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A member of the Rugby Chicks battles for the puck with a player from Team Fireball in Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships this past Saturday in Haliburton. The Rugby Chicks, in camouflage, and Team Fireball, dressed as nuns, made for one of the most entertaining matches over the two-weekend event at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## OPP bust GTA to Haliburton cocaine ring

**By Lisa Gervais**

Thirteen Haliburton County residents have so far been charged with drug-related offences following a major OPP drug probe over the past nine months.

Dubbed Project Imperial, the investigation culminated in several raids in the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 30 - targeting the trafficking of cocaine to the area from the GTA.

Police from Haliburton and the City of Kawartha Lakes executed six warrants

in the Haliburton Highlands, Oshawa and Scarborough last Thursday, using helicopters and police dogs. They also had assistance from their Tactics and Rescue Unit and Emergency Response Team.

One eye witness to a bust in Carnarvon said she was awakened before dawn to the sound of a helicopter. When she went outside to investigate, the woman [who asked not to be identified for safety reasons] said she saw a home along Highway 35, just north of the village being swarmed by police.

"I was happy they got them," she said. "We have children around here."

In addition to locals, several GTA residents were also arrested and charged under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Criminal Code of Canada.

Sergeant Jason Folz, Central Region media relations and community services coordinator, said Tuesday that the drug trafficking investigation also "led police to identify a significant property crime network that was directly linked to the accused."

He said police recovered stolen property that had been taken from both residential and commercial properties in Haliburton County.

He added that during the course of the investigation, police seized 400 grams of cocaine/crack cocaine, two grams of Fentanyl, nine long guns, two black powder revolver firearms, one revolver firearm, one replica hand gun and more than \$12,000. Police were also able to recover stolen property, including generators, power tools and solar panels.

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## Proposed septage field causes angst Haliburton Septic Pumping says it's met all provincial asks

By Lisa Gervais

A proposed septage field, on a property on the Barry Line in Dysart et al, is generating a lot of talk in the community.

Dave Elstone, operating as Haliburton Septic Pumping, has applied to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an Environmental Compliance Approval under the Environmental Protection Act.

The proposed site is at 1197 Barry Line Rd.

The plan has been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario and the public can comment up until midnight Feb. 21.

"It's necessary because Dysart doesn't supply the township with a dumping site," Elstone told *The Highlander* during an interview Tuesday. He added, "Dysart's expanding and ... the whole county at this point only has two septic fields."

Algonquin Highlands has a lagoon and Highlands East a ditch for septage. Minden and Dysart require septage fields, Elstone said.

He said he'd hired GHD, an engineering company in Peterborough, which came last fall to do a series of tests at the site, which is set back from roads on a ridge on the property.

"They go through a number of procedures. We test the ground. We dig test holes to make sure our depths are good, our percolations are good. They do analysis on soil. They do all the measuring from our field for setbacks to water, to wells, to houses. "And at the end of the day, this

particular site meets all those regulations that are set by the province. They look at all aspects of groundwater, surface water and everything on this site meets and exceeds those provincial rules and regulations," Elstone said.

Darren and Teresa Johnston are neighbours of the proposed septage dumping site.

"We are concerned about the impact on our neighbourhood. We live in a beautifully forested, natural area and the largest attraction is the ability to enjoy the sounds and smells of the outdoors, and to trust that our water sources are clear of contaminants. Ontario is the only province that still allows untreated septage to be applied to land. All other provinces require it to be treated to meet the provincial standards before it can be applied to the land or disposed of in wastewater facilities," the Johnstons said on Tuesday.

They said their opposition goes beyond this case. They said they've heard the municipality is taking action and hope the attention that has been created by their petition encourages better alternatives moving forward.

They went on to say, "It is absurd that each individual septic hauler is responsible for finding their own areas for disposal. A residential land disposal site is not ideal in terms of impact on the natural, social or cultural environment."

Elstone responded that he understood the concerns of those opposed to the project. However, "I feel they should get educated on what's happening

*I know they don't want it in their own backyard but it has to go somewhere and we go through the process that the province sets out and we follow that - and if that's the case, then it should be allowed."*

**Dave Elstone**

Haliburton Septic Pumping

before they spread false information around, especially on Facebook.

He said his door is open if people want to call and ask questions.

"I know they don't want it in their own backyard but it has to go somewhere and we go through the process that the province sets out and we follow that - and if that's the case, then it should be allowed."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said she was a bit frustrated by the situation since she only learned about it via social media and one short item in a local newspaper.

She said she's in the process of becoming informed and will be talking to staff and councillors about the township's role, if any, prior to Feb. 21.

However, she said, "In terms of the municipality, we have no authority."

"With anything, whether it be planning, or this, they [objectors] can't just say 'I don't want it because I don't want it. It has to be based on environmental concerns.'"

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**Book depot opens:** Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen, library depot employee Sandra Rogers, director of parks, recreation and trails Chris Kard, Mayor Carol Moffatt and Councillors Jennifer Dailloux and Julia Shortreed cut the ribbon to officially open the new library depot in Dorset Feb. 3. The depot has been operating since November and Rogers said, "I think it's going great. People are enjoying the book depot service. It's working quite well." Mayor Carol Moffatt added library board statistics indicate there is almost no change in library book usage with the transition to the book drop, from the library. (Lisa Gervais)



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A photo of one of the dogs alleged to be at a Minden Hills property under investigation for an animal abuse allegation. Photo submitted by Shanna Dryburgh.

## Animal cruelty probe underway in Minden

### Owner denies mistreatment

By Joseph Quigley

Provincial animal welfare inspectors are continuing to investigate the owner of a Minden Hills property in the wake of an animal cruelty allegation involving 14 hunting dogs. However, the owner denies the accusations.

In a Jan. 30 press release, Haliburton Highlands OPP said they visited the property Jan. 22 and called the new Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS). Police said inspectors were working with the family to improve the health and well-being of animals on the property.

Ministry of the Solicitor General spokesperson Brent Ross said Feb. 4 that work continues.

"The ministry can confirm the inspectors are working with the owners of the dogs to ensure that orders are being complied with," Ross said. "To date, we have seen positive progress in this regard, and we remain committed to bringing any outstanding matters into compliance."

The property has a cabin but is not currently lived on, according to owner Brent Bongard. He keeps his hunting dogs on the property, chained to insulated dog houses.

The allegations stem from neighbours Shanna Dryburgh and Courtney Marlow. They described calling police out of concern for the dogs crying in distress and getting permission from them to come onto the property to help. They said the habitats were unkempt and Dryburgh described the dogs as emaciated.

"There were no dishes, water bowls to speak of," Dryburgh said, adding she was

shocked. "(I thought) this is wrong, this is so bad, my heart is broken. How can this be legal?"

"They're unhealthy," Marlow said. "I was saddened and just sick."

The encounter prompted them to further contact authorities to press the issue.

But Bongard contests the allegations. He said he goes to the property twice a day to provide water and raw meat for the dogs.

He further said he understands where people are coming from and he has witnessed bad animal situations. But he added his dogs are not unhealthy and though they appear thin, the weight is normal for hunting dogs.

"They're just in shape. People don't understand that," Bongard said. "A hunting dog has a job. It's a working dog."

He said he has been working with a PAWS inspector and has largely received approval for the setup, though he has had to make some adjustments, such as adjusting the chain size for some of the dogs and adding more straw.

Neither police nor PAWS have announced any charges against Bongard. Ross said given it is an ongoing investigation, it would be inappropriate to provide specific details.

But Dryburgh remains concerned and said PAWS has not contacted her for updates or any evidence she gathered during her visit. She said she feels Bongard was breaking rules and the dogs should have been seized, at least temporarily until improvements were made.

"The laws are there. Why make the laws if they're not going to be enforced?" Dryburgh said.

