on a breakaway early in the third. Then, with a minute to go, it was Jacob Davis setting up Owen Sisson for a beauty top corner goal. But it was too little, too late, and the Storm would lose the game.

On Sunday, the Storm hosted the undefeated little Caesar's team from Huntsville. In perhaps one of the Storm's best games, they were just unable to find the back of the net. Mykala Sisson was stopped on a breakaway. The storm managed to pin Huntsville in their own zone for the last two and a half minutes of the 2nd, but unfortunately, were unable to capitalize. Once again, Jacob Lloyd made some miraculous saves that brought all in the arena to their feet. Sadie Evans-Fockler did a great job clearing the front of the Storm net, making it difficult for anyone trying to set up in front of the Storm's net minder. The Storm matched Huntsville's intensity and made them work for the win. The Storm Pee wee LL Yellow travels to south Muskoka next Saturday. (Submitted)

fh SCOREBOARD

REP LEAGUE

Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County Chiropractic Novice

Feb. 8th- Storm 21 vs. Woodville Hurricanes 0. Goals: Travis Rowe(5), Henry Neilson(4), Levi Rowe(3), Nixon Ecclestone(3), Hawksley Dobbins(2), Jacob Manning, Brycen Harrison, Cruize Neave, Hunter Hamilton

Haliburton Timberrmart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom

Feb. 8th - Storm 5 vs. Durham Crusaders 4

Goals: Brody Hartwig(2), Vanek Logan, Henry Neilson, Luke Gruppe

Assists: Gruppe(2), Eric Mueller, Hartwig

Peppermill Steak & Pasta House - McKecks Place BANTAMS

Feb. 8th- Storm 1 vs. Dundalk Storm 10

Goals: Kyan Hall. Assists: Carter Stamp

Feb. 9th- Storm 1 vs. Dundalk Storm 9

Goals: Matthew Wilson. Assists: Kyan Hall

The Highlander-Smolten Family Dentistry MIDGETS

Feb.8th- Storm 3 vs. Shelburne Wolves 4

Goals: Tyson Clements(2), Braeden Robinson

Assists: Paul Turner, Isaac Little

Feb. 9th- Storm 4 vs. Shelburne Wolves 2

Goals: Nigel Smith, Reese Casey, Braeden Robinson, Isaac Little

Assists: Robinson, Smith, Jacob Mitchell(2), Hunter Amott

LOCAL LEAGUE

Initiation II- Tim Bits

Feb. 9th- Storm vs. Port Carling

Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice TEAM NAVY & TEAM GREY

Feb. 8th- Storm vs. South Muskoka

Feb. 9th- Storm vs. South Muskoka

Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice

Feb. 9th- Storm 10 vs. South Muskoka 0

Goals: Kelson Bagshaw, Nixon Ecclestone(3), Rowen Johnson, Nash Wilson(2), Hudson Meyor, Lucas Burke, Cooper Gilbert

Assists: Ecclestone(3), Jackson Robichaud(2), Johnson, Jacob Currie, Bagshaw,

GJ Burtch Construction-CARQUEST Minden LL Atom Blue

Feb. 9th- Storm 1 vs. Huntsville 7

Goals: McCartney Saunders

Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow

Tournament in Norwood

Game 1- Storm 5 vs. Prince Edward County 1

Game 2- Storm 19 vs. Rockland 0

Game 3- Storm 13 vs. Bancroft 0

Game 4- Storm 4 vs. Renfrew 9

Goals: J. Casey(10), R. Gordon, E. Rowe(10), G.Borgdorff(5), I. Borgdorff(8), V. Heasman, T. Mulock(5), E. Decarlo

Assists: I. Borgdorff(4), Casey(8), Gordon(2), Rowe(3), Heasman(5), Mulock(2), DeCarlo, G. Borgdorff(2), M.Little

Canadian Tire LL Pee wee Blue

Feb. 8th- Storm 1 vs. Huntsville 9. Goals: Liam Harrison

Feb. 9th- Storm 7 vs. South Muskoka 3

Goals: Emery Bagshaw, Liam Harrison, Haiden Bird(2), Liam Harrison, Wyatt Raposo, Bryant Medlar