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## New Minden fire chief warming up after move

By Lisa Gervais

New Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson said people have been coming up to him and saying, “I bet you find it cold here.”

But when he tells them he’s just moved from Nunavut, they retort “I bet you find it warm here.”

“And I really do right now find the weather just absolutely beautiful down here,” Johnson said during a break in last Thursday’s council meeting. “It’s not bad up north, but a little bit longer season.”

Johnson is going through a “big culture change” as he takes over from interim fire chief Mike Bekking and before that, fire chief Doug Schell. He started Jan. 13.

It’s early days but Johnson said he’s enjoying the area and the brand-new fire hall on Highway 35.

“I’ve been meeting all the firefighters and going on a few calls. So, I’m getting to know them. They seem like a wonderful, capable group of people, so I’m very excited to stay here for the long term.”

In the short term, over the next year or so, he said he’s excited to learn more about what local volunteer firefighters do and how they come together as a team to work well together to help the community. He is also hoping to improve community programs.

He said one of the biggest challenges to date is finding his way around, because he doesn’t know the roads network. He’s also studying Ontario fire legislation since it’s a

new province of work for him.

He is confident he will figure that out in time, “but the biggest part is to learn how this fire department works and to fit myself into there. I didn’t come here to change it to my way because my way might not be the right way. So, I’m here to learn how they deal with things and the way it works and then we can work on improving ourselves.”

He said he understands there is an aspect of making the job his own, and he has talked to staff about their wants and needs.

“There’s some changes that we need to make but it’s not big changes about changing the fire department but about honing our skills and honing our response times. Or the way we work safely out there, to protect ourselves a little bit better because now we have all this information about cancer and PTSD. So, I can bring some of that knowledge here that will help us improve our safety for our firefighters so they have a long longevity here of being able to help and assist.”

He comes from a strong fire training background. He’s been an instructor for 28 years and worked for a training centre that saw 40,000 firefighters come through the door, “so a little bit of training skills there,” he said with a chuckle.

In his role as chief for Minden Hills, Johnson will be responsible for the fire and emergency services for the township, carrying out the administrative duties of the fire department and for the proactive



Nelson Johnson is the new fire chief at the Township of Minden Hills. He is pictured outside of the council chambers on January 30. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

leadership, policy and overall operations of the fire services.

He has more than 25 years experience in the fire service, both in the field and in various senior leadership roles, such as training officer, deputy chief and fire chief.

Johnson’s career includes Firemaster Oilfield Services, the Town of Bonnyville, Alberta and the City of Iqaluit, Nunavut.

For now, he said his life is all about getting settled into the job and getting his family settled into their routine. They have found housing but are not yet moved in.

“I really appreciate the opportunity I’ve been presented here and I look forward to working with the volunteers and I’ve already seen that they’re a great group of people.”

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## What's in a suspect's name?



By Joseph Quigley

People love to read crime stories.

They eagerly dug into the news - announced Feb. 4 - that a large scale bust had taken place in Haliburton County the previous week.

Operation Imperial - as the cops dubbed it - was certainly huge, with 16 people charged as our community remains anxious about drug crime.

However, discussion online quickly turned to the names of the individuals charged, which *The Highlander* did not post. People wanted those names immediately, so they could know who allegedly wronged their community. They went as far as to link stories in our Facebook comments to other news agencies who could offer that. But this kind of attitude is dangerous, and the names of people charged with offences should never be released lightly.

One of the prevailing issues for reporters in naming people is presumed innocence. People may know that just because a person is charged does not mean they are guilty. But it does not always play out that way in the public sphere and getting named in a story like this can lead to people being unduly mistreated. This is especially true in a large case such as this when people can get tarred and feathered by association,

even if they may have only played a small part in a crime or could even be outright innocent.

Small-town news outlets such as those in Haliburton County also rarely have the resources to go to court to confirm what happens to these alleged criminals. The police and court systems will not send out any press releases about the results of these people's charges. Unless we can dutifully follow what can be a months-long process, we cannot easily discover whether our justice system might clear these people's names.

We also must consider the realities of our online world. A person's name can become permanently associated with a story about them being charged, even if they are later proven innocent. Employers can, and do, unfairly discriminate against people with bad Google results. Whether or not a person is guilty, using names in a crime story can have far-reaching consequences beyond due punishment.

All of this must be weighed against the public interest in knowing people charged with crimes. In small towns especially, people would like to know if they are associating with an alleged criminal, especially if they're charged in connection

with serious offences.

But the public interest can often be quite low. Unless the person is a prominent public figure, which is quite rare, most people will probably not know the person who gets charged very well. It does not necessarily make much of a difference to public safety to release such names, depending on the crime.

Of course, releasing names must be taken on a case-by-case basis. Someone getting charged with murder is very different than drug possession. A massive drug-bust is different than a singular theft. News agencies and police can also too often be inconsistent in their approach to naming suspects, hurting the public's ability to parse when it is appropriate.

People in the public need to more seriously consider the release of suspect names and whether they really do need that information. When police and/or news outlets do release them, people must not abuse that information, lest the cops and the media become even less inclined to release names in the future.

## Minden business helping the environment

A few months ago, in response to overwhelming evidence that the earth is being smothered in plastic, Sobey's announced that, this month, they will begin using only paper grocery bags in pilot stores. In response, Loblaw's immediately informed the public they would continue selling plastic bags. Some corporations have no conscience.

We would like to honour our small businesses for their conscience and contributions to helping reduce single use plastics in Minden.

Up River Trading Co. has always put purchases in paper bags. They now have fully compostable coffee cups. They no longer sell bottled water, but they do sell a variety of reusable items such as bees wax food wrap, stainless steel straws (paper ones as well) and a wide variety of stainless steel drink containers.

Unique Floral Designs uses

brown paper wrapping, paper shopping bags and some recycled ribbon.

Coneybeare's still uses butcher paper and string for wrapping meat.

Organic Times sells locally-made cloth bags and now has a large line of eco-friendly products. Paper bags are available for bin products as well as funnels for those who wish to bring their own containers. Purchases are placed in paper or biodegradable plastic bags.

Minden River Cone uses paper takeout containers.

Molly's Bistro provides cardboard containers for take-home baking and paper sandwich bags. Straws are only given when requested.

Graham's Farm Market sells eggs in paper cartons and customers bring their own bags for produce at their home stand.

V&S sells metal straws and stainless steel containers.

Mark's Restaurant uses foil containers with paper or styrofoam lids and cardboard boxes for take-out, which is placed in paper bags.

Nourished sells much of its vegan and vegetarian fare in glass jars. They use biodegradable cellulose containers but encourage patrons to bring their own. They feel it is challenging for small businesses to offer environmentally-friendly options because of the limitations placed on them by the health unit and government.

The Dominion Hotel uses paper napkins made from recycled material, has recyclable drink cups and paper bags for take-out orders. Compostable straws will be provided on request.

Boshkung Brewing/Rhubarb use fully compostable containers for their take-aways.

Thanks to EAT! for the many sustainable products they sold. Ommmh Boutique is now in

the building and there could possibly be a limited amount of food in the future as well as fill-your-own, shampoo etc.

Foodland now sells mesh produce bags.

The municipality does not provide bottled water in its facility. Office staff, council etc. use tap water (some use the Brita) but there is no plastic. It is important for governments at all levels to set an example and for all of us to do our part, as well.

Enjoy your paper bags from Foodland when they arrive but when you shop at Valu-mart, please bring your own bag. Don't feed Loblaw's corporate greed by helping them make millions of dollars a year polluting our planet.

Submitted by Pat Brezina and Sue Sisson

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# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: What do you hope to do on Family Day?



**Quinn Hamilton**

Eagle Lake  
“I think I have friends coming from Campbellford to spend time with us.”