Walkers Heating & Cooling -Walkers Home Hardware LL Pee wee Yellow

Feb. 8th- Storm 2 vs. Huntsville 11

Goals: Daniel Stephen, Owen Sisson. Feb. 9th- Storm 0 vs. Huntsville

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Feb. 8th- Storm 0 vs. Parry Sound 12. Feb. 9th- Storm 4 vs. Huntsville 9

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# Highlander sports

## Red Hawks struggle with premature season end

By Joseph Quigley

The Red Hawks boys hockey team dropped what could be their penultimate game of the season 5-2 Feb. 5 as they grappled with the prospect of their playoffs getting cancelled.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary school team could not overcome the Holy Cross Hurricanes, who came out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period and never looked back. The loss came after two cancelled games for the Red Hawks, due to Trillium Lakelands District School Board ending school-day extracurriculars over concern for teacher supply during labour unrest. They were able to play their home game because it was scheduled at 4 p.m.

Coach Jason Morissette said losing out on the previous two games hurt the teams' ability to compete.

"That hasn't helped our momentum. We were on a pretty good roll there. We have still been practicing, but because we're not getting those games in, that doesn't get us ready for this game," Morissette said.

The Red Hawks mustered a comeback, with Braedon Robinson and Reese Casey scoring in the first and second period, respectively, to tie the game 2-2. But Holy Cross stormed back quickly, scoring two goals less than a minute apart to go to the second intermission up 4-2.

Holy Cross would seal the game midway

through the third period, going up 5-2 with 7:36 left to go. The Red Hawks would receive three late powerplays but could not muster any more offence.

"Our powerplay was not in-synch," Morissette said. "They're frustrated... Leaders want to lead, and they want to make a difference, so sometimes they try to do too much themselves."

After the loss, the Red Hawks find themselves with a 4-5-1 record, good for seventh in the 13-team league. Morissette said they would qualify for playoffs, but they will not be able to play a road game unless circumstances with the school board or labour action change. They would need a top-3 finish to secure a home playoff round, which is no longer possible, with just one game remaining.

Morissette said breaking the news to the team about the chance of playoff cancellation was difficult.

"It's difficult, the look on their faces," he said. "You never know what's going to happen. You have to stay optimistic and positive. That's all you can do."

He added the team still relishes the chance to play the strong 7-1 St. Peter's Saints in Haliburton for their last game of the season, Feb. 19 at 4 p.m.

In an interview before their game against Holy Cross, defenceman Isaac Little said



Desi Davies shoots the puck from the blueline. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

the team would take everything out of its final two regular-season games as it could. "I'm pretty proud of what the team

accomplished this year," he said. "We all saw the team improve a lot from the start of the season."

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The 2020 Interim tax bills will be mailed on February 21, 2020. If you have not received your bill(s) **prior to** the March due date, please contact our office.

The Interim tax bill will be payable in two installments; March 20th and May 22nd, 2020. This bill has been calculated using the 2019 annualized assessment multiplied by 50% of the 2019 applicable tax rate(s).

Payments received after February 10th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March.

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### Council Meetings

Public Welcome

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

**Feb 13** – Committee of the Whole Council Meeting  
**Feb 27** – Regular Council Meeting

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**Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December**

### We're pouring the rink!

On February 19, the arena floor will be poured. The lower parking lot at the arena/community centre will not be accessible. To meet with Community Services staff, we recommend calling ahead to 705-286-1936.



# Trail report



Shayne and Gini Sedore pose for a picture at the train in Haliburton during a recent sledding visit to the area. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

The Highlands are a haven for winter trail lovers, with more than 1,000 kilometres of trails maintained for snowmobiling, winter ATVing, alpine (downhill) and Nordic (cross-country) skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing. The following introduction is the first of three Trail Reports in February and March that will focus on the county's main systems, including the much-needed boost they give our winter economy.

## Haliburton County's public winter trail systems

Visit the websites for details such as conditions, events and any trail fees and permit requirements.

### Algonquin Snowmobile Club

The ASC trail system includes almost 200 kilometres of trails running from Algonquin Park west to Huntsville and from Kearney south to Dorset. The system connects to several county and other systems. (algonquinsnowmobileclub.ca)

### Frost Centre

The centre maintains 22 kilometres of Nordic ski and snowshoe trails on eight stacked loops of varying difficulty that include forests, lookouts and ice falls. Also available are two warm-up cabins, rentals and a store. (algonquinhighlands.ca/visitors/ski-snowshoe-trails.php)

## Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

The HCSA's 370 kilometres of trails include the Forest and Rail (FAR) Tour that circuits through Haliburton, Minden and Camarvon. HCSA also partners in the world-famous Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour and offers several entry points to other systems. (hcsa.ca)

### Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

Owned privately, the Forest provides more than 400 kilometres of trails for snowmobiling and winter ATVing. Snowmobile rentals, food, accommodations and free parking are available at the Base Camp near Kennisis Lake. (haliburtonforest.com)

### Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association

HHNTA manages 36 kilometres of trails in hilly Glebe Park, family-friendly Moosewoods and dog-friendly Twin Lakes. Check out the Ski All 3 Challenge on Facebook and the Jackrabbit weekly youth

program. Memberships and day passes also give access to YMCA Wanakita's 16 kilometres of classic-only trails. (skihaliburton.com)

### The Paudash Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club

The club manages more than 300 kilometres of varied trails in the Highlands East area, from Gooderham toward Bancroft and from the south end of Algonquin Park to just north of Apsley. The trails connect to the HCSA system and others. (paudashtrailblazers.on.ca)

### Silent Lake Provincial Park

Located in Highlands East, the park offers Nordic skiing and snowshoeing on more than 40 kilometres of trails in four connecting loops ranging up to 19 kilometres in length. Overnight accommodations include yurts, camp cabins and car-accessible campsites with electricity. (highlandseast.ca)

### Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

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### Snowdon Park

Nordic ski and snowshoe routes of up to three kilometres run through mixed woodlands in this 460-acre park in Minden Hills. Enter just south of the intersection of County Road 1 (Gelert Road) and South Lake Road. (mindenhills.ca/community-services-department-home/parks-trails/)

### Tall Pines Snowmobile Club

The club maintains more than 200 kilometres of trails from Muskoka to the western border of Algonquin Park, and connects to systems that include the ASC, HCSA and Haliburton Forest systems. (tallpines.org)

## Forecasts

To help you plan your trail use, following are short- and long-term weather forecasts from The Weather Network and The Old Farmer's Almanac as of Feb. 11. However, the weather in Haliburton County is notoriously changeable and can differ by region. For current trail conditions, visit the trail system website.

**Feb. 14:** 10% chance of flurries; -17°C

**Feb. 15:** 40% chance of flurries; -7°C

**Feb. 16:** 40% chance of flurries; -2°C

**Feb. 17:** 60% chance of snow; -4°C

**Feb. 18-25:** Rain/snow mix Feb. 18, then mostly sunny; greatest chance of snowfall

**Feb. 22-23:** (3-7 cm); temperature range of -6°C to 4°C

**Feb. 26-29:** Snow showers; cold, then mild

### Trail Events – Feb. 14 to 29

Events are recorded from trail system websites as of Feb. 11 and may be subject to change and additions. For details and updates, visit the websites.

### Frost Centre

Algonquin Highlands Snowshoe and Ski the Frost Photo Contest

### Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

**Feb. 13:** Ice Fishing Outing, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

**Feb. 22:** Pop-up Hot Lunch (cash only), L'Azure Lake Cabin

### Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

**Feb. 14:** Masters Ski Racing, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Feb. 15-17:** Family Day Weekend

**Feb. 23:** Peterborough Day, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Feb. 23:** Sir Sam's Ski Challenge, 1 p.m.