**Myla Ecclestone**

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“I want to try snowboarding.”



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**Madison Decarlo**

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“Ski! Ski! Ski!”



**Kendall Park**

Haliburton  
“Ski with my family and friends—maybe try the ski challenge!”

By Hannah Sadlier

## LETTERS

### Add County Road 10 to traffic count

Dear editor,

Today’s online edition of *The Highlander* prompts me to write another letter. In the section Dysart et al news, I read about council accepting a proposal from Ontario Traffic Inc, for traffic counting. Apparently, data will become available indicating the volume of traffic, type of traffic, and operating speed. I certainly hope Elephant Lake Road (County Road 10) will be included in this study.

For a number of years, there has been a tremendous number of potholes on this road. These are damaging to vehicles and difficult to navigate around. Staff do try to keep them filled but to no avail. In my experience, the last time “paving” parts of the road which are so subject to having potholes was in 2011. I put “paving” in quotes as this ersatz paving consisted of spreading tar and pebbles. Not a great surface for the type of traffic which continually uses this thoroughfare.

If the count includes this road, it will be determined that a large number of logging trucks, weighing upwards of 40 tons (approx 30,000 kg), regularly travel up and down. No wonder there are so many potholes. Users of this road deserve a better surface which will be less subject to damage from such traffic.

As a daily user of County Road 10, I look forward to a proper conclusion to this dilemma.

George Denny  
Benoir Lake

### Accept it we must

Dear editor,

Debating about climate change in a public forum such as a community newspaper is usually unproductive. However, we need to remember that there have been deliberate attempts by powerful corporations to

mislead the public about this subject since the 1970s resulting in public discourse that has become as polluted as our planet.

It is hard to accept the dire warnings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change because our livelihoods, our families and our lifestyles are affected.

But accept it we must and the sooner we can find a way towards collaboration and cooperation, the better.

Susan Hay  
Environment Haliburton!

### Corporate welfare trough

Dear editor,

In response to your question in “eye on the street” concerning security for Meghan and Harry, they probably don’t need our tax dollars.

Neither did Loblaws but we gave them \$12 million, along with \$50 million to Mastercard, \$2.7 million to Bombardier, \$40 million to BlackBerry, \$2.7 million to Canadian Tire and \$1.1 billion to fund the CBC.

Another at the corporate welfare trough wouldn’t make much of a difference.

Keith Oitment  
Apsley

### Daffodil campaign needs local leaders

Dear editor,

At the Canadian Cancer Society, we know that cancer changes people. But we believe that a cancer diagnosis doesn’t have to define who they are. We are committed to helping people live longer and enhancing the quality of life for all of those affected by cancer. We believe that life is bigger than cancer.

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Jennifer Burrows calls this one ‘A perfect winter day.’

volunteers to help us lead our Daffodil Campaign in Haliburton and in Minden for one day in April. With the support of volunteers, we can help people with cancer see life beyond their diagnosis. When you volunteer, you’re helping people live their lives more fully.

Money raised during the Daffodil Campaign funds ground-breaking life-saving research, support services for those living with cancer, and advocacy to governments on important cancer-related issues. Right here in the Haliburton and Minden area, the Canadian Cancer Society

has helped 16 cancer patients, make 94 trips to their lifesaving appointments for a total of 15,927 km.

We can’t make the Daffodil Campaign a success without passionate volunteers! Join us by volunteering and together, we can prove that life is bigger than cancer. Take action now. Call me to volunteer at 705 726-8032 ext. 3223.

Amanda Delgado  
Volunteer Engagement Coordinator  
Canadian Cancer Society



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## MH budget goes to public meeting

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills will proceed to a public meeting Feb. 13 after essentially passing its 2020 budget Jan. 30 - with a 5.3 per cent levy increase.

During third draft budget deliberations last Thursday, roads continued to be a major part of the talks.

The township is planning to borrow about \$2 million for some major projects. They include: the Sunnybrook Bridge (\$400k), Sedgwick Road Bridge (\$160k share, should they receive successful funding), Millburn Road Bridge wearing surface (\$10k), 0.9km of Bobcaygeon Road (\$775k).

Wilson said the other projects include the Shetland Road drainage project (\$230k) and IGA Road (\$375k).

While the township is debenturing for roads for the first time, Wilson said the overall roads budget is still down nearly \$170,000 from 2019, which he called "a sad day for roads" in Minden Hills.

He further said there was a "pile of money coming out of reserves."

He added while the debenture does allow the township to complete multiple projects, "the annual debenture payment could have a negative impact on future budgets." He said an example would be a new waste facility location for Scotch Line, which could cost between \$1-2 million. He said in the absence of other funding, it too would need to be borrowed.

Also approved was 35.32km of mechanical brushing. This will be done on Bacon, Bethel, Claude Brown, Conway, Devils Lake, Plantation, Queen's Line and Scotch Line roads. He noted it was less than proposed in the second round.

Receiving slurry seal and a minor rehabilitation are: Hunter Creek, Spar Lake and Hospitality roads, along with Spring

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**Lisa Schell**  
Deputy Mayor

Valley, County, Plantation, and Fleming roads.

He noted many projects remain off of the books, including the remainder of Bobcaygeon Road, Blairhampton Road, Peterson Road, village streets, Scotch Line and Davis Lake Road, and brushing of Irondale Road, Salerno Lake Road and Beer Lake Road.

"Although funds were found through the MMAH grant, 2018 Surplus, without those funds the Roads Department received a 0% increase from 2018 to 2019. 0% adjustments are often believed to be "status quo"; however, with ever increasing costs it results in a negative performance (going backwards, not stabilized)," Wilson concluded.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said she gets called mostly about roads. "Is there anything else in there we can grab onto so as not to fall behind the eight ball on roads?" she asked.

"I've sat here for 14 years and I don't want us to go backwards. It's the one thing people see that their taxes go towards."

There was some talk of upping the debenture to put more money into brushing but Coun. Bob Carter remarked, "no matter what money we spend, it's going to end up as taxation."

Under the environment department, the budget also paves the way for the

closing of the Irondale landfill. However, Coun. Jean Neville said she still wants a formal resolution to discussions with Highlands East about that township's use of the landfill.

There are also plans to close all landfills on Wednesdays in winter, reopening them on Thursday. The rationale is to allow training since the township hopes to eventually bring the service in-house. Wilson said if council wanted to keep one open, he'd suggest Ingoldsby, between 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, then closed Thursday.

Carter asked it be a seasonal trial with a report back to council.

Users of the Lutterworth water system will see an increase of five per cent, or about \$55 per user.

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## County providing incentives for affordable housing development

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes want to educate developers through information sessions about incentives to create affordable housing.

The Feb. 11 and Feb. 13 events in Haliburton and Fenelon Falls will also invite housing providers, non-profits, landlords and homeowners to learn. The presentations will touch on several kinds of housing which can receive a boost, including new construction, rehabilitation and secondary suites.

City of Kawartha Lakes manager of housing Hope Lee said knowledge is limited about what programs are out there for affordable housing development.

"There's a lot of misunderstanding, too. I think some people think it's just building larger rental buildings. It's not," Lee said. "It's also about building affordable

ownership homes. It's about landlords who have units to offer that we can provide subsidies in. It's about private homeowners who have the ability to create a secondary suite."

The City and County have both committed to developing more affordable housing over the next 10 years, with the County aiming for 750 units and the City for 2,000. In a press release, the City said the municipalities would need outside help to meet the targets.

"The affordable housing targets set by municipalities are only achievable with participation from developers, community housing providers, non-profits, landlords and residents," it said.

Lee said the presentation would discuss municipal plans and contextualize affordable housing in the region. She said they hope to get some expressions of

interest to work from.