**Feb. 29:** Sir Sam's Ski Challenge Final, 1 to 4 p.m.



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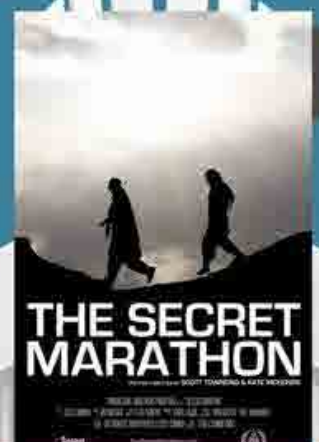
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# Highlander events



## Making tracks Hike Haliburton style

This past weekend marked the first Hike Haliburton Winter Edition. Families and friends were able to go out together and enjoy the winter weather, while trekking the trails around Haliburton. County director of Tourism Amanda Virtanen said it was “a success by all accounts” and attracted nearly 400 participants. Top: A small group joined Rick Whitteker on Sunday morning on one of many Hike Haliburton excursions throughout the weekend. *(Hannah Sadlier)*



## Multicultural music with the Lemon Bucket Orkestra

Life was brought to Haliburton on Saturday night, as the Lemon Bucket Orkestra performed at the Haliburton Legion, thanks to Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3). The band played guerrilla-folk party-punk music. Before the show, guests were able to learn some eastern European social dances that they brought to the floor later in the night. “It takes a town, a county and a country to bring Lemon Bucket Orkestra here and we have done it,” said Jim Blake, DH3 chair. *(Hannah Sadlier)*

Left: Stephania Woloshyn wows everyone with her movement. Right: Mark Marczyk, Marichka Marczyk & Stephania Woloshyn perform. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier.*



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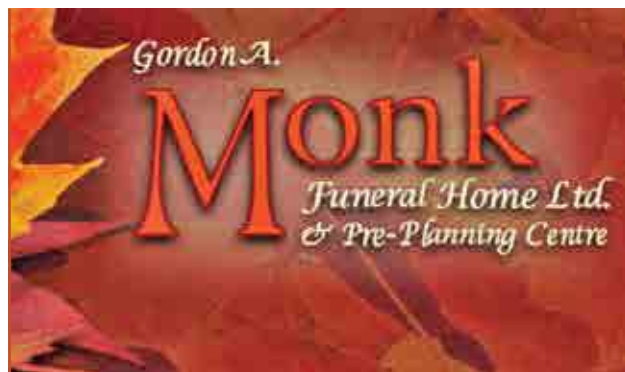
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## EVENTS

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## OBITUARIES



### William "Bill" Timms

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Promoted to Glory at Haliburton Hospital surrounded by his family and friends on Wednesday evening, February 5, 2020 in his 89th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Elva Matthews for over 24 years. Loving father of Bill Jr. (Inga), Kelley (Ben), Shannon, Shawna, Marie, Brenda and Gail (Bill). Also lovingly remembered by his many grandchildren, great grandchildren and his great great grandson Mason. Bill was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a Deacon of the West Guilford Baptist Church for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, meeting people and was instrumental in starting a Sunday morning Church Service at Extendicare in Haliburton. He was also very involved in the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton for many years.

#### Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Tuesday morning, February 11, 2020 for a Legion Service at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A Celebration of Bill's life followed. Reception followed at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton 719 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario. As expressions of sympathy, donations to West Guilford Baptist Church or the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 would be appreciated by the family.



### FLIEGER *Judith Mae*



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Judy Flieger (nee Low) on Tuesday February 4, 2020 in her 81st year. Judy will be sadly missed by her husband of 63 years Roy, daughters Kim Flieger (Ross Kalanda), Pat VandenEnden (Jim) and the late Debbie Thomas and son Ken Flieger (Sue Adams). Judy is also survived by her sisters Heather Dryden (late Ross) and Bonnie Low. Judy will be forever remembered by her grandchildren Lori, Stephen and Sonja VandenEnden, Ruby and Charlie Flieger and David Greenhow (Nicole) and great-grandchildren Madison and Ashlyn. Judy will also be dearly missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. After retiring from the family automotive repair business in Oakville, Judy resided in Brighton and Minden where she spent countless hours supporting the local Legion branches through her tireless work on the executive. Judy was president of the Minden Legion for 3 years and as a result of her efforts she was awarded a lifetime membership. Judy will live on through the many quilts, needle-points and crafts created by her talented hands. Cremation has taken place. A private family celebration will be held at a later date. If desired, donations to Brighton Legion Branch 100 would be appreciated by the family.