"We're going to help people understand each of the program types. There will be an expression of interest roll out in a couple of months, we want people to know about that," she said. "The municipalities have a set budget around them. They're going to look at what's recommended from the expressions of interest and what they can afford to approve each year."

The two sessions are identical. The first session is at the Haliburton Legion Feb. 11 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The second session is at the Fenelon Falls Community Centre Feb. 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. More information is available by contacting [ekarlins@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:ekarlins@kawarthalakes.ca) or 705-324-9870 ext. 3105.



# Junior Highlanders

## Student athletes upset as seasons cut short

By Joseph Quigley

After weeks of effort, practices and competition, Haliburton's winter student athletes are outraged at the prospect of their seasons getting cut short due to a board decision amidst labour unrest.

"All the blood, sweat and tears to get there and just, nothing," junior girls volleyball player Kiera Casey said. "It's so emotionally hard."

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) is managing an end to extracurriculars during the school day. Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) was the only board in the province opting to do this due to the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) pulling back from on-calls Jan. 20 amidst its labour dispute with the province. The board has expressed concerns about classes getting covered if teachers are absent due to extracurriculars, now that union members will not cover for absent colleagues.

The result is HHSS teams are unable to play games or tournaments during the school day, including playoff qualifiers and championships.

"It's very upsetting," Grade 12 student and co-captain of the senior girls volleyball team Rebecca Archibald said. "I'm pretty upset that they're taking my way to actually be okay in school."

TLDSB has asked for activities to

be rescheduled. But Kawartha District Athletic Association chair Kathleen Carson said although they are willing to try and accommodate some regular-season games, it is not possible to reschedule championships, mostly due to time constraints.

"There are significant challenges to overcome and there is no universal solution for all sports or events," Carson said. "We truly hope that as many league games can be rescheduled and that a solution is reached prior to any championship phase."

District manager of corporate communications Catherine Shedden said the board relied on teachers to provide 318 on-calls across 12 instructional days in December to cover 159 classes. There was also 245 supply teacher events, an average of 20 people needed per day. The supply teacher list currently has 147 people, 54 of whom are unavailable in semester 2.

"We are concerned that we are not able to cover off all the absences required of our teachers," Shedden said.

But union representatives and students alike have pushed back and expressed frustration, given other boards are continuing sports while facing the same lack of on-calls.

Games are already being hit, with volleyball teams missing tournaments and the boys hockey team having a road game cancelled Feb. 4.



Senior girls volleyball co-captain Emma Casey makes a diving attempt at a ball during a practice Feb. 3. The team is one of many at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School whose seasons are getting cut short. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

"It sucks. We all want to just play sports and have fun," hockey player Isaac Little said. "Really sucks that politics are getting in the way of that."

Archibald said people might look down on high school teams. But she added students learn a lot of different skills. She added there are limited options for competitive sports nearby.

"We live in Haliburton. You can play club but it takes two hours almost to get to any closest club," Archibald said. "I'm upset

because I want to play as long as I can before I'm not in school anymore."

As the labour dispute has continued for months, resulting in schools closing for strike days, Archibald described feeling helpless as a student.

"I feel like there's nothing I can actually do to change it because it's such a big issue," Archibald said. "I feel small."

"For the first time ever, I've been hoping to not have school cancelled," Little said. "We want to play sports."

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## RECO issues freeze order New RE/MAX brokerage making progress

By Joseph Quigley

The Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO) has taken further action against RE/MAX North Country as it continues its investigation into a real estate trust account shortage.

RECO announced Jan. 28 it had issued a freeze order to the bank accounts of RE/MAX North Country and revoked its registration, as well as the registration of one of its owners, broker of record Ray Jarvis. This follows the suspension of those registrations Dec. 31 due to several concerns, including the brokerage's management and financial position.

Minden RE/MAX agent Blake O'Byrne said at this point, the investigation and any punishments have little bearing on local agents. Most former RE/MAX North Country agents are now under the RE/MAX Professionals brokerage, which is moving into the area to fill the void.

"Locally, it has no effect. That company's (RE/MAX North Country) not in operation," he said.

The order prevents any more money from being withdrawn from the broker's accounts. RECO said the investigation is ongoing but no further details could be shared at this time.



The Real Estate Council of Ontario has issued further orders against RE/MAX North Country as it investigates a trust account shortfall. *File photo.*

The process of unravelling the finances of the company will take some time, O'Byrne said. With RE/MAX North Country frozen, any agent still owed commissions must file an insurance claim. He said it could take two or three years to pay out, though brokers already understood that when the investigation began.

"Hopefully, we'll get most of our money down the road, but it's a long process," O'Byrne said.

Meanwhile, RE/MAX North Professionals is getting more established, O'Byrne said. Agents are already working under the banner remotely and the brokerage said it

plans to secure office space in the area very soon.

"Our RE/MAX agents are already active members of their communities and committed to helping home buyers and sellers across the region," Leah Ambler, broker and owner of RE/MAX Professionals, said. "We are excited to begin opening new office locations and become more integrated members of the community as a local business."

"They put a whole company with 70 people into operation," O'Byrne said. "What they've done has just been amazing ... We're still doing business left and right."

## HHHS news

### Heart, mental health equipment improving

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has upgraded its emergency departments with new equipment to help people's hearts and minds.

The new equipment was brought up at the board meeting Jan. 30. Members discussed cardiac monitoring and telemetry equipment purchased thanks to HHHS Foundation fundraising, to better monitor patients' hearts.

"Staff have been saying nothing but positive things. They absolutely love the new system," president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said. "They are really pleased with the ease at which they can use it, but particularly pleased by the additional features it has."

HHHS also received funding from the Central-East Local Health Integration Network to bring in Personal Video Conferencing technology, allowing for virtual access to mental health services in crises.

"That's really good news," Plummer said. "That technology isn't limited to mental health. We can use it for other services as well."

Foundation funding was also used to upgrade x-ray equipment in Minden and Haliburton, digitizing it to upgrade accuracy and speed of transmission, Plummer said.

### Deficit remains at issue

HHHS continues to face a deficit due to the temporary closure of the Highland Wood long-term care facility last February.

Board chair Jeff Gollob, speaking on behalf of finance committee chair David Gray, reported it faces a year-to-date deficit of \$157,000 at the end of November.

"HHHS is continuing to work closely with our LHIN and our health care partners ... to address continued funding shortfalls for services we provide, especially with regards to long-term care," Gollob said.

He added management is making strategies to address the pressure.

"Successfully holding the line on current operating costs on a monthly basis without impacting services to our community," Gollob said.

### Coronavirus vigilance, risk remains low

HHHS is working with its partners to manage risks and take precautions when it comes to the Novel Coronavirus.

Plummer reported although the risk of the disease remains low, the

organization is keeping up to date with information about the disease and has taken steps, such as increased signage at entryways, as well as symptom and travel screenings.

"We have all the necessary infection prevention precaution in place," Plummer said. "We will continue to monitor the situation and continue to provide updates as we go forward and as the situation evolves."

### Personal support worker collaboration

HHHS seeks to go to classrooms to help address a shortage of personal support workers (PSWs).

Plummer reported the organization is working in collaboration with Trillium Lakelands District School Board and the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub to establish a local training program for the profession.

"If we're able to implement a training program, it means we're able to augment the human resources in that area," Plummer said. "It also means we'll be able to offer additional employment opportunities for the community."

More information will be released as the collaboration evolves, she said. (HHHS news compiled by Joseph Quigley.)