### HILARY BROWN

Passed away peacefully, after a valiant battle with cancer, at her home in Gravenhurst, with family by her side, on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Hilary was in her 73rd year. Beloved wife of Leo Sepa. Loving mother of Christopher Brown (Amanda).

Dear stepmother of Anthony Sepa (Spring), and David Sepa (Cindy). Cherished grandmother of River, Wiley, Alexander, Elizabeth, William, and Joshua. Sister of Myrna Foley (Jim), and Howard Brown. Hilary will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Hilary had a successful career with Yellow Pages and Bell Canada. She loved to travel; she re-established the Moore Lake Property Owner's Association in Haliburton. Hilary was also a driving force in local politics.

To honour her wishes, cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in the spring. Memorial Contributions to the Canadian Cancer Society or South Muskoka Memorial Hospital Bracebridge would be greatly appreciated. Personal condolences and memories may be shared at [www.cavillfuneralhome.com](http://www.cavillfuneralhome.com)



In Loving Memory of

### William "Willie" Schmidt

of Scarborough and Kennis Lake, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2020 in Haliburton, Ontario. Born on July 5, 1930 in Reichenbach, Thüringen, Germany; son of the late Albin and Hulda (nee Wenk) Schmidt.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years; Ilse (Saretzki); sons Gordon of Scarborough, Kirk (Marjorie) of Sutherlands River, Nova Scotia; grandsons William and Kaelan and granddaughter Amy, all of Nova Scotia. Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his brother Kurt.

Willie learned the art of fine cabinet making in Kenzingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany after leaving East Germany in 1949. During his time in southern Germany, Willie met and married Ilse before emigrating to Canada in the summer of 1954. Throughout his career, he supervised residential and commercial construction projects throughout the Greater Toronto Area before retiring in 2006. Neighbours at Kennis Lake remember the familiar drone of his cement mixer as he worked on various projects around the cottage. He spent his retirement years between his home in Scarborough and his beloved cottage at Kennis Lake. Throughout his life, Willie enjoyed a good joke, gardening, building furniture and of course hunting. He spent many falls moose hunting in Northwestern Ontario with friends and his son, Kirk. After retirement, Willie devoted his time to building his dream cottage affectionately coined "The Hacenda" which is a legacy to his wood working skill, determination and work ethic.

The family wish to thank the staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services for the care and compassion Willie received.

A committal of ashes will be held at a later date. If desired, donations can be made in his name to the Canadian Down Syndrome Society and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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by Barbara Olson

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- 15 Fibrous body scrubber: Var.
- 16 Expressed wonder, in a way
- 17 Cool little canine?
- 19 Sprained arm support
- 20 Crater maker, maybe
- 21 Nobody special, grammatically
- 23 Fairy tale beginning
- 24 Unedited text: Abbr.
- 25 Cool cigar enthusiast?
- 28 FBI agents, for short
- 30 Stylist's shady offer?
- 31 Relayed disturbing news
- 34 Sine's reciprocal, in trig
- 37 Mr. Nahasapeemapetilon on "The Simpsons"
- 40 Cool substitutes?
- 43 Taurus's season: Abbr.
- 44 8th Greek letter
- 45 Low-down joint
- 46 Come \_\_\_ surprise
- 48 South American burrower
- 50 Cool ball player behind home plate?
- 54 As-new condition
- 58 Dirty look?
- 59 "Hug, hug, hug" by mail
- 60 Bitcoin, e.g.
- 62 Machu Pichu's range
- 64 Cool sideshow attraction?
- 66 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" writer
- 67 BBC sci-fi time-traveller
- 68 Line on a road map: Abbr.
- 69 Kim's rap-star beau
- 70 Knighted Canadian physician
- 71 Lipped esses