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## Remembering George Farrell through music

Not a note was missed Saturday night at the Haliburton County Folk Society's 7th annual Homemade Stew. County residents gathered at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion to enjoy local music and remember George Farrell. A buffet of music had people stomping their feet, sitting on the edge of their seats and crying with tears of remembrance. "George was a real light in the community; he was interesting and interested in everyone and everything," said Dave Allen. "George totally believed that we could tell our own stories and we could sing our own songs and he was just so proud of everything that was local," said Tammy Rea. "George always believed that we, in the Highlands, could do anything ourselves, and this concert tonight is proof of that." (Hannah Sadlier)

Top left: Performers gathered together for the final piece of the night, Hoagy Carmichael's 'Georgia On My Mind,' one of George Farrell's favourite songs. Top right: Tom Regina and Stan Russell performing. Bottom left: Dark is Our Danger finished the first half of the night. Bottom right: Duo Prosecco honoured Farrell with their song. *Photos by Hannah Sadlier.*

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**Feb 13** – Committee of the Whole  
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**Feb 27** – Regular Council  
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### Notice: Public Meeting Draft 2020 Budget

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 Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting  
 on Thursday, February 13, 2020 during its Committee of the  
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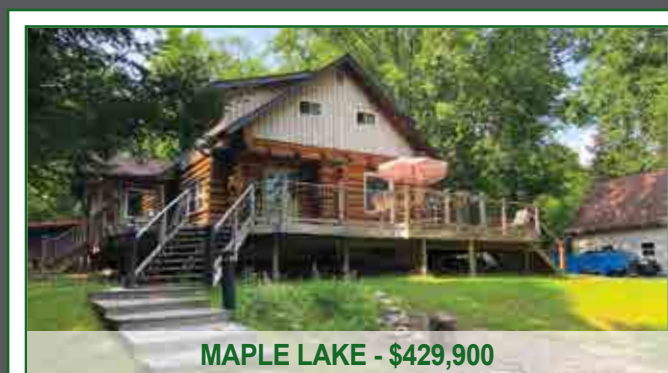



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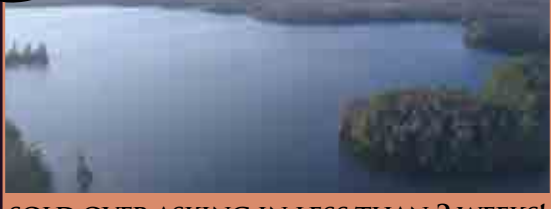
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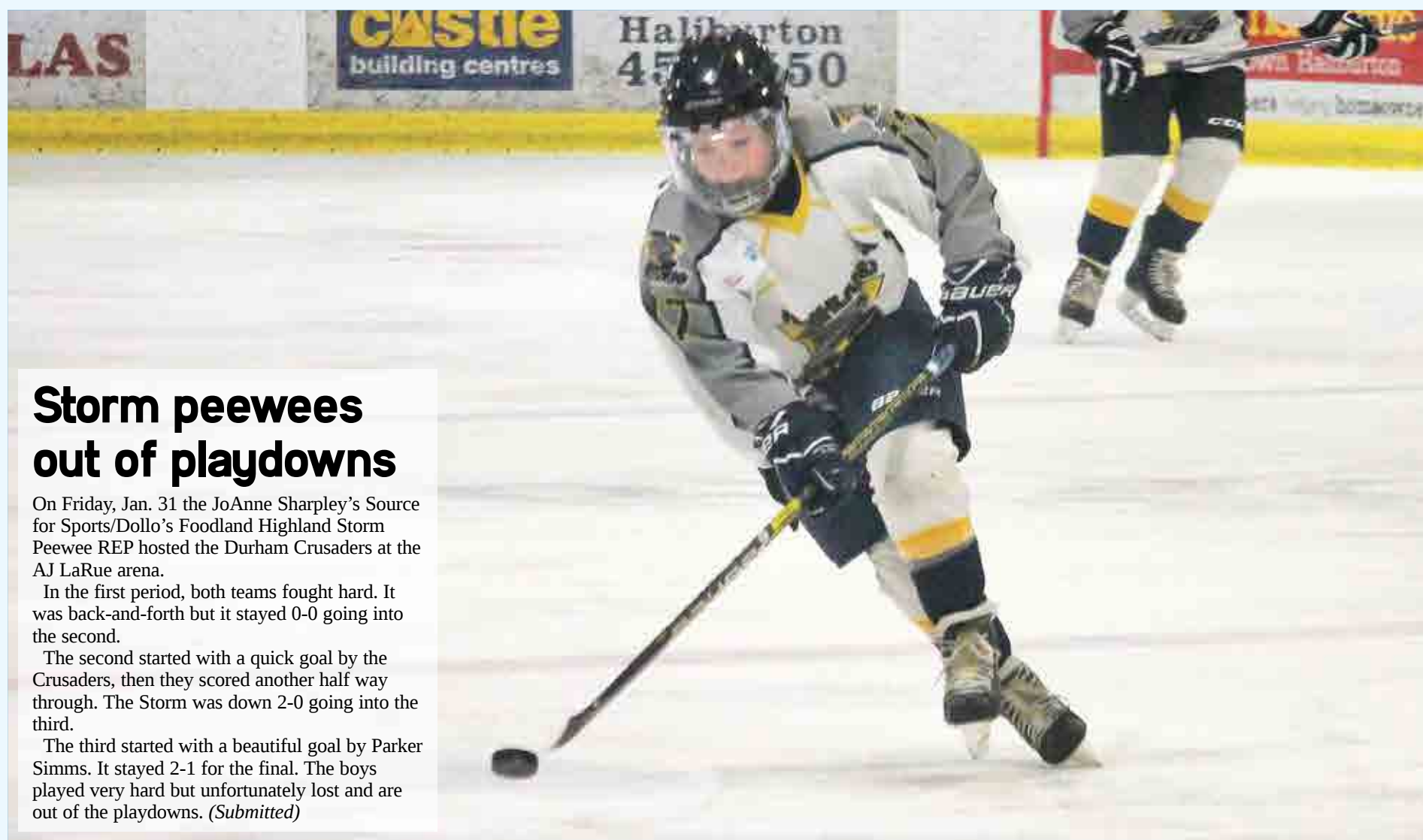
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## Storm peewees out of playdowns

On Friday, Jan. 31 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Dollo's Foodland Highland Storm Peewee REP hosted the Durham Crusaders at the AJ LaRue arena.

In the first period, both teams fought hard. It was back-and-forth but it stayed 0-0 going into the second.

The second started with a quick goal by the Crusaders, then they scored another half way through. The Storm was down 2-0 going into the third.

The third started with a beautiful goal by Parker Simms. It stayed 2-1 for the final. The boys played very hard but unfortunately lost and are out of the playdowns. *(Submitted)*

Beckam Reynolds rushes the puck up ice during the Storm's game against the Durham Crusaders last Friday night. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

### JOANNE SHARPLEY'S SOURCE FOR SPORTS/DOLLO'S FOODLAND HIGHLAND STORM PEEWEE REP STARS



#### #1 MAK PRENTICE

Mak played to his full potential the entire game against the Durham Crusaders. He played great defensive hockey the whole game and tried his best to get his team a win.



#### #2 PARKER SIMMS

Parker scored the only goal for the Storm in Friday night's game versus the Durham Crusaders and did an awesome job protecting our goalie.



#### #3 KADIN CARD

Kadin played his best the entire game. He was winning faceoffs and trying to make plays happen with his teammates.

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### #1 TAYLOR MULOCK

Taylor is one of the hardest working players and adds scoring on a regular basis. She is a great two-way player and tough on the puck.

### #2 CARTER SHAW

Carter played two great games putting up a wall for the Storm. Only allowing one goal on a breakaway but stopping numerous other good scoring chances.



### #3 JAXEN CASEY

Jaxen is an all-around centre whose defensive game is outstanding. His creativity on the forward side with the puck allows him to score and set up his teammates on a regular basis.

## LL Atom Yellow swarm competition

The Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow team played two great games this weekend. The first was against the Huntsville Little Caesar's with an 8-3 win.

It was a slow start to the game as Huntsville scored the first two goals early but the Storm replied quickly with two of their own (Taylor Mulock, assisted by Ethan Rowe and Jaxen Casey assisted by Issac Borgdorff).

From there, the Storm never looked back, scoring six more goals and only allowing one. Casey and Rowe both added two more goals and one assist, I. Borgdorff added a goal and an assist, Gideon Borgdorff added a goal and Veronica Heasman added an assist while Carter Knapton shut the door the rest of the game.

Their second game against Almaguin Duets was another win but a much closer fight, winning 4-1

The Storm took a 2-0 lead into the third with goals by Zack Prentice (assisted by I. Borgdorff) and I. Borgdorff (assisted by Casey and Ethan Decarlo).



Mak Prentice and goalie Aaron Neave can only kneel on the ice and look on as the Crusaders first goal goes into the net. Photo by Lisa Gervais

Almaguin scored early in the third but goals by Casey followed by I. Borgdorff (assisted by Casey) put the game out of reach. Good goaltending by Zach Lowes and Carter Shaw helped secure the win. (Submitted)



## SCOREBOARD

### REP LEAGUE

**Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County Chiropractic Novice**  
Feb. 1st- Storm 20 vs. Woodville Hurricanes 2

**Haliburton Timbermart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom**  
Feb. 1st- Storm 2 vs. Durham Crusaders 5  
Goals: H. Neilson (2)  
Assists: E. Mueller

**Joanne Sharpley's Source For Sports – Dollo's Foodland Pee wee**  
Jan. 31st- Storm 1 vs. Durham Crusaders 2  
Goals: P. Simms

**The Highlander-Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets**  
Jan. 31st- Storm 6 vs. Durham Crusaders 3  
Goals: B. Robinson (3), H. Amott, N. Smith, R. Casey  
Assists: T. Mills (2) N. Smith (2), S. Hoenow, H. Winder, T. Turner, T. Clements

### LOCAL LEAGUE

**Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Navy and Grey**  
Took part in home tournament- Bernie Nicholls Minor Novice Jamboree

**Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice**  
Took part in home tournament – Bernie Nicholls Major Novice  
Game 1- Storm 22 vs. Sturgeon Lake 2  
Game 2- Storm 14 vs. Lindsay 0  
Game 3- Storm 9 vs. Kawartha 2  
Game 4- Storm 9 vs. Apsley 2  
Goals: N. Ecclestone (21), R. Johnson (10), H. Meyer (9), N. Wilson (5), L. Burke (2), M. Mueller (3), J. Currie (2), C. Gilbert, K. Bagshaw  
Assists: N. Wilson (10), N. Ecclestone (9), L. Burke (5), M. Mueller (4), R. Johnson (3), J. Currie (2), C. Gilbert (2), K. Bagshaw, H. Meyer, J. Robichaud, C. Tomlinson, R. Pelow  
Goalie: B. Hutchinson-4 wins with 1 shutout

**G.J Burtch Construction-Carquest Minden LL Atom Blue**  
Took part in the Midland Winter Classic Tournament  
Game 1- Storm 1 vs. West Gray Warriors 2  
Game 2- Storm 1 vs. Penetang 10  
Game 3- Storm 2 vs. Midland 8  
Goals: L. Reid (2), M. Saunders, M. Latanville  
Assists: L. Reid, M. Latanville, L. Nesbitt, B. Hamilton, C. McCracken  
\*L. Reid won first place in the Puck Handling Skills Competition

**Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow**  
Feb. 1st- Storm 8 vs. Huntsville 3  
Goals: T. Mulock, J. Casey (3), E. Rowe (2), I. Borgdorff, G. Borgdorff  
Assists: E. Rowe (2), J. Casey (2), I. Borgdorff, V. Heasman  
Feb. 2nd- Storm 4 vs. Almaguin 1  
Goals: Z. Prentice, I. Borgdorff (2), J. Casey  
Assists: I. Borgdorff, J. Casey (2), E. Decarlo

**Canadian Tire LL Pee wee Blue**  
Feb.1st- Storm 4 vs. Parry Sound 6  
Goals: W. Raposo, L. Harrison, H. Bird (2)  
Assists: W. Bowker, E. Bagshaw, W. Raposo

**Total Site Services-Pharmasave LL Midget**  
Feb. 1st- Storm2 vs. Almaguin 10



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# Highlander sports

## Bonspiel sweeps in 24 teams from across province



The Todd's Independent Invitational Mixed Bonspiel was held Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Twenty-four teams, and 96 curlers came together from across the province including a Kelly family reunion all the way from the Chelsey Club in Gatineau, Quebec. The A Event winners came from the Elora Curling Club. The B Event winners, sponsored by Phyllis Woodcock, a lifetime member of the Haliburton Curling Club, were from the Oshawa Curling Club. The C Event winners, sponsored by Minden Subaru, were from a mixed Brighton/Haliburton Curling Club. The skip and vice were Bob and Karin Smith from Brighton and Bill Keevil and Kim Burk from Haliburton. The D Event winners, sponsored by Superior Propane and Kelly's Fuels, were from the York Newmarket club. "Everyone had a fantastic time and appreciated all the raffle prizes from local businesses and individual contributions by the community," said Mary Hillaby. "The Rockin' Bobs entertained the curlers on Saturday night and they danced the night away." (Submitted)

Top: Teams came from across the GTA to participate in the Todd's Independent Mixed Bonspiel over the weekend. Bottom: Skill was seen on all sheets, as all curlers had their eye on the prize over the weekend. Photos by Hannah Sadlier.



### Ski challenge season at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

Families and friends gathered on the slopes for Sir Sam's annual ski challenge this past Sunday afternoon. Individuals took turns racing down the course trying to beat everyone, in the friendly competition. It's not too late to join the challenge, as there are three more weeks to go: Sunday, Feb. 9, Sunday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 29. The challenge does not run on the Family Day weekend. (Hannah Sadlier)



# Highlander sports



## Minden team takes home bonspiel title

On Jan. 28, 16 senior men's teams played in two draws in the Minden Carquest Bonspiel. The overall winning team from the first draw was from Minden, skipped by Dave Millington, vice Bert Kennedy, second Bruce McClellan, and lead Dave Pentney. The winning team in the late draw was skipped by Walt Hyatt of Sarnia, with team members from Minden, Mark Chadwick, Richard Kennedy, and Andy Walker. A close second place finish was skipped by Minden's Jeff Cook, with Iain Kay, Dave Tranter, and Andy Forrest. All teams had a fun-filled day of curling. *(Submitted)*

Team Millington of Minden. *Submitted photo.*

## 30th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival

February 14th & 15th, 2020

### Event Schedule

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

6:00pm - 9:00pm Skating Party

Come and join us for a Skate Party at the Dorset Rink music, campfire, hot dogs and hot chocolate.

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#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

8:30am-10:30am Pancake Breakfast

9:00am - 2:30pm Silent Auction

9:00am - 2:00pm Photo Booth

10:00am Circus Jonathon

10:00am - 12:00pm Flying Club

10:00am - 3:00pm Face Painting

10:30am Flyboard Show

Lake of Bays Marina

10:45am Parade Participants Meet

at Dorset Garage, costumes available at the Dorset Recreation Centre

11:00am - 2:00pm Live Entertainment

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11:30am - 3:00pm Maple Taffy

11:00am - 3:00pm Centennial Lions Park

Bubble Soccer • Axe Throwing

Maze • Board Walking

Giant Snow Globe • Campfire

Music • Karaoke

11:30am Children's Fun & Games

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

11:00am Parade - Everyone welcome!