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- 1 Jerry's sitcom neighbour Kramer
- 2 Curling showdown sponsored by Tim Hortons
- 3 Prickly pears, e.g.
- 4 Chow chow
- 5 Haitian monetary unit
- 6 Hack (off)
- 7 King \_\_\_ (Michael Jackson)
- 8 "The Great" Gretzky
- 9 Twelve-Step mtgs.
- 10 Bar with a hitching post out front
- 11 Brainstorming group
- 12 "Thus" relative
- 13 Fenceline grass trimmer
- 18 Big beer bash
- 22 Lauder of beauty
- 26 Man with "un neveu"
- 27 Nova Scotian First Nation
- 29 It blows hot air in Italy
- 31 Spoken silence fillers
- 32 Domino dot
- 33 Acquired very quickly, as a tan
- 35 Bit of porridge
- 36 Ending with "land" or "sea"
- 38 Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's grp.
- 39 Be a lousy lover, say
- 41 It doesn't last long on Snapchat
- 42 Fill with love, in the States
- 47 A little off upstairs
- 49 "We \_\_\_ World"
- 50 Bottle to nip from
- 51 \_\_\_ hand (helped out)
- 52 Owned apartment
- 53 Pre-seeders
- 55 Not active in chem class?
- 56 Opposite of o'er
- 57 Young'uns
- 61 Hitchcock's "Dial \_\_\_ Murder"
- 63 Get the drift
- 65 Belt hole punch

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## FEBRUARY 2020 • EVENT LISTINGS



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Video Production and Photography for Youth 18-29. Every Tuesday and Wednesday for 4 weeks starting February 18 at the Haliburton Youth Hub, 12 Dysart Avenue. This is free but you must register by calling 705-457-2020 or email [jillian.diezel@flemingcollege.ca](mailto:jillian.diezel@flemingcollege.ca).

Devotional Gatherings, to be held Mondays/Tuesdays. 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 earth...", [bahai.org](http://bahai.org). Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378.

### Thursday February 13

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. - HHHS Community Support Services - Gentle and FUN fitness class, technology tutorials, Cricut making vinyl craft project, fantastic snacks and coffee/tea to warm your hearts—TRAIN DOMINOES & Tina Jackson speaks on accessing heat & hydro supports. Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Road.

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](http://sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus)

### Friday February 14

9:30 am – 4:30 p.m. – Masters Ski Racing – Experience at Sior Sam's Ski and Bike

12 – 2 p.m. – Turtle Guardians and Land Between Fun Festivus and Skating Party at the Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. 705-457-1222 Light Snacks and Refreshments.

1 – 4 p.m. - HHHS Community Support Services - Gentle and FUN fitness class, technology tutorials, Cricut making vinyl craft project, fantastic snacks and coffee/tea to warm your hearts. Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street St.

6 – 9 p.m. – Trina West – Love Songs live at the Dominion Hotel

7 p.m. – Albert Saxby – Boshkung Social Friday Night Live at the Minden Curling Club

### Saturday February 15

All Day – Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival

Ice Racing – Weekend 4 at the Minden Fairgrounds

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Haliburton Land Trust Bird Box Building at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. Join Norm Rondeau to construct bird houses. Kits will be provided. Call 705-457-3700 for

more info.

2 p.m. – Maple Lake United Church (corner of Highway 118 and Stanhope Airport Road) will be hosting a Valentine's themed musical concert.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Frostfest and Polar Bear Challenge at Head Lake Park. Many family friendly events to celebrate winter and horse drawn wagon rides though Downtown Haliburton.

7 – 10 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friends Ian Pay and Scott Russell, Country Classic Rock at the Dominion Hotel. Join us for stompin' rockin' country music. No cover.

### Sunday February 16

Ice Racing – Weekend 4 at the Minden Fairgrounds

1 – 4 p.m. – Family Fun Days at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Crafts, treats, and other winter fun.

7 – 10 p.m. – Fire and Ice tasting Experience at the Minden Cultural Centre

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Beer and Cheese Pairing at Haliburton Highlands Brewing

### Wednesday February 19

6 – 8 p.m. - SIRCH's Family Roots Reveal Night, "Family Secrets, Deceptions and Astonishing Truths" presentation takes place at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, 66 Museum Road. This is a free event, and all are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### HALIBURTON BRANCH

**Mondays:** Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. (Sept - June)

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

**Thursdays:** General Meeting. Third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary. Last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Cribbage 1 p.m. start. Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., Last draw a 6:30 p.m., 6 tickets for \$2 per draw...Chester Howse, MC. Darts Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards

**Saturdays:** 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. 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 [rc1129@bellnet.ca](mailto:rc1129@bellnet.ca) or visit [haliburtonlegion.com](http://haliburtonlegion.com) Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.*

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**Tuesday** Liver Lovers Special plus regular menu

**Friday** Fish and chips or wings and chips (onion rings) -11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. -7 p.m.