THEME: "Snow Ball - 30 years"

Following Parade - Snowball Opening Ceremony

11:30am Drum Circle

11:30am Wildlife Caller

11:30am - 2:30pm Stone Carving

11:30am - 3:00pm Horse Drawn Wagon Rides

12:00pm Cardboard Toboggan Race

12:00pm - 2:00pm Virtual Reality Dogsled Tour

12:30pm Snow Snakes

12:30pm Circus Jonathon

1:00pm Hockey Shoot Out

1:00pm Birds of Prey

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2:00pm Polar Dip

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If you, or someone you know is interested in getting involved, please complete and submit an Advisory Committee Application Form in person, by mail or email to:

Cemetery Board Advisory Committee Application  
Clerk's Department, 2nd floor  
Township of Minden Hills  
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359, Minden, ON. K0M 2K0  
or email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

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

For more information, please contact Vicki Bull, Clerk at 705-286-1260 x. 215 or vbull@mindenhills.ca.

Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>.



### Call for Committee Members Community Centre Fundraising Working Group

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Community Centre Fundraising Working Group (CCFWG)

If you, or someone you know,

- enjoy being involved in an interactive volunteer committee, and/or
- want to be part of a historic, community based project for Minden Hills, and/or
- have fundraising experience, and/or
- administrative skills

Please complete and submit an Advisory Committee Application Form in person, by mail or email to:

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- Margaret

## OBITUARIES



### In Loving Memory of **Marjorie Sadie Belle Brown**

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side on January 29, 2020 at the age of 79

Beloved wife of the late Walter Brown. Dear Mother of Stan, Teresa and Dominique Gibert, Janet and Lloyd Swanton. Loved and cherished grandmother of Kyle (Tiffany), Brock, Kelsey (Jason), Daniel (Kourtney), Kaitlyn, Shelby-Lynn (Jeremy), Brandy. Loved great grandma of Makayla, Damien, Adam, Lucy, Abree, Cole, Johnathon and Chantelle. Dear sister of Enid (the late John) Hughes, Eunice (Dale) Tracey.

Celebration of Marjorie's Life and Interment will be held at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

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



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We wish to extend our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness, condolences and support with the loss of our Mom, grandmother and great grandmother (Vi Scott). Special thanks to all of you who visited Mom so frequently over the past few years. We also wish to extend our sincere thanks to William Place Assisted Living, Lindsay, and a very special thanks to the nurses, personal support workers, and staff at Hyland Crest Seniors Residence who looked after Mom with such kindness and compassion over the past several months. As well, we are so grateful to Barry and Kirsten Monk, Gordon Monk Funeral Home, who felt like family as we arranged Mom's service, and anticipated our every need. We are very grateful to all of you.

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Vi (Viola) Scott



## The Highlander is looking for your best photos for inclusion in this year's THE HIGHLANDER HANDBOOK.

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**TAKE NOTICE** that Council will commence its 2020 budget deliberations at a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

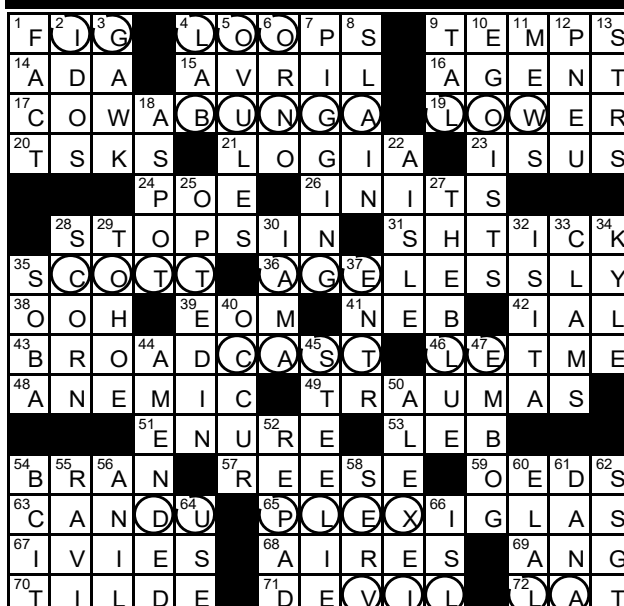
**TAKE NOTICE** that Council will continue its 2020 budget deliberations during its Regular Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk  
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46 "Here, I'll do that"

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51 Become hardened (to)

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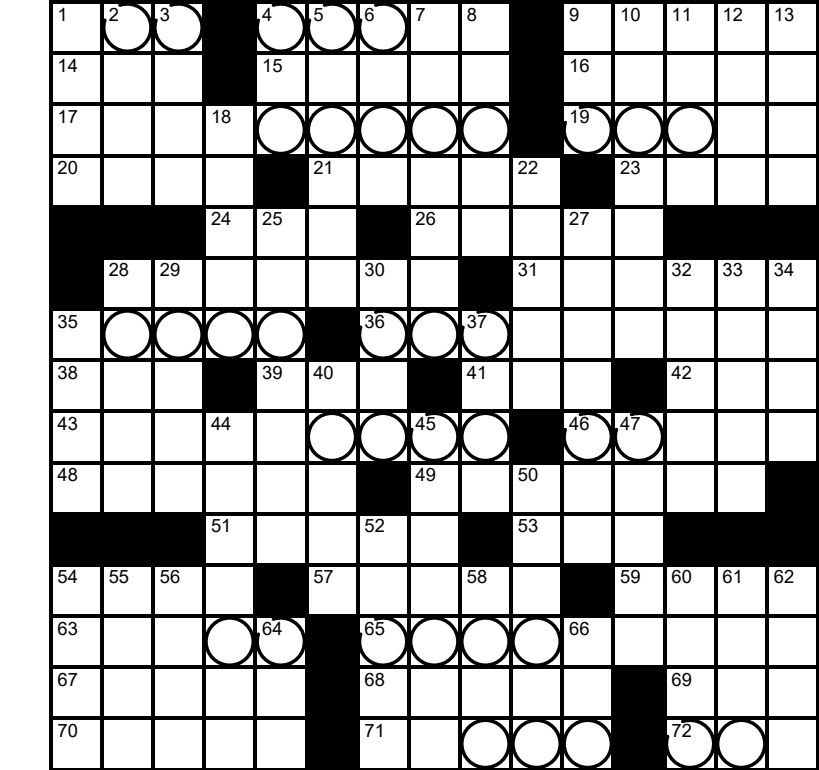
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2 Altar exchange

3 Be a real looker?



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5 Egg cells

6 "Which is it, yes \_\_\_\_?"

7 Cleaning up at dinner, with "out"?

8 Whacked, Shakespeare-style

9 Bachman's boy

10 Ones with great "I" sight?

11 Little kitty cries

12 Tire on "la voiture"

13 Instruments with bows: Abbr.

18 Wee bit, as of tea

22 Seating choice for an aviophobe, likely

25 Chose to join

27 A surprise might come out of this

28 Pooh-pooh

29 Tough row \_\_\_\_

30 "\_\_\_\_ Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel)

32 "\_\_\_\_ boy or ...?"

33 "Happy" mollusks

34 "South Park" kid in a green hat
- 35 Thin Japanese noodles

37 \_\_\_\_'acte (intermission)

40 Come to mind or come to pass

44 Tweaked, as text

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# What's on

## JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2020 • EVENT LISTINGS



The first Hike Haliburton - Winter Edition - Snowshoeing is being hosted throughout the Haliburton Highlands this Saturday and Sunday. *File.*

Pickleball every Tuesday and Friday from 7 – 9:30 p.m. at Haliburton High School gym. Cost is \$2 and racquets available. Contact Jennifer Coates at 705-749-3787.

Photography Workshop presented by the Arts Council – 4 sessions February 12, 19, 26 and March 4. Call or text 705-306-5199 to reserve a spot. Useful for individuals with a DSLR, Point & Shoot or phone camera.

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. Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378.