**Saturday** All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch special from noon.

### Weekly events

**Monday** 10 a.m. to noon, Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers (every two weeks)

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**Wednesday** noon - four meat draws with butcher quality meats. \$1 per ticket; 1-4 p.m.; ladies darts; 5:30-6:30 p.m. calorie counters

**Thursday** 7 p.m., darts in the Sports Room and euchre in the Club Room

**Friday** 7:30 p.m., mixed darts. 7:30-11:30 p.m. every second week Karaoke with Fred and Linda

**Saturday** 1 p.m., four special draws.

**Sunday** noon - 4:30 p.m. sports day

### KINMOUNT BRANCH

**Wednesday** - Darts 7 p.m.

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

**Saturday** - Meat Draw 5 p.m.

### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

**Feb 14** Community Care Lunch 12p.m. Everyone 55+ welcome. If interested call Denise . Butler 705-448-8865 to book. Pool 1:30 p.m. Wing night 6-9p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

**Feb 15** Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby. Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3p.m. SHARP. If you come out offer to help sell tickets please. Valentine Dance \$5 cover DJ Isla

**Feb 17** Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

**Feb 19** Fun Darts Everyone welcome 7:30 p.m.

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# What's on



**Frost festival:** The ever-popular Lions Club Polar Bear Challenge is back at the Frost Festival Feb. 15. It will start at 1 p.m. For all events see [frostfestival.ca](http://frostfestival.ca). *File.*

## Fire and ice returning to Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

Fire and Ice - a tasting event - is returning to Minden Hills Feb. 16.

The reinvigorated Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (MHCCF) announced the event's return.

The fundraiser invites guests to celebrate scotch tasting, a local food competition and a gathering around the warmth of a bonfire on a wintry evening.

This year's event takes place the Sunday of the long weekend, from 7-10 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, with food tasting in the Welch Room, and beverages in the Sterling Bank. Local craft beer, wine and mocktails will also be available.

A People's Choice celebration offers guests the opportunity to choose which local food purveyor takes home the prize of having the tastiest interpretation of fire or ice.

Guests should be 19 or older and come with a designated driver or other plan for a safe return home at the end of the evening. Admission of \$30 includes food sampling and one drink ticket, with additional drink tickets available. Event tickets are available at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Organic Times and Pharmasave in Minden and at Up River Trading Co. in Minden and Haliburton.

"The MHCCF welcomes all to come in support of the Minden Hills Cultural

Centre," a press release stated.

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (a non-profit charitable corporation) was established for the purpose of raising and receiving funds to support the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The focus will be to provide and promote programs which encourage education and involvement in arts and culture for all residents and visitors to the area with a focus on youth.

For further information, contact Patricia Walshe of the foundation or Laurie Carmount of the cultural centre at 705-286-1159 or 705-286-3763 or see [mindenhillscfndation@gmail.com](mailto:mindenhillscfndation@gmail.com) or [gallery@mindenhills.ca](http://gallery@mindenhills.ca).

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**\$99,000. 44+AC**
- REYNOLDS ROAD  
**\$89,000. 9.13AC**
- IRONDALE RIVER  
**\$79,000. 3.22AC**
- CONTAU LAKE ROAD  
**\$49,000. 3.91AC**

- OLD DONALD ROAD  
**\$49,997. 3.49AC**
- DEEP BAY ROAD  
**\$49,000. 3.05AC**
- ERIC POTTER ROAD  
**\$46,500. 2.82AC**
- FRED JONES ROAD  
**\$25,000. 0.38AC**

## Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views. **\$683,000**

## Haliburton Lake



Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year. **\$639,000**

## Twelve Mile Lake



Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes. **\$569,969**

## Long Lake



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities. **\$499,900**