### Thursday February 6

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)

7 – 9 p.m. – Shout Sister Choir Rehearsals Thursday evenings at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St Haliburton. An unorthodox approach to choral singing, no auditions, and no need to read music. Everyone welcome. For more info contact Oriole at [members@shoutsisterchoir.ca](mailto:members@shoutsisterchoir.ca).

### Saturday February 8

Hike Haliburton – Winter Edition! See [winter.hikehaliburton.com](http://winter.hikehaliburton.com) for details on hikes and programs, maps and registration.

Ice Racing – Weekend #3 at Minden Fairgrounds

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Snowmobile Poker Run hosted at Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve

5:30 p.m. – Ham & Scalloped Potato Dinner & Silent Auction, a fundraiser for the Haliburton County Fair, at the Minden Community Centre. Social at 5:30, dinner 6:30. Tickets \$15/adults, \$8/kids 12 and under, free for 6 and under.

### Sunday February 9

Hike Haliburton – Winter Edition! See [winter.hikehaliburton.com](http://winter.hikehaliburton.com) for details on hikes and programs, maps and registration.

Ice Racing – Weekend #3 at Minden Fairgrounds

3 p.m. – The Highlands Male Chorus, Winter Interlude, at the Haliburton

United Church. Adults \$15 / Children (under 16) \$5 / Family \$35, available at Cranberry Cottage Haliburton or Pharmasave Minden.

### Monday February 10

1 – 4 p.m. - HHHS Community Support Services - Gentle and FUN fitness class, technology tutorials, Cricut Maker Vinyl Project, fantastic snacks and coffee/tea to warm your hearts. Haliburton United Church, 10 George St.

7 p.m. – Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for Wetlands and Climate Change at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Paul Heaven, Wildlife Biologist/Consultant will present a hands-on interactive session on wetlands and their important role in migrating climate change.

### Tuesday February 11

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Affordable Housing Development Incentives Info Session for developers, landlords and homeowners at the Haliburton Legion. For more info contact [ekarkins@kawarthalakes.ca](mailto:ekarkins@kawarthalakes.ca) or 705-324-9870 ext. 3105

7:30 p.m. – Enviro-Café presents "A Green New Deal for Oshawa?" a presentation by Russ Christianson author of the "Triple Bottom Line" Study for a Green Vehicle Production Facility at GM Oshawa. Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Minden.

## 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 pm

**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 [rc129@bellnet.ca](mailto:rc129@bellnet.ca) or visit [haliburtonlegion.com](http://haliburtonlegion.com) Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.*

### MINDEN BRANCH

**Monday - Thursday** Breakfast 9 -11 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**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 4:30-7 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)

**Tuesday** 10 a.m. to noon, seniors' art group and 1-4 p.m. bid euchre

**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 7** Pool 1:30 p.m. Fish & Chips 6-9 p.m.

**Feb 8** Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP. If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please

**Feb 9** L.A. breakfast 9 - noon.

**Feb 10** Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

**Feb 11** General meeting 7 p.m.

**Feb 12** Fun darts - Everyone welcome 7:30 p.m.

**Feb 13** 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.

### Upcoming events

Feb 15 Valentine Dance \$5 cover DJ Isla

Feb 15 Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby

*Having an event? Book our hall and have the L.A. cater for you. They do a great job. Want to get involved? Call the legion at 705-448-2221 now if you can help.*



# What's on



The Lemon Bucket Orkestra, pictured, are coming to Haliburton this weekend. Photo submitted.

## Time to shake off the winter blues

By Lisa Gervais

Trying to minimize the winter blues for Haliburton County residents, and raise a bit of money, Dance Happens Here Haliburton reached out to the Lemon Bucket Orkestra months ago. “They were very responsive and decided that they would love to join in on the event,” Maryssa Danilko said of this Saturday’s dance workshop and concert at the Haliburton Legion. She added that having a dance workshop and live concert is not unusual for the Lemon Bucket Orkestra, which has travelled the world busking on streets and performing at events for the past 10 years. The Toronto-based, 13-member band plays folk, gypsy, punk, high energy music. They were made world famous in 2012 when their Air Canada flight was delayed and they entertained the audience on the plane with videos going viral. “Their audience is described as eclectic and from all life stages,” Danilko added.

“They are kid-friendly and cater to any and all backgrounds. We were hoping to offer this event for anyone who loves live music and, or to dance. Our main goal was to have an event for youth and anyone in the county that enjoys music and dance.” The event goes Feb. 8. The free dance workshop is at 6 p.m. and the concert at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from The Source in Haliburton and through Brown Paper tickets (bpt.me/4450056). People can also phone 705-935-1870 or e-mail dancehappenshere@outlook.com. While the workshop is free, people are encouraged to register through Brown Paper tickets. For the concert, it’s \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Students and kids pay \$20.

### Hike Haliburton winter edition

The first Hike Haliburton: Winter Edition is taking place Feb. 8 and 9 at

locations across the County. Director of tourism Amanda Virtanen said it’s a pilot year that has been supported by Celebrate Ontario. She said the hikes were nearly fully subscribed within two weeks, and as of last Thursday, there were more than 300 spots filled with 43 per cent of those from outside of the County. “We decided to test the waters with a winter edition of the Hike Haliburton Festival, as we know that snowshoeing is one of the fastest growing winter leisure activities in Canada and we’ve heard from several partners that the activity is in high demand from their visitors,” she said. Virtanen added the County’s tourism committee will carefully evaluate the success of the first winter edition before making a decision about 2021. “We are hopeful it will be a success and another great way to engage our visitors with everything that #MyHaliburtonHighlands has to offer,” she said. Find out more at winter.hikehaliburton.com/hike-registration/

**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020. 4:00 pm  
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion  
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**Senior YOGA Classes**

Thursday evenings 5pm-6pm  
at the Haliburton United Church  
Session #1: January 16th- February 20th  
Session #2: February 27th- March 26th

**No Cost!** Contact Andrea at [amueller@dysartetal.ca](mailto:amueller@dysartetal.ca) to register



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### Fabulous Home or Cottage - \$460,000



Backing onto Benoit Lake, part of a 3 lake chain, this fully renovated 3 bdrm. 2 bath home comes with everything you could ever ask for. Vaulted cedar ceilings, Italian river rock backsplash, stainless steel appliances....all ready for you. The oversized 2-car garage is perfect for the toys.

### Upscale Living - \$659,000



It is all in the details! The quality workmanship in this home will shock you. Perfect for one-floor living, open concept with cathedral ceiling, gorgeous kitchen, wet bar, and more. The Napoleon propane fireplace provides that cozy atmosphere. Great neighbourhood with rail trail at the end of the road.

### Outstanding Acreage - \$695,000



Your playground awaits! Words cannot describe this 730 acre parcel of land. A huge pond, a babbling creek, miles of road and trails in every direction, and the best part.....Birchy Lake! All completely within the borders. You won't believe this property.

### Buckslide Road getaway - \$150,000



2 bdrm. year-round cottage sitting on almost 2 acres. Quiet location and close to trails. Halls Lake, Boshkung Lake, Kushog Lake are all close by. Drilled well, newer septic. Building needs some work.

### Highway 118 Building lot - \$39,000



A level, treed lot with the best of both worlds. Access is off a main highway, yet the lot is set back from the highway for privacy. Access to the property is by a dead-end trail off Hwy 118 that used to be where the highway was once located. Close to Maple, Beech and Green Lakes. Build your new home or getaway on this easily developed property.

### Off Grid Cabin in the Woods - \$240,000



This off-grid cabin is rustic on the outside, and gorgeous on the inside! The interior has been fully renovated & the solar-powered cabin comes with everything from a dishwasher and pot filler, to laundry and a 3-pce. shower. The cabin is set up for year round use. Close to Salerno Lake and Contau Lake, and nearby thousands of acres of Crown Land.

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